

## Oct 2002 Class of 80 Notes

I attended the retirement ceremony from the Reserves for **Mike Aholt**. It was a great ceremony at which his wife Laurie, and his parents were able to attend. Mike received a Commendation Medal for his work the past few years in the D13 office. Afterwards we had an awesome luncheon at the Metropolitan Grill in Seattle. Picture of Mike and his parents is below.

I was able to attend the Change of Command for **Mike Hudson** in Steadfast down in Astoria, OR. As fate would have it, **Chris Lockwood** was also in the audience, down from MSO Portland. Mike was awarded a Meritorious Service medal and proved that he can talk for hours on end about something he knows absolutely nothing about, just ask his kids. Mike had a lovely reception in the Columbia River Museum in Astoria. Here's a photo of the three of us next to one of the buoys that Mike took out while making an approach on the pier. He's on his way to be D9 (oan) on yet another family cross country camping trip. I was reading the Yard news newsletter and saw that **Jody Turner** has accepted a position as the Yard's quality inspector. She retired in 2000 and just couldn't get enough of the Coast Guard and is back.

I got a note from **James Maes** saying that he ran into **Kevin Cavanaugh** at HQ and was able to convince him to go for a burger. Cavs has left D1 and is now on the PACAREA staff as are **Bob Day**, and **George Heintz**. Got a note from **Mike Raber** with some pictures of the Change of Command for **Chris Mills** at the FD&CC Atlantic. In attendance was also **Tim Fields** (Editor's note: Here's the url for Tim's bio: [http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_30.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_30.html) Who knew that Cheech Marin had a twin brother!) and **Dan Riehm**. Tim came all the way from Albuquerque, NM to catch the CoC. Millsy was afraid that Mike might mention some other things they did that Millsy dropped me the following: Was great to see Dan, Rabes and his son Nick at the change of command even though it was a quick visit. We had a great day, thanks in large part to Dan Riehm and the folks at ISC Portsmouth who graciously hosted our event. Was nice to have a Class of 80 mini-reunion. At least I have more hair than one person in the picture! Tim did win the award for the greatest distance traveled on my side. Tim was able to stay till Sunday and we had the opportunity to go out the beach on Saturday with some of my other friends. Tim is doing great professionally. He is Chief of the Litigation Department for the largest Law Firm in Albuquerque NM. He and Jane are active in the community and with their children. I'm grateful to be back in civilization again and to return to my civil engineering roots. After finishing up at the Army War College last year, I was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince Haiti as the Chief of the Military Liaison Office. It was an interesting tour to say the least. Haiti remains awash in poverty, political turmoil, crime and narcotics trafficking. During the time I was there we were prohibited from providing direct aid to the Government of Haiti due to congressional sanctions. Since my job was to provide security assistance to their government, it had a major impact on our operations. Illegal migration is still a major concern and we had recurring ship cutter visits for repatriations. I had the opportunity to work with **Austin Callwood** in LANTAREA International Affairs while in Haiti. Austin was a big help in providing support to all the Coasties down range in Security Assistance billets. Here's a picture of the Half-man, Rabes, Danny and Tim

I tracked down **Brandt Weaver** via George Heintz and found him in the Eugene, OR area. When I called him he was out on the back forty doing the finishing touches on a barn he had built on the 24 ½ acres he was on. He's currently living in a double wide trailer, he's clean white trash, while he gets ready to break ground on a new home. He hopes to take the next two years off while going into debt to build the house.

I also heard from **Ron Lokites**. He was working for an Engineering Firm in the Bremerton area but has recently taken a position at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard which only add a couple of minutes to the commute.

**Rod Walker** dropped the following line: My only real news is that my son, Roderick II, is enjoying Swab Summer at CGA. He says it is a piece of cake and wondered why I made such a big deal about nothing. (rubbing it in). He called me from a Boston Red Sox game where Pedro Martinez pitched, and he met up with CAPT Landry (CO MSO Providence) at a local military concert, who provided him and his friends VIP seats. Funny, I don't remember ever seeing an 06, let alone sitting near one during swab summer. Am I just being jealous or was life just different, "when I was a swab". Editorial comment: The reason Rod II says it's so easy is because he's probably a better basketball player! I heard from **Rob Sindle**. Rob's living in the Gloucester, VA area, working in the computer industry and doing well with two boys Ben & Steven. He's not playing much tennis any longer and has switched to volleyball because it's easier to hold the beer. Hey that's why I switched to Golf! Rob is apparently the king of Trash talk in the Yahoo fantasy baseball league that Steve Mehling, Bob Acker and he are in. Here's a picture of Rob and the boys. I got connected with Rob via **Bob Acker**. Bob says that he runs into

**Steve Mehling, Keith Letourneau** every now and again in the Houston area. He claims he runs into **Jungle Naccara** on the west coast and once in a while **Mike Brown** blows through New Orleans.

As this went to press I was working on increasing the e-mail address list. I was successful with some folks and got some little tiffbits to add. **Stan O'loughlin** wrote that he retired in 2000 living in Tampa and now flying for FEDEX. Rumor has it that FEDEX doesn't have a breathalyzer test so it was a no brainer for him to chose which airlines to fly with. He's got an 11 year old daughter and 6 year old son. **Mike Wenning** wrote that all goes well in the Midwest but not nearly as exciting as the stuff the East Coast e-mail show. **Charlie Schaefer** wrote that he's doing well, living in NC and working as a clinical psychologist in an outpatient psychotherapy group related to a number of local Christian churches. He's married to Frauke who is a psychiatry resident at Duke University. He passed the following address in the event you're going crazy and can't figure out why: Charlie and Frauke Schaefer, 4001 Kismet Drive, Durham, NC 27705 (919-383-3560 and my work # is 919-408-3212 ext.27#). **Bill Reynolds** wrote that it's cooling off in new Hampshire and he's still learning the Telecom Industry seeing as it looks like he's working at Cisco. Bill, The secret in the Telecom industry is to lie about all the orders your booking and hope that no one notices. His oldest left for college the middle of August and is playing Div 3 soccer for Curry College. He was reminded that it was 26 years ago that we all did the same. **Ken Wilson** wrote that he's in the middle of a job transition going to be a full time self-employed marketing consultant. He got an MBA while stationed in Cleveland and finally decide to make the plunge after working as the marketing Director for a large regional engineering company for 15 years after leaving the Coast Guard in 86. He's got 4 kids, 19, 17, 15 and 14 (2 boys, 2 girls). Address is 309 Meadow Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37128. **Dan Sullivan** wrote that everything's still fine in NY. His little guys are growing like weeds and getting ready for school. His older step son is still happy in the CG in Portland, ME as a Gunners Mate I believe. Business was good, he just had his 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and everyone's healthy. If things were any better he wouldn't know what to do so if he wins the lottery he's giving the money to me. **Joanne McCaffrey** sent a note reminding me that **Kathy Hamblett** had retired on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Sue Donner Bibeau** officiated and said it was a lovely ceremony. **Mike and Sharon Fijalka** attended as did **Brian Binney**. Kathy's husband, Gerry, and their two daughters, Rachel & Sarah were in attendance. For now, Kathy intends to stay in the Philadelphia area where she is going to school in veterinary medicine. Kathy & Gerry have a small herd of Alpacas and the whole family participates in caring for the herd. It is quite something! They breed, birth, feed, and sheer them...selling the fiber to spinners and weavers. If you're ever near Philly, you should look them up! It seems that Kathy got interested in Alapacas because she thought they were llamas and after she was committed felt too sorry to send them to the glue factory. Does that sound like Kathy or what. I guess after spending a couple of years guarding the port in Philadelphia Kathy wants to make sure that she and her family can jump on something and beat feet out of town should anything significant happen in lovely Philadelphia. Joanne also wrote that she and frank are doing fine. They had just delivered their oldest, Kim, to the University of Virginia. Son Mike is 16, drives a Jeep, and plays shortstop on the high school baseball team. Youngest, Laura is 14 now and just starting high school. **Bob Weil** checked in with the following. He was recalled to active duty on 9/12/02 and has since been given orders for an additional year down in PACAREA doing assorted Homeland Security duties. His work includes war games, port readiness exercises, working with international Coast Guards and reserve stuff. His day job used to be as an engineer at a small civil engineering firm in Santa Rosa. He's doing the geo batch thing while he figures out exactly what Homeland Security means.

