

### Class Notes Jun 2010 Issue

I have been lousy at getting class notes out and will try and earn my pay until someone else decides they want to take the helm. I am going back through my notes and finding all the notes that I got but never got around to sending in. Bear with me as some of these notes may be a little dated.

Way back in November **Mark Yost** was in Clearwater, FL participating in yet another triathlon – the 70.3 Ironman World Championships-- and had dinner with **Fred Pendleton**. He reported that Fred is teaching middle school in the Clearwater area. Mark is glad that Fred doesn't think about doing triathlons, as he's looking quite fit as can be seen from the attached picture of him holding up the Stanley Cup. Not sure when the picture was taken but it looks heavy so Fred must be doing something right.

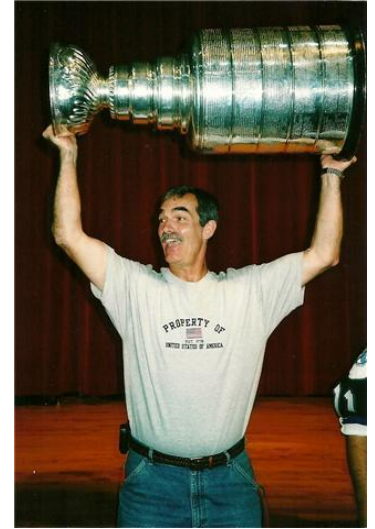
Back in February **Karl Long** met up with the world traveler **Bob Acker** in Fort Collins, CO. Karl lives in Fort Collins and Bob's daughter attends Colorado State University. Bob was up to watch his daughter play some water polo. Although they chatted for 4 hours in a coffee shop none of their conversation made it back to me.

Back in March **Gary Smialek** reported in from Northern Virginia. He had just returned from four weeks in Haiti assisting the earthquake response efforts. He spent most of his time on the USS Carl Vinson and USS Bataan as the CG member of the Joint maritime Component Commander. Wow doesn't that sound official. Now that I'm a civilian I'm going to have to come up with some fancy words for "coffee maker" as well. Gary's primary duties included medical assistance, logistics and port reconstruction while also educating the US Navy and NATO maritime forces on CG capabilities. He got help from **Chris Quedens** in the logistics efforts. He should have retired by the time these notes hit the press but he didn't have any comments on what he was going to be up to.

A couple of short notes came in March. **Linda Jo Dolny McTeigue** checked in that the skiing was great, the year round golf season in CA was great as was the hiking. I have to figure out how to get a job like that. **Tex Ritter** reported that daylight Savings Time was starting in two weeks, Spring was coming to northern Indiana in three weeks and that it was going to be a good year for hay. I guess life is exciting in Indiana.

Since we are in our 30<sup>th</sup> year from graduation there are a few folks that have to retire by the end of June so the retirement season was busy. **Mike Hudson** retired out of Cleveland on April 20<sup>th</sup>, with no word on what he was up to. **Mike Inman** was retiring in May and moving to the Seattle area to take a job with Holland America lines. I guess he still wants to go to sea. **Mike Nuessl** retired on 22 April in Juneau. He's heading back to school at the University of Alaska Southeast to get a teaching certificate so he and Martha will be in the Juneau area for at least another year. **Chris Quedens** retired 28 April out of Portsmouth, VA. No report on what she was going to be up post retirement, probably not doing logistics for Gary. **Kevin Cavanaugh** will be retiring on 14 Jun in Alameda. No report on his plans.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> our own CG Hero, **Jim McEwen** was inducted into the Academy's Hall of Heroes as a result of the Distinguished Flying Cross he received way back in the day. **Mike Raber** and **Vic Kelley** were in attendance. Jim is still flying as a corporate pilot for IBM. As you can see from the attached picture their hair trimming regulations are even tighter than swab summer! Jim provided an update on his kids. Son Reid graduated from Penn/Wharton in 2008 and landed a dream job as a trader at Lehman Brothers. Soon after they declared bankruptcy but fortunately Barclay's bought the trading desk and he's been working hard to create yet another mortgage bubble. Jim's daughter Morgan is currently a ballerina for the Metropolitan Opera in their



production of Armida. She's one of the few that have made the Arts pay. How does a guy that has to use his hands like an airplane when explaining things have kids like this.

**Mike and Geri Raber** had planned to be at the induction ceremony and as a result had the unexpected treat of running into **Vic and Diana Kelley** who was not only up for the induction but also to see their two boys Brendan and Derrick who are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class cadets respectively, before they headed out for their summer "vacations". I got all this stuff from Mike because Vic can only lift weights and has forgotten how to write. Vic's two girls Jenna (10?) and Emma (7?) were also in attendance and looked great. Mike is still working for a Beltway Bandit in DC living in Annapolis, MD.



**Rod Walker** and **Bill Marhoffer** ran into each other at a conference in Phoenix, AZ. Bill returned from the conference and accompanied **Steve Mehling** at a presentation of a public service award for an AMVER rescue at sea to the Master and crew of the cruise ship Golden Princess. Bill will be retiring in June but Rod gets to stick around because of his special contract with the

Dean of Academics way back in 1977. He should have gone the route of our three classmates that are flags if he wanted to stick around so long.

**Mark Yost** completed his annual Run For **Ron Lokites** for this year at the Boston marathon. He raised almost \$6,000 that went to the Greater New England Chapter of the MS Society. A substantial portion came from classmates, some of whom made very sizeable contributions. Mark's time was 3 hours 16 minutes. He's shooting for sub 3 hours but I think someone forgot to tell him that he's getting older and time speeds up as you get older.

Our own Indiana Jones, **Bret McGough** checked in from the desert. He's still living the good life as a consultant in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He's been there about 6 months and hopes to stay a while longer. He's finally figured out why they call it a



desert, as the air temps are starting to climb. If you are on Facebook you can see some of his exploits of his recently completed seven night Nile River cruise. He's been exceptional in letting people know how the poor folks live in Abu Dhabi.

**Bill Baumgartner** is finally leaving the DC area and heading down to D7 to take over as the Seventh District Commander on 13 May. Hopefully some classmates make he event and can get some documentation.

Lastly, our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion is coming up this October. **Bill Brubaker** is heading up the committee with **Tami Goodwin**, **Mary Lou Southwood** and **Michele Fitzpatrick** with the side help from **Joann McCaffrey**, **Darren Wolter** and **George Rezendes**. They are in the process of locking down a hotel and planning the festivities. **Mark Yost** has made contact with our class advisor, **Al Trivers** who will be making an appearance so it's definitely going to be a worthwhile trip. Stay tuned for more details.

