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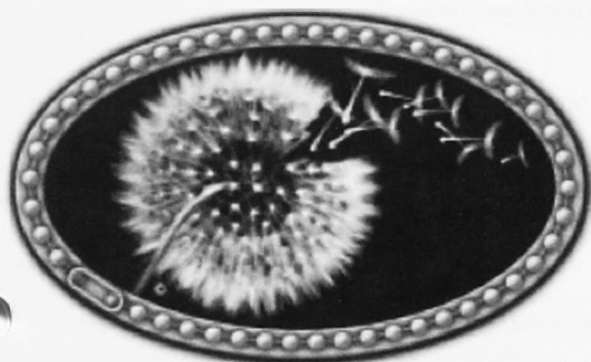
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A Pin Honoring “Brats” by Robert Holliker

Bob Holliker is a brat, a veteran and the idea behind the BratPin, which just launched in October 2013. Within a few weeks of the BratPin’s debut, the Internet was abuzz with excitement...Here’s a piece by Bob Holliker...



I am proud this morning – proud of what ‘we Brats’ have been able to do here in 2 months – what our Congress has been either unwilling, or unable to do in over 3 years – create an icon that represents and honors Military Brats--the BratPin. As of this morning, 21 October 2013, the bill still languishes “in committee,” with a 2% chance of getting past committee, and a 0% chance of becoming law. Despite this, we do have “our” pin.

In April this year, I attended a Dining In, where I heard a ‘3-Star’ tell about seeing “the blue car” come to his house when he was 7 years old – to tell his family that their father had just been shot down (in Vietnam). At that dinner I committed myself to the passage of HR 1889: Children of Military Service Members Commemorative Lapel Pin Act this year! I told myself I was going to do “something” every day; to create awareness and promotion of this bill.

I began by “re-energizing” my US Representative, Bob Latta, R/OH, who introduced the bill, by visiting his office in Bowling Green, OH. He wasn’t in, but one of his staff assured me that “the Congressman” was totally behind the bill. Then I visited Marcy Kaptur’s office in Toledo, OH, D/OH, who is a co-sponsor of the bill. And again, I was assured, by a staff member, that Ms. Kaptur was also “totally behind” the bill. This guy was actually very helpful in that he explained exactly what I/we would have to do to garner support for the bill – telling me that the process could take upwards of 10 years to come to fruition! That wasn’t what I wanted to hear; in 8-10 years I might be a “mort!” I really don’t care to have my pin presented to me posthumously!

In July I made a You Tube video, essentially promoting HR 1889. After the filming, the interviewer asked, “Don’t you think 3 1/2 years of ‘sitting in committee’ isn’t a bit disrespectful toward these kids? You bet I do! Then he asked, “Why don’t you just design a pin yourself?” That’s where I decided to take a different direction.



And today, we have our pin! To find out more about the BratPin, visit their website at www.BratPin.com

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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.

Greetings: Once again your board has had a busy time since the reunion in July. In the last *Quarterly* I outlined some goals we hoped to reach while we were in Wichita. We have accomplished those objectives and continued to move forward on some new items.

1. We confirmed three new board members, Kelley Germaine, and Jill and Steve Abbot. In doing this, we temporarily increased the board number to 11. Because of restrictions in our corporate statement, this may be just for this year, until Rita and I drop off in July. We are working on what needs to be done to make it a permanent change, however.

2. Rita and I met with our attorney to discuss several items of importance at this time: We looked into paying off our mortgage as soon as possible; we looked into the procedure to update the By-laws; we learned we have funds in Wichita that we may use for growth purposes; and we learned we are waiting too long to meet our attorney. Our recommendation is for the new officers to meet with the attorney on the first visit to Wichita.

3. We met with our communications advisor (Pete Lundrigan) and he is now contracted to do our printing and to update our website. Take a look at the web site when you get a chance. www.aoshs.org. You can easily navigate through to visit the interactive kiosk to check out your bricks and pavers, you can visit the Tom Drysdale Memorial page, and you can find the membership form and the data base form to print out and send in. Eventually, we hope to have items set up so you can join on line and pay with credit card. If you have an email address

please be sure to send it to the office as we will eventually use that as a form of contact. Thanks to all who have joined, renewed, donated, and (very important) updated your mailing address. A reminder for those of you who have recently retired: Please update, as I'm not sure that APO addresses will forward your newsletters.

4. We met with Dr. Price and he was quite thorough about how to run an archives program.

5. We also had some Heidelberg students join us in the office/HQs and Michael Cannon assured me he will spread the word about us among the Brats. Many have shown an interest by joining our Face Book page.

Now about our new board members--look elsewhere in the *Quarterly* to read their bios. Stephen Abbott will work with our Treasurer, Rita, to learn the ins and outs of the job. He will then take over in July. Jill Abbott has taken on the job of finding memories to print. Kelley Germaine is helping Lani update and rewrite the By-laws. She and Gayle are also reviewing the job descriptions for revision to fit our situation at this time.

Our contact with the Military Family Museum is still very much a part of our growth program. If any of you live in the Albuquerque area, or know military with Brats who live there please contact us.

Wishing you a great Christmas season and a wonderful New Year

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

Three Memories from The Archives Collection

A Pleasant Christmas Vacation...

At midnight on Christmas Eve 27 years ago, in Istanbul, Turkey, I rang the buzzer at the decorative, metal gates of the British Consulate. A Turkish guard examined my passport, and accompanied me to the Anglican Chapel of St. Helena where I wanted to attend mass.

I knocked on the door, which slowly and quietly opened. The aroma of pine and incense greeted me. The Chapel was quiet, and as far as I could see, every pew was filled with worshippers. I shyly entered the Chapel and it seemed all eyes turned toward me. It was at the moment the mass was to begin.

As I passed the priest he whispered to his assistant, and I could barely hear what he said.

"If he is an organist it will be a miracle," I thought, please don't not ask me. Never the less, he did. "I am not an organist as such, but playing well-known hymns would be no great problem," I said, nodding.

The priest, Fr. James S. Armstrong, introduced himself, and passed me a list of hymns. "The music of the mass is at the organ. It is not necessary that you accompany the responses of the Eucharist."

The words of the hymns were familiar, but some tunes, not so. My sight-reading skills were aided by the full and robust singing of the congregation. I accompanied the responses of the mass as well. I looked to Fr. Armstrong and him at me. He smiled and winked.

At the end of it all, the good Father announced, "Mr. Williams, our organist, was imported from Vicenza, Italy where he conducts 4 choral groups in an American School. And, it is hoped that he will return in the morning for the Eucharist at 11 o' clock."

Of course, I was overjoyed to-- as well as for other services later that week. I had a most pleasant

Christmas vacation. Stewart Williams

Letter from Fr. Armstrong: Photo courtesy Stewart Williams



To British Consulate General
Kayaşin,
Istanbul,
Turkey
12 January 1956

Dear Stewart,
Thank you so much for your lovely letter which did my morale a power of good. Was good of you to go to the trouble of letting me know how much you had enjoyed being part of us and the joy you had experienced.
You saved the Festival for us for without a doubt it would have been a very different Christmas without you and your willingness to use your gifts for the glory of God, which in turn enable people to give of their best in the worship. In the last 2 weeks we have had the good blessing of 3 new families who have joined us. Two are American families, one with 5 children, the other with three and an English family with three children, one at boarding school. The lady with 5 children offered to play the organ for us so that is another blessing for which I am grateful. I practically have a new congregation with this influx. I hope that we may get more people coming in in the future.
I hope you are well settled in again. If you can get over to Istanbul do come & worship with us. We would love to have you with us. I have written to you with I hope to see you in Istanbul before too long.
With all good wishes & blessings
Very Sincerely
Fr. J.S. Armstrong

Memories of "Elite First Decade DODDS Teachers"

When I was in college at New Mexico Highlands University, I'd hear "Far Away Places" and in my heart I knew that song contained a secret message for me. So I started pursuing my goal of "traveling in far-away places!" I think it meant Europe.

In 1954, by then a college grad and teacher in Albuquerque, I applied for a job as a DODDS teacher through Washington, D.C. from an article in the newspaper. Beautiful French Morocco, near Casablanca, was my first assignment. Aside from the washing machines in the BOQ's and colorful Arabs everywhere I turned on base, it was very much like Albuquerque - warm weather, golden sunshine, and cactus plants.

Socially, I quickly graduated from airmen to officers. My social life was tremendous, and I had so much fun! Salina Hantelmann, the only one with a car upon arrival, used to drive us around base and to historical sites in the country of Morocco. Emma Gilmetti, Betty Daughtridge, and Cathy (Butto) Weir were my co-workers and my traveling companions.

At school, the kids were super. I taught them commercial subjects with an assortment of antiquated equipment, but we managed.

For our Christmas vacation to Madrid, Spain, my friend, Eva, and I missed our flight Continued on page 4

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

the day before. So, Bob Weir drove us to the airport at six o'clock next morning! After our return, Eva found a picture of a medal in a magazine and we made a card with it to present to Bob for "services above and beyond the call of duty!"

That year I was so involved in TRAVELING within Morocco and to Europe that I did not have time to go to the States that summer.

In the fall of 1955, I was a teacher in the choice spot of Wiesbaden, Germany! My travels and my social life continued to improve further, and life was absolutely the greatest! Because I joined the glorious program of DODDS in 1954, I attained the distinction of being a member of the ELITE FIRST DECADE DODDS TEACHERS!

by Marie O. Espinoza, *Morocco: 1954 – 1955*

Attention Writers! The **Quarterly** wants short memory pieces about your DODDS school experiences. Please help us keep this Quarterly interesting! Submit articles to the editors at militaryfamilymuseum@comcast.net by the following deadlines: **January 15; April 15; August 15; and October 15. Please turn in the stories as "finished and edited" pieces**

Misawa Air Force Base, Japan 1953-54

by Elizabeth Fry

I arrived in Japan in Sept. 1953 by MATS ship, having courses in survival Japanese as we crossed. Not knowing whether we would be assigned to Florida weather or Alaska weather, it was hard to be prepared. Immediately I was put on a train that night for Misawa AF Base. Culture shock lasted for quite awhile as I wasn't prepared to be tucked into a sleeping compartment on the train while the Japanese men undressed down to their BVDs in the aisle

...After getting settled at our base, several new acquaintances and I took off for Hokkaido to take advantage of the Labor Day weekend not realizing that no meals were served on trains and that 2nd class accommodations on the steamer meant sleeping on a raised tatami mat covered "bed" with 100 Japanese tourists.

Our school was well supplied with materials. Our faculty was made up of a tremendously friendly group of teachers from all parts of the U.S. We were selected carefully to be a conservative, non-partying bunch, to follow the bad reputation of the previous year. Consequently we were all of similar backgrounds and formed such fast friendships that we are still having reunions after 40 years.

I taught a 2nd grade and found the children very adaptable as they had been "Army brats" all of their lives and had learned to cope with new schools. We did a creditable job of teaching from K-12, even though our deepest impressions are of the country and our travel experiences.

We lived in a 2 story BOQ, which had a sign "No male personal above the 1st floor". A nice protected life for a green

horn like me. Our year brought this native Southern Californian new experiences such as banging radiators, storm windows which blew off and crashed if you didn't fasten them closed, a maid who took care of our rooms and clothes for \$10 a month, snowy days where the children could go out for recess as opposed to rainy days. Air raid drills required jumping into foxholes with survival equipment in hand. Visits from Japanese school principals at our school, our visits to Japanese schools, bowing, eating with chopsticks and politely refusing the always offered bean paste candy.

Trying to get warm around the hibachi on weekend jaunts into small villages with teahouses with no heat. Visits to Japanese inns where the plumbing was like our outdoor privies yet inside the hotel, and the beds rolled up and put into a closet as soon as you got up. Honey bucket wagons. Wonderful treatment by friendly Japanese, always offering to help us on trips, serving us tea in the station masters office, while we waited to change trains, music played in the train stations. Visits to small villages with friendly farm people always allowing us to take their pictures.

Flights to Tokyo in MATS planes, roasting on the ground--freezing at upper elevations, having to wear Mae Wests and parachutes. Looking down on patchwork fields of yellow mustard and green rice paddies. And wonderful visits to Kyoto, Nara, Mt. Fuji, the Emperor's palace and castles, castles and cherry blossoms and autumn leaf trips. One trip o Lake Towada took three hours by bus although the distance was about 35 miles--the roads were that bad. What a privilege to visit a country for a whole year to see the changes of seasons and how people of Japan adapted to them all. ..Sweet potatoes carts serving hot sweet potatoes on snowy days.

There was only one TV Channel and none of us owned a TV. The radio had one American radio station operated by the military and the Japanese stations had mainly children's choruses singing.

On our base we had a drama group, which allowed the military and civilians to get into "little theater" and we staged "Born Again". It was our fast introduction to "gay" problems and we had quite an education in it.

Our base was so close to the Russian air bases on Sakhalin Island that the OSI officers wouldn't bring their wives but we were so ignorant that we didn't know enough to be scared.

My year in Japan was the most exciting year of my life. I married Barney, Fry, one of the men who taught in the I & E Department on the same base and later at radar sites. So our one year for AOS had affected our whole lives. We're still grateful to Uncle Sam for giving us that year in Japan.

Members of our faculty included. Mr. Steinberg, Boice Winchester, Francis Burruss, Delta Barker, Mona Fisher, high school faculty. Janice Humphries, Sarah George, Alma Clarino, Lillian Nygaard, Joan Thoma and others I've forgotten. Our most outstanding faculty member was Anne Z. Moore who wrote a book about our year and published it herself

Special Cause for Reflection...By Allen Dale Olson

Growing older and passing on are not strangers to AOSHS members. In fact, one service AOSHS provides is sharing information about our friends and colleagues over the years and in providing opportunities to remember them in print and memorials. Every issue of the *Quarterly* calls attention to some of us who have departed.

John Donne told us “not to ask for whom the bell tolls” because in fact it tolls for each of us, all of us. Through various AOSHS alumni groups, individual networks, and submissions to the “Q,” we hear of these passings, each one a reminder of who we are, what we have done, and where we have been.

When I heard of the passing of Lou Hughes recently, those thoughts crossed my mind in a personal way. Lou and I, as the saying goes, “went to different schools together.” We grew up in the same area, were born in the same city at roughly the same time, served our Selective Service duties in much the same way, worked in neighboring school districts at the same time, and joined the Dependents Schools Program for similar reasons.

Interestingly, I didn’t know Lou until we met overseas, he as a school principal, I as an executive officer with the European Directorate. But our common heritage caused an immediate connection – because the Calumet Region of Northwest Indiana is not exactly an American garden spot. When we’d meet, I’d greet him with the word “Gary”; he would reply “Portage.” We would joke about East Chicago, the steel mills, and even the crime rate.

I write this in part because of our mutual connections but mostly because bondings such as this, these feelings about one another among those of us who spent much of our careers in the DoD schools are never ending. All of you know that when you meet a former colleague you haven’t seen for twenty or more years, it’s as if you never parted. Conversations resume, experiences re-live, and, yes, tears flow

Soldiers bond in combat, athletes in competition, musicians in performance. Teachers bond in classrooms, but teachers who have been in USDESEA, PACAF, DoDDS, DoDEA, and whatever else the authorities named us, bond in very special ways. AOSHS is proof of that.

Lou, of course, is not the only lost comrade in my life, nor are the losses unique that each of you endure. But his coming from our common beginnings gave me a chance to reflect on the very special relationships formed among us from education’s proudest and most far-flung community.

We don’t do obituaries in the “Q,” but we do recognize a need to remind ourselves once in a while that we have all served our nation in a very special way. Thanks, Lou, not only for your achievements but also for enabling me to pay this tribute to the teachers and administrators who have helped keep America’s military strong.



Save the Dates!!! DODDS Reunion Date and Place have been Set!

Join your friends and colleagues on the East Coast. Dates: July 17-20 2014; Place: Marriott Hotel in Richmond, VA, For more information, please check out the website: doddsworldreunion.com

Overseas Brats Met at the Gathering in Laughlin, NV

About 80 “Brats” gathered in Laughlin, NV at Harrah’s over the weekend of October 10th, 2013 AOSHS’s Chris Kyrios and MAMF’s Circe Olson Woessner (Co-editor of the Q) joined Joe Condrill, Overseas Brats founder at the festivities.. For more Brats information check out the Overseas Brats website. <http://www.overseasbrats.com>.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Greetings! My name is Jill Abbott, and I am a new board member for AOSHS. I retired from DoDDS after a 25 year teaching career that included positions in Hawaii and Massachusetts before joining DoDDS in 1982. I taught in Vicenza, Italy; Sigonella, Sicily; Heidelberg and Bad Aibling, Germany; and Alconbury, England. During those years, I taught grades 1-6 in elementary and grades 6-12 at the middle/high school level.

My secondary fields were English and Social Studies. I also had certification in Reading and Special Education and served in all those fields. I have my B.A. in Psychology/Elementary Education from Chaminade University of Honolulu. My M.Ed. is in Specific Learning Disabilities from Columbus College, Georgia. I also have 30+ graduate hours from various universities. Since I retired in 2007, we have made our home in Prospect Heights, Illinois. I look forward to serving the AOSHS board in maintaining and preserving the heritage of the very special way of life we experienced in DoD schools.



After a 27 year career with the U.S. Army, I (Stephen Abbott) retired in Vicenza, Italy. During my wife's DoD career, I substituted and taught in Sigonella, Heidelberg, and Bad Aibling. I also worked for the Army CID and the National Security Agency.

I have B.A. degrees in Personnel Management from Chaminade University and European History from the University of Maryland. I also did post graduate work at Loyola University in Chicago and at Northeastern Illinois University.

I make my home in Prospect Heights, Illinois with my wife, Jill, and our beloved dogs, Gigi and Augie. I join the board as assistant treasurer and look forward to serving AOSHS.



K. Kelley Germaine spent 10+ years as an advertising/marketing executive in NYC prior to moving to Bamberg, Germany in 1981 with her DoDDS husband, Bob. After working for universities in the Education Center and the DoD schools, she acquired her master's and certification for education. They moved to Okinawa in 1989 where she also volunteered at the schools. In 1990, she joined the DoD schools as a full time employee and spent the next 11 years teaching 6th grade, Reading Specialty, Math Comp and served as the District Office Communications Liaison in Okinawa. She was also selected as the Okinawa Teacher of the Year and is one of the founding members of the Pacific Congress of the National Parents and Teachers Association. She served on numerous overseas and stateside national advisory boards while residing overseas. After retirement in 2001, she has volunteered for local community

boards as well as the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Bob and she now live in North Carolina between the beach (Oak Island) and Chapel Hill.

The Museum of the American Military Family & Learning Center seeks participants for their "Postcard Project"

Now there is a museum about military families located in Albuquerque New Mexico. It was founded by overseas brat and DODEA teacher Circe Olson Woessner and her father, DODDS administrator, Allen Dale Olson.



Circe, who is also an Army wife and mother to an Army soldier, says, "One night I was watching TV while my son was deployed to Iraq and I thought about all the military families around the world who at that very moment had children or parents

serving in harm's way. All military families, from all generations, who have ever had a loved one deploy, have felt that curious blend of pride, of worry, of hope—and have had to draw on an inner strength to keep it all together outwardly, despite inner turmoil.

After doing an Internet search, Circe came to this conclusion: she needed to create a museum dedicated to the American Military Family.

"I know most military museums have a wing or an exhibit or section dedicated to military families, but what we want to do in Albuquerque is to have a permanent, physical place where children, spouses, parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, partners of service members-- from all generations, all branches--can visit and experience a museum entirely dedicated to their stories and their history."

It's important for people to recognize these elements of service and appreciate the unique military family cultures and subcultures

"We want to create a learning community where people can come and see history through a different filter, relive their own military roots, open dialogue between the generations and leave with a deeper appreciation of what it means to serve as a military family."

Circe says that through her three-year journey in establishing the Museum of the American Military Family, she has met so many wonderful and supportive people to include author Mary Wertsch, filmmaker Donna Musil, *Overseas Brats* founder Joe Condrill and the AOSHS board of directors.

Starting in May through September 2014, The Museum of the American Military Family and the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History, a Smithsonian affiliate, will present an exhibit honoring America's Military Families, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A portion of the exhibit will highlight the overseas schools system.

Although the Museum of the American Military Family is currently an online museum, the organization has located some historic military housing units from the early 1950s and is in the process of rehabbing them and setting them up in Albuquerque,

NM.

"With the help of grants and donations, we hope to have our groundbreaking midyear 2014", Circe says. "We are really excited, so stay tuned! It is taking a village to raise this museum, and we are blessed to have so much support. People are enthusiastic about having their stories told...their military mom's life's work recognized...their educator dad's career recognized--their own sacrifices as brats acknowledged.

Although most of my peers are in their late 40s to late 60s and our experiences as Brats is vastly different than the experiences of military kids today, we still have much in common—this is apparent when we meet—even as strangers—we can instantly relate. It's like that old saying: the more things change, the more things stay the same.

The same can be said for my teaching colleagues—even though I taught in Puerto Rico in the 1990s and my mother taught in Germany in the 60s, 70's and 80's, and someone else taught in Japan last year, we are connected through our profession, our dedication and our experiences of teaching on a military installation overseas."

To find out more about the Museum of the American Military Family, visit its website:

THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY FAMILY

POSTCARD PROJECT* (MAMF)

Service members, Veterans, friends and family members please
Tell us YOUR THOUGHTS about

THE MILITARY & YOUR LIFE

IN
9 TO 90 WORDS (OR FEWER)

POSTCARD SAMPLE

Your Thought on the Back of Any Postcard	Stamp Box WHO: Your First Name WHAT: was your connection to the military WHEN: were you connected With the military WHERE: were you then and now
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Submission Deadline: Ongoing or March 2014 for inclusion in NSM EXHIBIT
Mail submissions to: MAMF, PO Box 5085, Albuquerque, NM 87185

YOUR CARD WILL BE PART OF
***MAMF Travelling Footlocker Installations Around the Country
***MAMF Postcard Displays at Community & Veterans Events
***The 2014 MAMF exhibit at Albuquerque's
Nuclear Science Museum
Memorial Day through LABOR DAY
*A donation of \$2 to \$5/ card will help
fund this exhibit.

For more information email Caroline Laffane at wildernessspalding@msn.com.
Deadline of black postcard: are also welcome. **THANK YOU!**

<http://www.museumoftheamericanmilitaryfamily.org/> PO Box 5085, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5085

www.museumoftheamericanmilitaryfamily.org

If you want to take part in MAMF's Postcard Project, write a short memory on a postcard, using the example in the picture, pop the post card into an envelope and mail it to MAMF. The cards will become part of the permanent collection.

The AOSHS Memorial Program

Memorial Program

You may purchase a brick or paver in your own name, as a gift in memory of a friend or loved one, or a school. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order. The selection of bricks/pavers appears below.

Memorial Fund

You may organize a fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the Quarterly so that others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine which item the fund will purchase. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to request a Memorial Fund Form, or print the form at www.aoshs.org/kiosk; just click on Memorial Program.

Donate

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.

AOSHS Memorial Program,
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, then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions.

To remember an alumna/alumnus in this way, send a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below.

Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line and include a note requesting that this person be honored on the Alumni Memorial Paver.

e-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

Note: e-mails must include AOSHS in the subject area

Type of Bricks and Pavers Offered In the Program	Size (in inches)	Characters/Line (includes spaces)	Maximum Lines	Total Characters (includes spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$100
Ceramic Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$250
Medium Granite Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$500
Large Granite Paver	16 x 16	25	11	275	\$1000
Premium Granite Paver	24 x 24	35	17	595	\$2500

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Nancy Shawley

1932 - February 15, 2013

Dr. Nancy Shawley, the Instructional Systems Specialist for Student Information Systems, passed away Feb. 15 in Wiesbaden, Germany after a short illness.

Nancy was a **55-year veteran** of the DoDEA organization. She began her career in 1958 as a high school teacher at Bushy Park, England. Over the course of her long career, she was a teacher, counselor, education specialist, computer specialist and ISS. She served in England, Japan, France and had been in Germany since 1966.

Carter P. Johns

February 23, 1940 - September 24, 2013

Carter Johns grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. He graduated from Teachers College of the University of Nebraska, majoring in art and social studies. In 1963, he began his teaching career in Orange County, California.

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From 1968 to 1971, he taught at Kaiserslautern American High School, chaired its Humanities Department, and became active in the Overseas Federation of Teachers. He met his future wife, Ellen Albertson, a teacher from Palo Alto, California; they married in 1973 in Basel, Switzerland. From 1971 to 1980, Carter lived in Vicenza, Italy teaching high school on Caserma Ederle and for the University of Maryland.

Carter served as union representative and on the board of the Italo-Britannica Circolo. After a leave in Santa Fe, New Mexico, he returned to DoD teaching in 1982 in Rota, Spain at David Glasgow Farragut High School and City Colleges of Chicago, Ball State, and University of Maryland. Carter taught a wide range of subjects, and sponsored many student activities, including the junior and senior classes and student publications.

Carter will be remembered as a truly outstanding educator, a compassionate friend, and a loving father

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

RECENTLY CLOSED FUNDS

Warren Ruppel

Ceramic paver

Funds for the Tom Drysdale Memorial are still being accepted

Remembering a 41 Year Teaching Career

submitted by Tina Calo



Former Seoul American High School music teacher and DODEA 2005 Teacher of the Year Irene Lee died Thursday after battling a serious, unspecified medical condition, according to the Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific.

Lee, a native of De Smet, S.D., retired in June after a 41-year teaching career.

"Irene seemed to know every single student, their families and what they were going through," Kubasaki High School teacher Mark Hannold said, according to a DODEA statement. "She genuinely cared for them. That takes great emotional capacity. Everybody was family to her, and she inspired trust."

Lee moved to Seoul in 1983 after teaching elementary school in Stuttgart, Germany, according to a 2004 Stars and Stripes article.

The bands and orchestra instructor received numerous awards during her career. She was named District Teacher of the Year in 1996, Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year in 2002 and Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator of the Year in 1971 in Sisseton, S.D.

However, she told Stripes in 2004 she was most proud of being recognized multiple times in "Who's Who Among American Teachers," in which top-ranked collegiate students submit names of teachers who made a difference in their lives.

"I have great students who are willing to work with me," said Lee, who also worked with the Korean American Youth Symphony Orchestra during her years in Seoul.

She said in 2004 she planned to teach even after she was eligible for retirement. "When it starts to feel like work, I'll quit. Music is fun."

The DODEA statement quoted former student Shasta Underwood as saying Lee was "a huge part of shaping my teenage years. Ms. Lee taught me a love of music, a confidence in myself, and that there is always room to love more," Underwood said. "More than a simple band director, she taught us to be better human beings."

Lee is survived by her husband, Suk Jo, and their son, Daniel.

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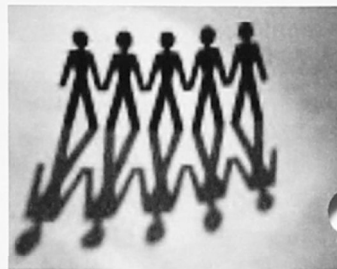
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