Cyclone Battalion Newsletter
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Alums: CPT Brian Serota (90) is returning to Germany from Kosovo on 15 June and giving up his command of D Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry on Tuesday 20 June at 1100 Hours in the Conn Airfield Hanger in Schweinfurt Germany. If you are stationed in Germany, are an ISU alum, drop in and give him a hardy ISU Congratulations!

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Dan Vinsand (94) updated his e-mail address: vinsend@juno.com and wrote: Married life is fantastic, but I’ve not done much since last correspondence. I’m still in language school for arabic at Bragg. I’ll be going through SEER in June and then to Campbell. Adam Hangley is in the last phase of the Q-course now. Do you know what Brad Stamp has been doing? He was a ’92 or ’93 grad I think. He planned to go SF, but I never heard.

Mike Dillon ((94) updated his e-mail address:
Madillon@psaccess.net

David Ling (87) wrote: Just catching up on things, and I thought I had better update my address with the newsletter. I recently took another civilian job, so here is the new information: MAJ David Ling PO Box 202, Medina, OH 44256 dwling@worldnet.att.net You may notice that this is a new rank - I was promoted a couple of days ago - after the USAR O4 list was released after 10 months. I really appreciate your efforts in publishing the newsletter. I noticed MAJ Stolp’s information in there - I was just talking about him to someone, and now I know how to contact him.

CPT Scott Fredericksen (89) wrote: to update his e-mail address sfred@home.com

Stephen Koontz (97) wrote to update his addresses: C/1 -33 FA, Unit 27513, Box 95, APO AE 09139 smkredleg@hotmail.com

Peter Marlin (98) 3855 Dewey Ave, Omaba NE 68105 pmarlin@unmc.edu

Reinert, Patrick J. (93), 7106 Rockingham Drive, S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52040, Current rank: LTC Assigned to 19th T.AACOM(CA) (Army Reserve) email: Work: Pat.Reinert@justice.usdoj.gov Home: lawyer.army@aol.com

Kurt Peterson (88) My address is 4705 Sturdevant St., Davenport, IA 52806. My E-mail is kpete@bwbcorp.com. I am currently the S-1 of Iowa’s Engineers in Fairfield, IA. I have recently seen Matt Pitstick and Doug Newcomb, both 1988 graduates. Matt is a Major in the Iowa Guard, full-time at Camp Dodge, IA. I see that Doug is on the Alumni list, and he was the one who clued me
into its’ existence. My current occupation is Production Engineer for HWH Corporation in Moscow, IA. We make hydraulic and air leveling systems and slideouts for the motor home industry.

Robert Carter (97) wrote: Thank you for keeping everybody in touch like this. I am currently serving as the S-1 for the 2d Battalion, 3d Field Artillery Regiment in Giessen, Germany. We will deploy to Kosovo in June as part of Task Force Falcon. I’m looking forward to it. Spoke to 1LT Pat and Shelly Dillon (97) recently. They are in the process of PCSing to Ft. Leavenworth. Don’t worry, it’s just the short tour. Pat has been assigned to an Echelons-Above-Reality G3 job there. I also spoke to 1LT Joe Gray (97), who is currently a battalion chemical officer for an infantry battalion at Fort Lewis. He is getting married (!) this fall. Ran into 2LT Andrew Abicht (98) a few months ago. He’s assigned to an engineer battalion in Vilseck, Germany, where he was working as the Asst. S-2. I heard through the grapevine that 1LT Angela Berg is at Ft. Hood, and that her XO is our old MS III instructor, MAJ Lesler. The army is truly a small world.

Craig Lenocker (Armor, MAJ, USAR ret) (69, 75) 8 Crow’s Nest Point, Savannah, Georgia 31419-8906 wrote: My wife Donna (Drach) (70) and I moved to Savannah in September from the Dallas area and although we miss it we are enjoying living on the east coast for the first time, and being close to Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF. At night we can hear the tanks firing. I work for International Paper Company in forest management and will finish up 25 years with them next month. Time has certainly flown by since they pinned that gold bar on my shoulder. We are in that gray area limbo, after retiring from the USAR in 1990 with 21 years, and looking forward to getting that “check” someday. We enjoy reading the newsletter, but would like to hear from some more of those who went through the late sixties with us. Two of our three kids are still in Dallas with one a producer for a cable news show and the other a graphic artist and part time art director for a minor league hockey team and the last one is a senior in college who “already has a job”. Only those who have gone through putting kids through college can appreciate how good it is to have everyone out.

Randy Bechtel (76) I have been receiving the Cyclone Battalion newsletter for years by the skin of my teeth. It was coming to me when I first moved to Cynthiana, IN in 1987, and by God’s grace I have been receiving it ever since, even though I’ve moved several times since then. Thank you for keeping it coming! I saw so many familiar names in the January 2000 newsletter, I thought I ought to update my own info for you. I graduated from ISU in 1976 spent six years in the Army, with my last three years assigned to the 25th Inf. Div., Schofield Barracks, HI. Following that, I joined the Lord’s Army and headed off to Dallas Theological Seminary. Wound up in Cynthiana, IN the first time pastoring a small church. In 1991, my family returned to Texas for a year of missionary training. Subsequently, we wound up back in Cynthiana with our own ministry we call R.E.A.C.H. America. We now do seminars and retreats for small churches throughout the midwest. Our e-mail address is ranshabechtel@juno.com Snail mail is: PO Box 313, Cynthiana, IN 47612. Thanks again for your invaluable work in maintaining our ties with the battalion. It brings back many fond memories of our days in the Armory!

Scott Ringwald (93) 9901A Gates Street, FT. Drum, NY 13603. Wrote: Nice to hear from you. I am the rear detachment commander for 2-15FAR and will take over a firing battery in May. Our unit is currently in Bosnia and will remain there until March. Rear D has been a learning experience for me. I have enjoyed it.

Sheila Seitz (Foley) (87) Since Sheila’s husband decided to join the AGR program she had to uproot from Washington State after a seven year stint to relocate to Bellevue, Kentucky just across the Ohio river from Cincinnati, Ohio. Her husband Marcus is now an assistant S-3 with the 15th Psychological Operations battalion and Sheila found a new USAR unit and will be the S-1 with the 63rd Quartermaster battalion.

Steve Koontz (97) wrote: I just got the January newsletter and realized I need to give you my current address. It is: 1-33 FA, Unit 27513, Box 95, APO AE 09139. Email: smkredle@bomail.com. Not too much has changed since I wrote to you last year. I am doing my best to keep in touch with people I knew in Ames. I have been an MLRS Battery Operations Officer (XO) in the 1st Infantry Division’s MLRS/TA battalion for about five months now. Since the battalion is losing LTI’s due to PCS, I’ll probably be moving to become the Battery Fire Direction Officer in the next few months. Andrew Abicht showed up here in Bamberg with the 82d Engineer Battalion last fall. I think he became the S-2 and then deployed to Kosovo shortly afterward. I also got a brief chance to see Chris & Amanda Storm last November when they were traveling through Europe. I’ve had some great travel opportunities being in Europe. One of the highlights was an officer exchange with the Norwegian army this January. I got to travel north of the arctic circle to see their artillery in action and participate in some viking traditions. I’ve also been to the
French/Italian Riviera and the Austrian Alps this year. I’ve only got 18 months left and so much more to see! Thanks for the newsletters and take care!

**Robert Tomes (95)** is employed by Booz-Allen Hamilton and works in the National Imagery and Mapping Agency’s (NIMA) Initiatives Group. He is part of a new NIMA strategic planning and futures analysis group working at the three-star level on the systems and policy for the end-to-end architecture required to achieve Joint Vision 2010. Specifically, the group is collaborating with the NRO, CINCs, and others on the Future Imagery Architecture and its associated ground exploitation and dissemination infrastructure. He recently moved to Booz-Allen from ANSER after three years working in the Joint Staff on arms control issues. While at the Joint Staff, he was a member of the official U.S. delegation to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe adaptation negotiations in Vienna, Austria, and helped shape U.S. and NATO negotiating positions. Robert continues to work on his doctorate in international relations and national security at the University of Maryland, College Park, and has forthcoming articles in Parameters, the Naval War College Review, and Military Review. He is married to Rhonda Armstrong, an immigration attorney. He can be reached at tomesr@nima.mil and rrt-rsa@erols.com.

**Jon Singelstad (75)** I just received the January, 2000 newsletter and thought I better let you know my new address so I can get the next one. I enjoy reading about my fellow Alums and Faculty. My new address is: 1310 Jasper St. Onawa, IA 51040 My E-mail at home is jpsingel@willinet.net. My E-mail at work is mo-coeng@willinet.net.

**Paul H. Wieck II (73)** High marks to you for your great work publishing the periodic Cyclone Battalion Newsletter. Just finished reviewing the January, 2000 issue, and wanted to let you know that **LTC Thomas Johnson** and the rest of the cadre at the Cyclone Battalion continue to graduate some great new officers. I had the privilege to serve as commissioning officer for both graduations in 1999—May and December—and had a first hand opportunity to meet several of our newest Cyclone lieutenants. Sometime since my departure in 1973 the three officer training programs began conducting a joint commissioning ceremony, which is a very positive development. I’m well into my second year as Iowa’s ADC in the 34th Infantry (Red Bull) Division, and enjoying working with the soldiers and leaders of the division, along with preparing for our division Warfighter exercise scheduled for 2001. There are many opportunities in our division for ISU graduates returning to Iowa.

**Fred Julch (88)** wrote: I received the January edition of the newsletter and still recognize some of the names. Not too many from my class of 88, but a few. I am still in Omaha with my wife Angie and two daughters; Kennedi (5) and Regan (18 months) and am working for Werner Enterprises. Kennedi is in pre-school and already looking forward to all-day kindergarten next year. Regan is too much like her Daddy and always into something. Work keeps me very busy with projects and travel so of course my family keeps my non-working hours very full. The big project is finishing the basement of our new house. I am still in the Reserves in Des Moines, IA at the 3d COSCOM. Only 3 years left till retirement and looking forward to being able to choose to stay in or get out. The only person I really have run into or kept in touch with is **Paul Luna (88)**. Believe it or not he is going for his Masters in Business. I believe he completes it in 2001. Paul and I had a hard enough time getting Bachelors let alone go for a Masters. He is doing very well though as I understand it. I look forward to seeing more familiar names and see where my classmates are now. It would be interesting if there was some sort of reunion for our class. Guess I will keep and eye open to see if one gets put together. Thank you Sir!! HI Sandy!!

**Kosovo School Project**

**Brian Serota** and my fraternity (Alpha Phi Omega) cooperated on a service project this semester. We mailed paper, pencils, crayons, etc to Brian. His unit spent a day with a local Kosovo school distributing supplies that his whole unit had solicited from home.

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**Father Bill Winlock Scholarship Award Winner**
Pictured is Lee Vandewater receiving his Father Bill Winlock Scholarship for Fall semester 2000. This is the fifth year we have presented three scholarships in Father Bill’s honor. Each service gets to nominate one scholarship winner for the coming school year. Each of the service cadet units and Father Bill’s parish have begun making donations to the fund to ensure the longevity of the award and to help increase the size of the scholarship. Thanks to all of the donors who contributed in the last year.