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### DoDDS World Reunion XXV! Dallas, Texas, July 18-21, 2013!

Dallas is set to host us at our best and most enjoyable! Our "cast and crew" of world class educators are assembling for our 25th annual get together! It will be the treat of the summer--and in our long history of reunions! You will NOT want to miss this one!

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**Goofed Again! The article, *Ruby Pearl's Flag*, in the last Quarterly was written by Dee Ann Dockter Edwards. Other minor corrections should be noted, as well:**  
**Paragraph 4: Chaplains of the 3rd Armor Division; Paragraph 6: Ms. A's quote was directed to Dee and should read "Dee...it is red white, and blue.**

On another note, when submitting articles, please state the author's name clearly and please ensure that you have the rights to use the article. We do not want to use newspaper stories or content "lifted" from other sources without permission

### Something to Think About...

Tina Calo recently found this on Facebook:

One of the costliest programs for the Pentagon is education. The department operates 64 elementary and secondary schools on 16 military facilities in the United States, teaching 19,000 students. The cost is more than \$50,000 per student, far above the national average of about \$11,000 per student. The schools have 2,000 teachers and staff.

Initially, the schools were justified because the military after World War II was integrated while some of the local schools were not, the report said. The schools are located in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina and South Carolina.

At the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va., the Pentagon operates an elementary and junior high school with just 90 students even though the Potomac Elementary School is less than a mile away. And recently, Congress approved a \$1.48 million request to upgrade a new kitchen and computer room for Dahlgren.

The report argued that the money could be spent instead on lightweight machine guns for warfighters in Afghanistan.



# Message from The Board

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tina Calo

*As part of our renewed emphasis on communication with members, we will try to give you updates on our meetings as well as what is happening with our members around the world. If you have interesting news/events to share, please send them to us, along with a picture if one is available.*

Happy New Year to all our members and guests reading our Quarterly!

We have had a busy and productive 2012 and I'm encouraged that we are starting out 2013 with the same kind of energy and drive to move forward with our projects and plans.

I would first like to thank all of you for your support and your gifts that have come in, and that continue to come in as I write this. Without those gifts we could not do what needs to be done, both as maintenance in our building, and in our search to find a place to display our memorabilia. It's time people became aware of who we are, what we have done in both educational and military history, and what we continue to do for our military families and the Brats in particular.

I will give you some news happening in the office, then I will update you on our latest research for another home. Our office/archives/tiny museum in Wichita will be our headquarters for a long time to come, but we do want to share our treasures with many, and to do that we must expand our horizons.

Your all-volunteer board believes in the preservation of the DoDDS memories and the place it holds in our military history. This year, we have accomplished several positive changes, which could not have been done without your help. We have our first 40-hour

full-time employee, plus a part-time employee who has been a big help with updating records and equipment in the office. Our electrical system was so outdated we worried about a possible fire. We also were concerned about leaks in the roof. *Continued on page 9*

### YEARBOOKS FOR SALE--Here at the AOSHS

Archives we have over 400 duplicate yearbooks, dating back to the late 50's and spanning the ages all the way up to the current day. We have a wide assortment of books from schools and bases like Augsburg, Wiesbaden, Kadena, Yokohama, Izmir—all over Europe, Japan and the Middle East. Duplicates come at the flat rate of \$50, and only while we retain a supply. If you'd like to bring home a preserved piece of history, reminisce over school days past, or just take in the sights and smells of history, come visit the AOSHS Archives in Wichita, Kansas, or call us for more information at (316) 265-6837



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## Memories from The Archives Collection

Kaufman, Robert W. *Japan: 1956: Nagoya*

*Submitted by John Williams*

Upon arrival in Japan for my first assignment in 1956, I and others were met by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ed Pino. He inquired how we had enjoyed our thirty-six hour flight from San Francisco. I mention this because we flew in a four-engine prop plane, unlike the jets to be taken on flights to the U.S. just two years later.

We were taken to a Japanese restaurant where we consumed copious amounts of butterfly shrimp amongst other delicacies. It was a very tasty introduction to Japanese cuisine.

Later we were given our assignments, mine to Nagoya as a sixth grade teacher. Nagoya at that time was the site of Fifth Air Force Headquarters

located at Komaki Air Force Base. The school was located in Nagoya within the military housing area.

The most memorable of many memorable experiences that first year was upon the occasion of my honeymoon to Kyoto. My wife and I stayed at the Miyako Hotel, one of the foremost hotels in the city, old and elegant.

After a comfortable night's rest on the customary futon we adjourned to the hotel's breakfast room. While eating breakfast a very handsome Japanese man in traditional dress entered the room and sat not far away. I said to my wife, Marion, "He looks familiar. I don't know how but somehow I know him." "Ridiculous," she said, "How could you possibly know him?" We continued to eat when suddenly it came to me, "That's Ricardo Montalban," I said. Again Marion said, "Ridiculous, but I'll go ask him", which she proceeded to do. She came back and excitedly proclaimed, "You're right. That's who it is and he's invited us to his table." We did join him and discovered that he was in the film, "Sayonara," being

shot in Nagoya that morning on the grounds of the hotel. He invited us to view the filming of the scene to be shot that morning, and the afternoon's scene, which featured Marlon Brando and Mieko Tako.

There was more excitement to follow that school year, but suffice it to say it was to be anti-climatic.

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### PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE QUARTERLY:

As the name indicates, the **QUARTERLY** is published four times a year. Material submitted for publication should reach the editors by: **January 15; April 15; August 15; and October 15**

## While in Bangkok...

by Dee Edwards

My first year overseas, 1965 – 1966, I taught at Port Wheel, Okinawa. Several of us spent Christmas on a trip which included a stay at the Erawan Hotel in Bangkok. One afternoon I returned to the hotel without my travel mates, entered the elevator where I met a man holding a golf club.

To my surprise, Bob Hope asked, "What are you doing here?" He had just flown in from a visit to the troops in Viet Nam, and we had a lovely conversation about my job with the schools. He wished me Happy Holidays as I left the elevator. This was pretty neat, but Austria will always be the place for best Christmas.

... Stupidly, I didn't ask Mr. Hope for his autograph



Did you know.....October 14, 2012 marked the 66th anniversary of the very first day of classes in the European Dependents Schools -- October 14, 1946

## Ever Ask Yourself if You Made a Difference?

*Former DoDDS teacher Joe Peha had that question answered for him by the following letter from a former student. Joe had been a teacher at Halvorson Elementary School on Rhein-Main Air Base near Frankfurt, Germany.*

Dear Mr. Peha:

Hello. My name is Kelly Fowler (formerly Hartman). I was in your 6<sup>th</sup> grade class in 1979 in Germany. That was the year that we made the dome. I just wanted to let you know that as a teacher you had a profound effect on the way I viewed the world and the judgments that I formed of others. You were always so reasonable and understanding and willing to accept us for who we were. You worked with our weaknesses to make them strong points and you brought out the best in each one of us. There isn't a conversation that goes by about our time in Germany that your name doesn't come up and some explanation of what an incredible person you are.

We all learned so much that year about each other, about ourselves. You made us see what our potential was... I'd love to hear how you are and what you have been doing since then, and I hope all is well and that you are healthy and happy.

All the best to you, Kelly **Ed. Note.** In her letter Kelly also tells about her family and her career and that she is still close friends with a former classmate from Rhein-Main.

## Military Transformations Affect Schools

By Allen Dale Olson

Because "the U.S. military presence in Europe, and indeed throughout the world, is in a process of continuous change," Dr. Nancy C. Brezell said in a letter on December 12 to all educators in the DoDDS-Europe Region explaining some of the changes already underway and anticipated and told how DoDEA and the regional offices are planning to deal with them. Dr. Brezell is Director of DoDDS-Europe.

Though schools in Heidelberg and Bitburg Middle School will close at the end of this school year and that she anticipates Lajes (Azores) schools will close in 2014, Dr. Brezell points out there will be "some growth in Vicenza (Italy), Lakenheath (England), and Wiesbaden (Germany) in the coming months" and that the permanent stationing of four ships in Rota (Spain) means more growth in that community as well. She is hopeful that the increases in student enrollment in these four locations will "generate additional teacher placement opportunities." But her letter indicates that as many as 200 positions could become "excess."

Dr. Brezell's letter explains the procedures DoDEA will use in placing or hiring teachers as some communities close and others grow. She says she will "do everything possible to limit disruptions caused by transformation."

There are "other military transformation changes possible, but these remain speculative or classified," she points out. Her letter ends by thanking educators for their loyalty to the students, schools, and the military communities they serve.

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You may also donate to an already established fund by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below. Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line.

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PO Box 4312 Scottsdale AZ 85261-4312  
[Don't forget to indicate the honoree's name]

### Memorial Program for Alumnae/Alumni

We have had many names added to our Those No Longer with Us paver, where friends or loved ones have sent a donation to remember a special person in their lives, but did not wish to purchase a brick or start a memorial fund.

Though this began as an educator remembrance, several of those recognized are alumni. Because of the increase in donations for this fund, we feel it appropriate to create a second paver specifically to recognize alumni. If friends wish to remember a deceased former student, send the honoree's name, school, and year of graduation (if appropriate), and it will be included in alphabetical order on the kiosk page, which can be viewed by going to [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk), then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions.

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## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ruth Hatcher     October 27, 1944 - November 16, 2012**

Ruth was born October 27, 1944 in Lampasas, Texas. She earned three education degrees - a BA from Texas Wesleyan College and Master's degrees from East Texas State and Trenton State University.

For 6 years she taught art and PE in Garland, TX. In 1986, Ruth and her husband mixed their love of travel with their education career when they joined DoDDS. Her first assignment was at Boeblingen ES where she taught 2nd and 6th grades. Her leadership and people skills advanced her to become Assistant Principal at Aschaffenburg ES/JHS (Germany), Wuerzburg ES (Germany) and Lester MS in Okinawa. While in Okinawa, she was selected as the DoDDS Worldwide Assistant Principal of the Year. Subsequently she became principal of Kadena MS and Kadena HS in Okinawa.

Ending her DoDDS calling, she became the Principal-in-Residence for the DoDDS-Pacific Region's 45 schools, where her 'get it done' attitude and administrative skills served her well. She then moved to Hawaii to serve as an Education Specialist for the US Pacific Command. She retired in April, 2011, after 25 years of federal government service and 32 years of education service.

### **Warren Ruppel     May 10, 1921 - November 18, 2012**

Warren was born and raised in Sheboygan, WI. He graduated from North High School in Sheboygan in 1939 and served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 - 1945. He married Frances Wilson in 1944. Warren earned degrees from the University of Illinois and taught in Urbana from 1948 to 1954. He then joined DoDDS

and taught around the world until he retired in 1980. His assignments included Germany, Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines and Washington, D.C.

Through his dedication to DoDDS, Warren made many personal friends, as well as friends in the DoDDS school system around the world.

Warren and Frances moved to Sarasota, FL in 1988 where they lived for the remainder of their retirement years.

### **Irving "Mike" Sweeney November 10, 1925 - September 27, 2012**

Few knew Mike as Irving Royal Sweeney. He was given the name "Mike" by a US Navy recruiter during World War II when he joined the Navy. He was told that he'd never survive as Irving Royal.

Before entering DoDDS, Mike taught high school in Maine. With DoDDS, he taught social studies in middle and junior high school in three places: London, Madrid, Naples.

While always a New Englander at heart, having been born in Methuen, MA, he retired in 1985 to Spring Hill, FL to live near his brother and sister-in-law. Mike is survived by his two nieces, Susan and Mary Ellen, and two great nieces.

His love for travel began in the navy when assigned to China as a sailor. Mike was an avid reader who also loved theater. He was an active member of LIONS and VFW.

Quiet and introspective, Mike will be missed by family and friends

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ruth Aucker     May 13, 1922 - January 5, 2010**

Ruth received her BA in political science in 1944 and an MA in Education and English in 1960 from the University of Iowa. Ruth started with DoDDS in 1954 as a dorm counselor at Kaiserslautern HS in Germany. After a year in the dorm, she taught English at the high school. In 1964, she transferred to Orleans HS, then to Lakenheath HS, Seoul HS, and E. J. King HS in Sasebo, Japan. She finished her 36-year career with DoDDS at Zama HS, Japan and retired to Florida.

### **Lloyd Johnson     April 12, 1928 - February 25, 2012**

Lloyd grew up in Buxton, ND and attended Mayville State Teachers' College, North Dakota, where he graduated in 1954 with a degree in Education. During the Korean Conflict, Lloyd enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served as a personnel clerk and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, for most of his military service. After his return from the military, Lloyd resumed his teaching career and in 1958, entered the overseas teaching program working as an educator of the

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U.S. Department of Defense. For the next 33 years, he taught 4 - 6th grade in Morocco, the Philippines, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Turkey, Ethiopia and Korea.

In 1991, he returned stateside to Scottsdale, AZ. It was at this time Lloyd began what would become another exciting and enjoyable career. He accepted a position with Special Services connected with athletic and entertainment events at venues in downtown Phoenix. Such events included ushering for the Phoenix Suns, The Arizona Diamond Backs, The Phoenix Coyotes, The Road Runners Arena Football, The Mercury Women's basketball, major league wrestling and numerous entertainment happenings - such as national ice shows, circuses, conferences, major international and national touring artists and attractions. During the next 16 years, Lloyd provided ushering services at over 5000 Phoenix events.

Lloyd returned to his home state of North Dakota on February 2, 2012 where he settled into the community of Wheatland

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### Tales From the Top Shelf---Iain Woessner's Adventures in the AOSHS Archives

As the cold winds howl across the Kansas plain outside, I've barricaded myself into the comparatively warmer interior of the AOSHS Archives, whiling away the hours going through mysterious cardboard boxes, and I thought I'd share a few of our more interesting items. Who knows, maybe this'll become a regular column if I keep finding treasures!



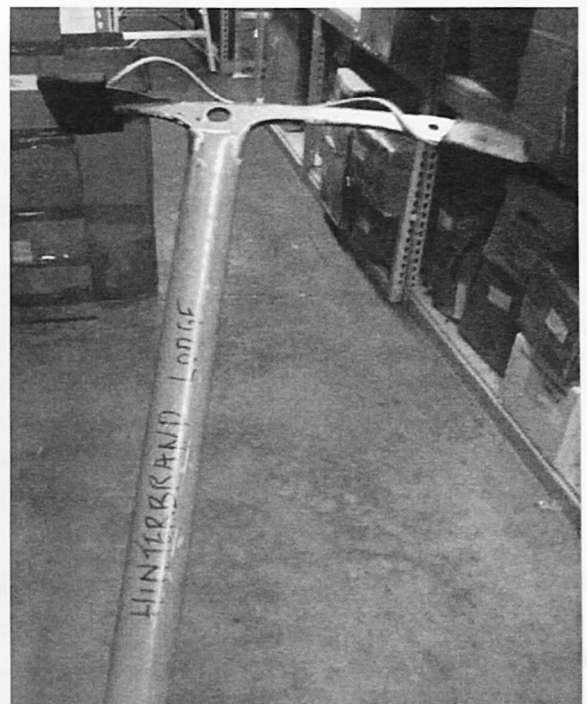
First off is a gorgeous, rather mysterious boat-like object that a workman discovered by chance set high atop one of our highest shelves. Only thanks to the recent lighting systems that Ron

Harrison and myself put in were we able to even see that this item is up there! It's beautiful woodwork with an inlaid carving and decoration across the hull—it appears vaguely Scandinavian in design. If anyone knows any more information about this item, please let us here at the Archive know!

A little closer to the ground, we've got this lovely item from the Dorothy Cox collection—a hand-carved bench or footrest from Cairo, Egypt. According to the paperwork accompanying the collection, this item is called "The Pharaoh's Bench" and features removable horns and tails for its bullhead decorations.

And our last item for today is this ice pick from Hinterbrand Lodge. Hinterbrand Lodge was a popular vacation destination for the Nazi elite and, after the war, it fulfilled a similar function for the Allied forces. It was also the first site of DODDs' Outward Bound program. This item is also full of mystery, since there's no name attached to it, so if you know any educators who may have passed on an ice pick to us, let us know...continued on page 9





And that's enough dust and mystery for one Quarterly. I do hope you've enjoyed this small glimpse into the treasure trove, and I hope you continue to support AOSHS and the Archive through your support, either through money, memorabilia or just warm wishes and an empathetic heart.

### *Message from the President...continued*

Both have been updated and we are now in pretty good shape. We have also had some problems with the heating system in our rented building so that has to be updated before it will pass inspection and can be turned on again. We also have the usual expenses with any business- utilities, supplies, Quarterly printing and mailings.

We are very fortunate to have many volunteers who help with jobs that can be parceled out and we have volunteers from the Museum of National Treasures and the university working in the archives.

We are in negotiation with the National Museum (of the) United States Army to be built outside Ft. Belvoir and we are working closely with the Museum of the American Military Family located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

If any of you are ready to jump on the bandwagon please contact me and we will find a way for you to participate.

*...Tina Calo*

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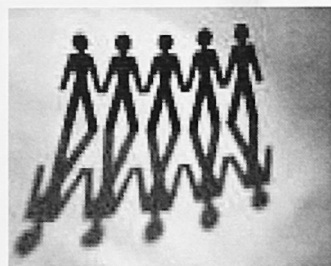
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