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FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA TO THE STREETS OF KANDAHAR

The most significant event in our lives this year was daughter Beth deploying to Afghanistan early in December. At the time of departure she was unsure of her exact mission, but expected to be carrying out international law duties in support of the multinational force effort in Kandahar. Readers with lifetime subscriptions to the *Newsletter* will recall that son-in-law Dan made two deployments in 2004 and 2006. While the timing of this deployment was with very short notice, Beth had been working her bolt to get a deployed assignment because it is what Marines do — go to where they are needed.

With the assistance of email and Skype she will be able to keep reasonable track of the home front but her little girls will certainly be counting the days until mommy is home.

As grandparents we have been blessed with a son-in-law who is a wonderful father and he has already thrown himself into the effort to meet all the girls' needs, just as Beth did when Dan deployed.

HARVEY UPDATE

Up until the latest news, things had remained fairly calm with the Harveys this year. Dan remains assigned as a defense counsel for the Military Commission, making the occasional trip to Guantanamo and once to London this year. Beth was the wheelhorse for the government appellate division, being assigned the most challenging cases for oral argument and garnering a great many kudos.

Granddaughter Samantha is 6 and in first grade. She is charming the teachers and is, of course, the smartest 6 year old we know. She and grandpa love to tell stories about Jabberwocks and Bandersnatches.

Granddaughter Allison is two and a half and is simply a Force of Nature. She knows her own mind—and yours too! What a grown up she will be if her parents can survive her childhood!



Major Harvey and her girls

Kerry's Year

Kerry remains a manager at Google, having garnered another promotion and many Frequent Flyer miles in support of her duties. This year she spent some time in India, Ireland and Poland.

Due to the necessities of corporate security Kerry can never really explain just what it is that

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she does but obviously Google believes that she does it very well.

Other than work Kerry continues to stay active with her soccer teammates, work friends, and Santa Clara alums, spending very little time in her home and a great deal in San Francisco and environs playing soccer and attending social events.



Kerry and 15 of her friends are going to South Africa for the World Cup this June. Some of them have rented a fancy place on the beach in Capetown from where they will see games, go on safari and generally become more worldly.

NOW THIS IS RETIREMENT!

Jim and Barbara spent the month of March in Australia and New Zealand with their dear friends Rick and Judi Schiff in what was a fantastic adventure. Friends with whom you can spend a month and still remain friends are precious and few and fortunately the Schiffs are those kind of friends. We spent time in Melbourne, Sydney, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, and then roamed both the North Island and South Island of New Zealand. We had a fantastic time and I for one am ready to go back to NZ.

Otherwise, Jim's assignments as Guardian ad Litem in divorce and custody cases have been more numerous and time consuming than he had expected but it does pay for the travel.

Beth, Dan and the kids came to Washington in July along with Kerry and we had a great visit.



THE CATHCART AND HARVEY LADIES AT THANKSGIVING

Jim and Dan even played some golf. We went to Virginia for Thanksgiving and Kerry came out so we had a family visit before Beth left. We made a flying visit back a couple weeks later to attend the military honors at Arlington National Cemetery for Kerry's godfather, Jim Riley, Captain USN (Ret.)

Barbara works on the yard and is active in the church parish. She enjoys good health, an active outlook on life, friends who enjoy her company, and a husband who adores her!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST IN 2009!

FROM JIM AND BARBARA