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## ANNOUNCING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSEUM OF WORLD TREASURES IN WICHITA, KANSAS

At the May, 2006 Board meeting in Wichita, the Board authorized the AOSHS President to negotiate an agreement with the Museum of World Treasures President/CEO Mike Noller. The agreement will result from an association of several years, starting with the loan from the AOSHS Archive to the MWT, of a Bonn American High School mascot "Clarence the Crusader" the armor of an authentic replica of a 15<sup>th</sup> Century mounted German Knight. Since then "Clarence", donated to the Archive by the Bonn American High School Alumni Association, has been on conspicuous display at the head of the staircase landing on the second floor of this huge and magnificent three-story museum.



A large red and black Nazi banner with swastika, taken from Hitler's Stadium during the Battle of Nurnberg, has been on display in the fantastic World War II section of the museum. It was donated to the Archive by Terrence D. Jorgensen, President of the Nurnberg High School Alumni Association. This was followed with an Archive loan of the photo montage of a 1965 U.S. space flight, donated to the Berlin American High School Alumni Association by the space crew.

The most recent exhibit, loaned to the museum from the Archive in August 2005, is 12 foot high, 4 ½ ton section of the infamous Berlin Wall. It was bought by members of the Berlin American High School Alumni Association and donated to the Archive. The exhibit is on the ground floor, visible to all, and is surrounded by display cases of Berlin Wall historical memorabilia and with an East German soldier standing guard. A continually running official video of East Germans crossing over and through the wall into West Berlin was donated by Francis Eugene Brown, former Berlin American High School history teacher.



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## About the Historical Society Databases

AOSHS has three separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

**Educators:** Included in every other issue of the *Quarterly* is an Archive Database Form. The educator form will alternate with the student form noted below.

**Students:** The Alumni Archive Database Form will be available in every other issue of the *Quarterly*.

**Deceased:** All readers are encouraged to notify AOSHS of those deceased by writing to: AOSHS Archives, Attention: Kay Hosie, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS, 67201-1500, or via e-mail to: [archives@aoshs.org](mailto:archives@aoshs.org)



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## ~ President's Message ~



Dear AOSHS Members,

I am using this Quarterly to bring our membership up to date on "Where in the World is AOSHS". It is time for you to hear and know what our organization is doing and where are we going in the future. Of prime importance is to know what our mission is and so I state it here:

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society is a nonprofit organization that collects, records, preserves and displays the history and memorabilia of the American Overseas Schools. Its purpose is to enhance the public knowledge and understanding of this highly successful endeavor, and to provide opportunities for research, both in the United States and the research community at large.

AOSHS hired Richard Bradford to conduct a Study to find if our organization could be successful in having major donations to build a museum, visitor and administration center, archive, and auditorium. The Study was based on personal interviews with possible donors. Surveys were sent out to 605 people with a response of 235 (38.9%). Key elements that had to be considered were:

- AOSHS must be deemed worthy of financial support by its constituency.
- There must be acceptance of the proposed projects/focus/vision by the constituency based on an understanding of the organization's needs, purpose, mission, and scope.

The projects/focus/vision must be reasonably important to prospective donors in relation to their other philanthropic interests

I will attempt to summarize the conclusion of the Study and recommendations given to the Board:

1. The most important component of AOSHS is the archives/museum.
2. The location of such a site should be where people would come to visit AOSHS and other attractions, such as the D.C. area or on the East Coast
3. Involve the leadership of a small group of high profile friends to validate, inspire, open doors, and otherwise bring their influence to bear on our organization and its mission.
4. Bring into our organization various BRAT organizations to embrace the project and extend a sense of ownership for their involvement.

Consider using existing museums such as military and other private museums to house artifacts and collections. Also explore "traveling" exhibits for reunions, celebrations, and historical venues.

Having seen this list, our Board has moved to do the following for its membership:

1. Explore bringing Jackie Gray, as our high profile person who can help with increased membership, donations from corporations, and forming an advisory board (with names of affluence and influence) to make recommendations to the AOSHS Board. Jackie Gray has had 28 years of volunteerism with the Air Force and is a graduate of SHAPE High School. Her husband Scott (also a SHAPE graduate) is a Major General in the Air Force and commander of the Air Mobility Warfare Center at McGuire AFB, NJ.
2. Continue to use Wichita and our Douglas Street office where we now have some stability and a visible presence with the city of Wichita for our mini-museum and archive collection.
3. Present the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita a MOU that allows us to display our high valued and large artifacts along with a changing member collection exhibit.
4. Explore through our Advisory Council the best location to place our already funded Memorial Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers Project.
5. Explore through our Advisory Council a future Archive location (possibly with a university) and museum (possibly with an existing military museum).
6. Explore a wider membership through the Alumni/Student organizations.

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## PITTSBURGH REUNION NOTES

### AOSHS ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Eleventh Annual General Membership Meeting of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) will be held on Friday, July 21, 2006, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh.

Members and friends are invited to attend. Updates on the archive collections, fund raising, and board actions, along with ratification of board members, and presentations of awards will be on the agenda.



### SILENT AUCTION

Check out the silent auction items at the AOSHS table this summer at the reunion in Pittsburgh. Members of the Board of Directors will be donating collectable items for this fund raising event. Outbid your friends and go home with a treasure!

### MINIREUNIONS

Don't miss all the minireunions which will be held at the Omni William Penn on Friday, July 21 from 12-6 PM. As of this printing, the reunions are planned for the following schools and areas: Augsburg, Bamberg/Nurnberg, Baumholder, Bentwaters/Woodbridge/England, Berlin/Hof/Karlsruhe, Bitburg, Darmstadt/Heidelberg/Mannheim, Ethiopia/Libya/Morocco/ Frankfurt, Gelnhausen, Hanau, Italy, Korea, Misawa, Okinawa, Philippines, Rhein Main, SHAPE, Stuttgart, Turkey, Wiesbaden, Wuerzburg area, Yokohama/Yokasuka.

### Reunion News

Send your reunion news to Scarlett Rehrig at: P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201  
Or e-mail to [OverseasSchools@aoshs.org](mailto:OverseasSchools@aoshs.org) Notices will be published on a "Space Available" basis.

Schweinfurt July 13-16<sup>th</sup> at Wyndham Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact [marleen\\_calioia@yahoo.com](mailto:marleen_calioia@yahoo.com)

Berlin Brats Reunion July 27-30, Berlin, Germany [www.BerlinBrats.org](http://www.BerlinBrats.org)

DoDDS Reunion July 20-23, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact JoAnn K. Johnson, DoDDS Reunion XVIII, PO Box 1277, Burnsville, MN 55337 or access registration information at <http://www.doddsworldreunion.com/>

Vicenza HS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Oct. 17-21, 2007. Register online at [www.vhsalumni.com](http://www.vhsalumni.com) starting June 2007

Ramstein Teachers and Friends Reunion: October 20 and 21st, 2006; Marriot Hartford/Windsor Airport Hotel, Windsor, CT contact Barbara Davis, [skiotan@aol.com](mailto:skiotan@aol.com)

All BRATS Homecoming Aug. 2-5, 2007 at Hyatt Regency, Dallas-Forth Worth, Grapevine, TX. Contact Joe Condrill at [joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net)

Overseas BRATS "Northern Kentucky Gathering" Oct. 26-29, 2006 at Fort Mitchell, KY (near Cincinnati, OH). Contact Joe Condrill at [joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net)

George Dewey H.S. Reunion Dec. 27, 2006- Jan. 5, 2007 at Subic Bay, PI. Contact Sue Gage at phone: 843-442-4621



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Donation for the Drysdale Archive Endowment Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*I have included AOSHS in my estate planning I \_\_I*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Thank you!*

Referred for membership by (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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## SANITY ADVICE NEEDED

by Dr. Tom Drysdale

Now, due to the promotion of Archive Associate Nancy Hampel, to that of Archive Manager and increasing her hours of work, Tom and Norma Drysdale are finally going to be able, they think, to concentrate during the next year or two on an objective that has been alluding them for some time — that of downsizing, selling their large Arizona house, identifying more overseas memorabilia for their collection in the Archive, distributing 63 years of married life heirlooms to their children and grandchildren, and taking the rest of the stuff to Goodwill.

Those who have gone through this wrenching process are requested to send words of advice to Tom and Norma on how to best do this and remain sane.

This will require Tom and Norma to spend much less time in their second home in Wichita, but he will work on Archive projects when needed, at the request of Nancy, and as usual always be available to members by e-mail and phone.

Since 1999, their three bedroom, six bed, three bath Wichita house has been the temporary abode of board members, current and retired overseas educators and alumni who have visited and worked in the AOSHS Archive. As a consequence, it was appropriately renamed *The Drysdale Haus* three years ago by the board of directors. The largest number to stay in the *haus* at one time was 12 Overseas Brats in 2000. In addition to the six beds and two hide-a-bed davenports, sleeping bags were used. Tom and Norma made sure to be elsewhere at the time.

In the near future two US couples will stay in the *haus*, as will a German couple in August.

To help AOSHS record and preserve the unique history of past, current, and future DoD and American International Schools, others are invited to be guests in *The Drysdale Haus* and donate some of their valuable time to the Archive in its new and impressive office in downtown Wichita. Those interested are encouraged to contact Tom and Norma at <OverseasSchools@Juno.Com> or (623) 935-3939, or by cell phone at (623) 640-9412

## DONATION LIST CORRECTIONS

The February Quarterly listed the generous donations to AOSHS. The following are errors which were reported in that listing.

Omitted under the SPONSORS category of donations from \$500 to \$999 was Linda Sekiguchi.

Omitted under the category of donations from \$100-\$249, recognized as FRIENDS, is Joan Sprague. Joan is also listed under members who have been consistent in their annual support, under the ASSOCIATE CIRCLE.

Donations which were attributed to Joe Condrill should be listed as from the Overseas BRATS.

Please forgive our errors.



Pictured at left are two DoDEA staff members, Martha Deutscher and Angie Kohler. They are going through AOSHS archives, gathering materials to be used for the DoDDS 60th Anniversary Video to be produced by the end of calendar year 2006.

## MEMORIAL FUNDS

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



#### Mary Frances (Fran) Brasfield 1915 – 2006

Fran was born in McComb, Mississippi on November 19, 1915. She graduated from Mississippi College for Women in Columbus, MS, with a degree in elementary education and taught in Mississippi and Florida. During World War II she went to Brazil to teach English to Portuguese-speaking airline mechanics.

Her first overseas schools assignment was in Fürstentfeldbruck, Germany, in 1953. Later she was stationed in Libya; Johnson Airbase, Japan; Iceland; Clark AFB, the Philippines; Sidi Slimane, Morocco; Greenham Common, England; Izmir, Turkey; and Chicksands, England. While in Izmir she became a librarian, which she continued until the end of her career.

Fran was known for her graciousness and warmth, always first to welcome newcomers to a school and make them feel at home. She was a wonderful hostess and an excellent cook. She enjoyed traveling, entertaining, and going to the theater; she especially loved the flowers and gardens of England. She had a knack for seeing the ridiculous in life, and had a great repertoire of funny stories; a legacy that she has left to her many friends.

Fran suffered a stroke while celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with DoDDS friends who were in Jackson to share the festivities and passed away a few days later on April 1, 2006.

A Chinese proverb says, "When an old person dies, a library is lost." Truly much DoDDS history has disappeared with Fran's death.

#### Richard Osner 1923 – 2005

"Oz" served in the Pacific as a quartermaster during the Second World War. He was awarded the Purple Heart for service on the USS Yorktown during the Battle of Midway.

After the war he studied mathematics and began his career with DoDDS in 1962. He served in the Pacific for over 30 years as a curriculum coordinator, assistant superintendent and superintendent in Japan. "Oz" moved to Germany in 1996, serving as superintendent of the Würzburg district. He retired from DoDDS in 1999 following 37 years of service.

"Oz" and wife, Yosuko, retired to Albuquerque, NM where he passed away Nov. 10, 2005 from a fall and stroke. He is survived by Yosuko, six children and several grandchildren. "Oz" was known, respected, and loved by scores of friends and colleagues around the world.

#### Barbara E. Tucker 1917 – 2006

Barbara was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on May 27, 1917. She graduated from a teachers' college in Framingham and taught school in Massachusetts for several years before becoming a stewardess for American Airlines in 1942. She flew for American until 1947 when she began her DoDDS career. Barbara's first assignment was as the principal of a DoDDS elementary school in Karachi, Pakistan. She also taught at the elementary level in Japan; Izmir, Turkey; Seville, Spain; Wiesbaden, Germany; and Lakenheath, England. Lakenheath was her home for 15 years, until she retired in 1989. Barbara then moved to Carmel, California and enjoyed the warm sunshine and beautiful scenery of the Monterey Peninsula.



In the words of a very close friend, "She truly loved England and everything to do with living there. She had an incredible interest in people and in helping people in need. In retirement, she tutored an adult in a literacy program through her local library. She also gave much assistance to her neighbors in her retirement community who needed rides or just cheering up. She was an incredibly thoughtful person who was much loved by her friends for her wit and charm."

In 2005, Barbara moved to the assisted living floor of the Hyatt Park Lane in Monterey. She continued to be a bright spark and was known for her warm smile, wry with and humor, and her 'flashy' earrings. She passed away in her sleep on January 29, 2006.

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

### Ron Lekrone

1945 – 2005

Ron was born in Ottawa, Illinois on December 22, 1945. He graduated from Purdue University 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Math and Physics. While teaching math in Pine Village, Indiana, he earned his Masters of Science in Education degree at Purdue in 1970.

Ron's first assignment with DoDDS was teaching math in the junior high at AFCENT in 1971. While there, Ron also helped out with the boys' wrestling and the cross-country teams. In August of 1976 Ron and his family moved to Hoensbruck, Germany, where he taught computer education at the Darmstadt Career Center. After that, Ron became computer coordinator for DoDDS in Germany where he oversaw the implementation of computers into the school curriculum. Many teachers will remember the computer workshops Ron helped run.

In June of 1996, Ron took an early retirement from DoDDS. Jobs that he held once he retired from DoDDS include being a school computer coordinator, a Novel Engineer, computer consultant, and a grader for Educational Testing Services.

## CLOSED FUNDS

Georgie Richard	Ceramic Paver
Ana Davila	24 x 24 Granite Paver
Eleanor Fuller	16 x 16 Granite Paver

You may donate to a memorial fund by sending a check payable to *AOSHS Memorial Fund* to the address below, and note the honoree on the memo line.

AOSHS Memorial Program

P.O. Box 4312

Scottsdale, AZ 85261

E-mail: [memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)

You can view the completed pavers at [www.aoshs.com/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.com/kiosk), by going to the Interactive Kiosk, typing the letter of the last name of the honoree, and selecting the honoree from the list.

## 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.

**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 to request a Memorial Fund Form, or go to [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk), click on Memorial Program and print the form.

**Donate** – You may donate to a fund already established by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial fund at the address below, and note the honoree on the memo line.

**AOSHS Memorial Program, P.O. Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**  
e-mail: [memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)

Following is a selection list of bricks and pavers offered in the program:

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Ceramic brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Med.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

### In Memoriam – 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. This paver is listed under the letter A.

To remember an alumna/alumnus using this method, send a check payable to:

**AOSHS Memorial Program**  
**P.O. Box 4312**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

Please list 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.



## Troop Realignments Result in 10 School Closures

By Les Burch

Because of changing military commitments around the world and the need to realign our forces to meet these needs, unneeded facilities in the U.S. and abroad are being closed or reduced in size. As a result, affected dependent schools will cease operations. As of this writing, the following DoDDS schools will close in June: Pusan ES/HS in Korea, A.T. Mahan ES and HS in Iceland, West Ruislip ES in England, Babenhause ES, Bad Nauheim ES, Gelnhausen ES, two Kitzingen schools, and Hanau's Sportfield ES, in Germany.

Closing a military facility always creates extra demands on the personnel who are there, and the closure of a school is no exception. With the exception of emergency conditions, decisions to close a facility are usually made well in advance so everyone involved has time to make the closure as painless as possible. In the cases of the two schools in Iceland, notification of closure was disclosed in mid-March, which put unexpected pressure on the schools' personnel in addition to normal end of year requirements.



When the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was established in 1949, Iceland was one of 12 member states to become a charter member. Although Iceland had no military force other than a small coast guard and police force, its strategic location in the North Atlantic made it very important to the U.S., Canada, and their European allies. Iceland allowed the U.S. to establish military facilities, including a naval base at Keflavik. When the navy authorized families to accompany their sponsors, DoDDS opened a dependent school that grew in enrollment that supported a high school and an elementary school.

Anyone who has had an assignment in Iceland knows that it is a unique place to work and live. It is a beautiful country, but it has terrible weather to the point of being dangerous in windy winter conditions, is geographically isolated, and restrictions imposed by the Icelandic Government are among the most severe of any countries where DoDDS schools are located. Because of its isolation, a long way from other DoDDS schools, activities such as high school athletics were modified to meet conditions that existed. Icelandic schools provided competition in a few sports. In a positive effort to enable students to interact with other DoDDS schools, arrangements were made to have teams from schools in the UK play round robin games on a weekend in Keflavik.

Frustrations included the many Icelandic imposed restrictions on personnel who lived off base. A limited amount of goods purchased on base, including commissary items, were allowed off base. Icelandic Customs officials enforced the restrictions by checking everyone leaving the base. School children in buses were among of the few exceptions. Single female and married teachers were allowed to live off base. Single males were not, because Icelandic law prohibited its females from fraternizing with foreigners. Despite its restrictions, many teachers enjoyed being in Iceland and stayed for several years.

RAF West Ruislip was the Headquarters of 3rd Air Force until 1971. The school was built by the British Government, using the plans for an internment facility in Northern Ireland. This "H Block" plan became the prototype for other DoDDS schools built in England. At its peak enrollment of 600 students, additional classrooms had to be acquired by adapting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force band practice room into classrooms. Closets in the school became counselor and nurse offices, not an unusual situation for other DoDDS schools. Most of the buildings on the base were warehouses for the Exchange Service. There was no housing at West Ruislip, so all students were bused to school. Of interest, with the exception of High Wycombe, military housing was located on RAF bases where there no schools. DoDDS personnel lived on the economy. Easy access to Central London always made West Ruislip Elementary School a desirable assignment. The school with its familiar "Steggy" mascot will be missed.



Bad Nauheim ES served both the Friedberg and Butzbach military communities since it was built in the 1950s. The school, built with German government funding, is a two story L-shaped building that shelters a terraced play area. Classrooms were built to accommodate large classes and each had an outside wall of large windows to make the rooms airy and light, even on the frequent overcast days of the school year. Like many schools, enrollment frequently exceeded expectations, so closets and the large hallways were modified to accommodate counselors, nurses, and special area personnel. Additional temporary classrooms were constructed adjacent to the main building.

Most of the students walked from the enlisted housing area composed of unattractive apartment buildings, which were across the street from the



## Museum Agreement (continued from page 1)

At present the museum is evaluating a personal collection of memorabilia regarding the late 1940's Nurnberg War Trials. This collection was donated to the Archive by Joan McCarter Adrian, President of the Nurnberg Early Days Alumni Association during a recent reunion they had in Wichita. Joan and other high school classmates were observers of the famous war trials, as was their high school Principal Herman Search.

Now due to the success of these high quality exhibits, and their popularity with the public, the two presidents of AOSHS and WTM have determined that it will be more efficient and mutually productive to have an official agreement regarding future AOSHS Archive items on loan to the museum. It is also hoped that the agreement will encourage all current and past DOD Dependents Schools personnel, alumni, and alumni associations to identify historical events they have witnessed or are aware of that are worthy of display or exhibit in the museum of World Treasures.

This cooperative association with a large world class, multiple purpose museum, one of the best in the nation, is now particularly meaningful to AOSHS. This permits AOSHS to expand its display of our archival items in quality venues.

## Troop Realignment (continued from page 11)



school. A BOQ, adjacent to the housing area, housed single officers and teachers. The complex contained a large commissary and a small exchange-complex. Ray Barracks in Friedberg, about 5 miles away, provided housing for officers and their families. Students from Ray Barracks were bused to school. Kindergarten children from nearby Butzbach also became Bad Nauheim "Lions" in years when enrollment at Butzbach was too high to accommodate them. In September, any students in the Friedberg/Bad Nauheim area will attend the Butzbach ES. Secondary students will continue to go to Giessen.

Bad Nauheim is a beautiful spa city with extensive gardens, attractive kur facilities, and many upscale shops in the city center. One of its most famous residents, during his period of military duty in the 1950s, was Elvis Presley, who lived in one of best hotels.

I appreciate getting stories from schools that have closed, or expected to be closed, so that they can be portrayed in future editions of the *Quarterly*. Many thanks to Bill Kilty, Scarlett Rehrig, and Dick Nell for information they provided for this article.

## ARCHIVE DONATION UPDATES

Ken Hoppe, a Johnson High School (Tokyo, Japan) alumnus now living in Las Vegas, has graciously donated CDs of JHS yearbooks dating from 1959 to 1973 that he has made from the original yearbooks. He also included a DVD of a movie filmed at Johnson Air Base, Japan, in 1968-69 entitled Excellence in Education: A New Look from the Orient. These items will be housed in the archives in Wichita. Ken can provide Johnson alumni with a copy of this CD for a nominal fee. If you attended Johnson High School between 1959-1973, visit the alumni website ([www.johnsonjapan.org](http://www.johnsonjapan.org)) for CD ordering information

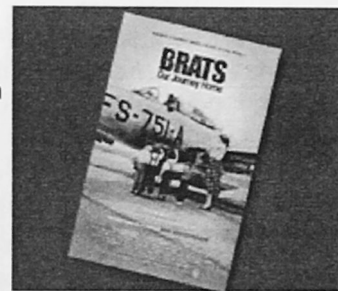
Bob McGurrian recently donated OFT records to the Archives. Included in the donation are Executive Committee Meeting minutes from 1978-1997, copies of the Overseas Teacher from 1976-2002, negotiation, litigation and arbitration files and minutes of OFT Conventions through 1999.



## BRATS: OUR JOURNEY HOME IS A "MUST-SEE" FOR BRATS AND TEACHERS

The first feature-length documentary about growing up military, *Brats: Our Journey Home* by director Donna Musil, was released on DVD in January 2006. It was previewed at film festivals, reunions and at the Families in Global Transition Conference in Houston in 2005. The following are a sampling of reviews.

I saw this beautiful film at the Newport Beach Film Festival....it is very, very well made and is a must for each and every American who ever lived under these circumstances... this is not an easy topic...the filmmakers have done an excellent job of laying out the major issues.... We should all support this film in the most aggressive way possible... Congratulations to the filmmakers...and see the film and visit the website. *John Hardy, London Central, 1966 (producer or executive producer of such films as Sex, Lies and Videotape, The Limey, Erin Brokovich, Ocean's 11, and Ocean's 12)*



What a colossal achievement. I am completely overwhelmed... I thought I had covered this waterfront both intellectually and emotionally, but how wrong I was... I was sobbing. *Sarah Bird, Author, The Yokota Officers Club*

Thank you, thank you for making "Brats: Our Journey Home." I can't begin to tell you how important it is to ALL of us brats. For years I tried to forget about growing up overseas, to put that chapter of my life behind me. Going to the Ankara reunion in Dallas recently was one of the most important things I've done in my life. A lot of things fell into place. I finally accept my past. And I finally found my family. Thank you, again. *Rebecca Jung, Brat*

This documentary celebrating the life of America's "third culture kids" is a story with universal dimensions. It is at once a comprehensive and uplifting montage of American children who became unwitting ambassadors of our culture as they accompanied their military parents around the world and matured into global citizens. Now their story is being told by the famous and the reflective ones who still feel the impact of those cherished years. Its producer/director, Donna Musil, has added a significant chapter to American history. As an educator in Japan and Germany for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools for several decades, I worked and learned with these military brats, a fascinating and unique breed. *Betty J. Nicholas, Retired DoD Teacher*

I received the DVD [and] watched it four times. Thank you! I don't feel like such an outsider now. There is this man at work. He is the janitor who lives in the wrong part of town, drives the beat up car, and doesn't dress all that great. I am the suburban mom who knows all the right people, drives a brand new truck, [etc.] We were all sitting in the staff lounge one day and someone asked me where I went to high school, "Osterholz American High School," I said. He reached over and touched my hand and said, "I went to Frankfurt American High School." In that moment, it was as though we had been friends all our lives! Thank you so much. *Theresa J. Martinez-Angello, Army Brat*

As I sit here and finish going over the rest of the web site, I am crying, so much falls into place reading all the comments and other things. You spend your whole life trying to fit in, and once you connect with that first group of your peers from your military past, it starts to all fit. Thanks for doing this for all "brats" everywhere. *Terri Scott, President, Mannheim American*

If you're a Brat..., this is a must-see production. *T.D. Jorgensen, Founder, Nürnberg Alumni Association, Inc.*

For more information on *Brats: Our Journey Home*, you can either access the website, <http://www.bratsourjourneyhome.com/> or write Brats Without Borders, PO Box 3096, Eatonton, Georgia 31024.

### Memorial Fund Policy

To establish a Memorial Fund, the initial paperwork including a 100 – 300 word biography and a starting donation is required. Money has sometimes been donated to open a fund, but no biography has ever followed;

therefore, the fund is not announced. If, after 6 months, a biography has not been submitted, the fund will be converted to an individual fund with an appropriate paver selected or, if the amount donated is less than \$100, the honoree's name will be included on the paver entitled "THOSE NO LONGER WITH US".

## Japan Schools Lists - List 2

By Les Burch

This is the second half of the lists of schools from Japan. I ask that readers contact me with information on any additions or corrections that are necessary. Thanks to deceased colleague, Dick Osner, the list of schools in Japan has been fairly easy to compile. Dick spent most of his long career in Japan and kept a list of the schools, noting when they opened and closed, as well as naming the principals and the years they were at each school. This valuable work was included in the vast collection that he presented to the archives a couple years ago.

Please note that schools preceded by a + are presently open. I don't have opening or closing dates on a few schools. I would appreciate hearing from any readers who can help me with these dates.

### JAPAN (List 1 in Spring Edition)

King, Ernest J. HS, Sasebo (formerly King, Ernest J. ES/HS)	1948-	Shiroi ES	1957-1959
Kinnick, Niles C. ES, Yokohama (formerly Nasugbo Beach ES)	1947-1967	+Sollars ES, Misawa (formerly Misawa ES)	1948-
*Kinnick, Niles C. MS, Yokohama	1967-1980	Tachikawa Annex School	1959-1966
*Kinnick, Niles C. HS, Yokohama (formerly Yokohama HS)	1947-1971	Tachikawa ES	1947-1977
+*Kinnick, Niles C. HS, Yokosuka	1971-	Tachikawa MS	1961-1973
Kisarazu ES	1955-1958	Tagajo ES, nr. Sendai	1947-1957
Kokura ES	1950-1955	+The Sullivans ES, Yokosuka	1947-
Kyoto American School	1950-1957	Wakkanai American School	1963-1972
+Lanham, Shirley ES, Atsugi	1969-	Yamato HS	1959-1973
Meguro HS, Tokyo	1946-1952	+Yokosuka MS	
Misawa HS Dormitory		+Yokota East ES	1973-
Nagoya ES	1947-1958	+Yokota West ES (formerly Yokota ES)	1946-
Nagoya HS	1947-1958	Yokota MS	1970-1974
Nara ES	1950-1951	+Yokota HS	1973-
Naramasu ES, Tokyo	1947-1973	Yoyogi Dependent School, Tokyo	1947-1963
Narimasu MS, Tokyo	1971-1972	Zama ES	
Naramasu HS, Tokyo	1948-1971	Zama MS	1968-1990
Osaka American School	1950-1951	+Zama HS	1958-
Otsu ES			
Perry, Matthew C. Dependent S	1952-1987		
+Perry, Matthew C. ES, Iwakuni	1987-		
+Perry, Matthew C. HS, Iwakuni	1987-		
Pershing Heights ES, Tokyo	1949-1952		
Rokko ES, Kobe	1950-1951		
+Sasebo ES (formerly part of King ES/HS)			
Sendai American School	1947-1957		

\*Kinnick HS relocated from Yokohama to Yokosuka in 1971.

\*Kinnick MS closed in 1980 and became part of Kinnick HS, Yokosuka.



## *The American Overseas Schools Alumni Registration Form*

For all alumni, American and foreign, who attended DoDDS, DDESS and Dos Schools at any grade level.

**Name:** First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship (incl. both if dual): \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** M \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ City and Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**After graduation from high school, I:** Entered the work force \_\_\_\_\_, Entered the military \_\_\_\_\_, Attended Trade/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_,

Attended a 2-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_), Attended a 4-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_),

Attended a Military Academy: Army \_\_\_\_\_, Navy \_\_\_\_\_, Air Force \_\_\_\_\_, Coast Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_)

**Highest Degree Attained:** HS Diploma \_\_\_\_\_, AA \_\_\_\_\_, Bachelors Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_, Masters Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_,

Doctorate (list type) \_\_\_\_\_

Listings may be continued on the back, as well as sibling information.

I understand that the information I provide will be available for research in the AOS Archives.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: AOSHS Registration

P.O. Box 1500

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Year or Years Attended	Grade Levels (e.g. K, 3-6, etc.)	Name of School(s)	Military Base or City	Country

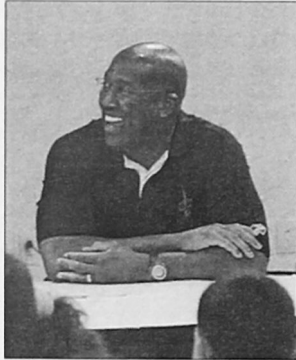
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## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS COACH?

By Cyndi Johnson

Anyone who was a fan of DoDDS Germany basketball in the 1980s may recognize a familiar face in the NBA playoffs this year. Mike Brown, head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, was a 1988 Wuerzburg High School graduate. He and his Wolves teammates provided some momentous basketball action during his years at WHS, winning two European Championships and one runners-up. He also was a stand-out player on the WHS football team.



Mike's mom, Jean Brown, taught at Wuerzburg Elementary School and later in Ramstein. Two of his siblings, Tony and Mika, played major roles in the athletic programs at WHS. Mika also played basketball for Ramstein High School.

After graduation in '88, Mike attended Mesa Junior College in Arizona. His basketball abilities and leadership on the court were noticed at Mesa which led him to the University of San Diego. He finished his business degree and played basketball for USD for two years.

Mike has been associated with the NBA for 14 years. His first job was with the Denver Nuggets as a scout and video coordinator for five years. This led to an assistant coaching job with the Washington Wizards for two years. Mike spent three years as the assistant coach of the San Antonio Spurs under Gregg Popovich. While at San Antonio, the Spurs won the NBA Championship in 2003.



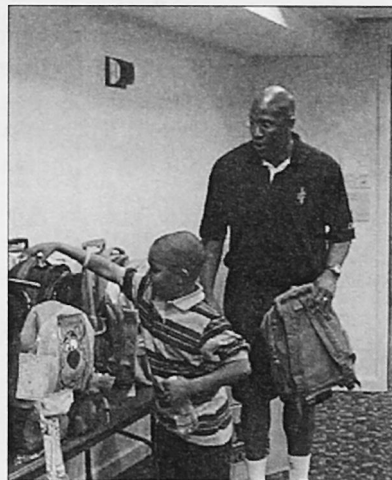
Mike was named the associate coach of the Indiana Pacers under Rick Carlisle, a position he held for two years. While at Indiana, he was named the head coach at Cleveland. At age 35, he is the second youngest coach in NBA history.

Mike comes to this position in Cleveland with many skills. He is known for his strong defensive coaching abilities. He is also called a great communicator. Gregg Popovich commented on his selection as the Cavalier's coach, "He possesses both intelligence and energy, along with a great breadth of knowledge. His ability to communicate with players is a major strength and he will make their organization proud."

Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal stated, "He was a key part of the heart and soul of our (Pacers) team. Mike was the defensive specialist for us and that's something we will hang our hat on as a team. He was a big part of our offensive development . . . He's a great person, a great communicator, and a great coach."

Mike and his wife, Carolyn, have two sons, Elijah and Cameron.

So when you are rooting for your favorite basketball teams, don't forget a cheer for Wuerzburg High School graduate Mike Brown and his Cleveland Cavaliers!



Mike assists a Cavaliers fan during their "Shoes and Clothes for Kids" program.

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### The President's Message

This has summarized the pains and joys that we are going through. The bottom line is that our present Board will be continuing the work as stated in our mission goals for the near future. We will, however, be thinking and moving in another direction for placement of Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers, our Museum concept of not having our own museum, but sharing our wealth of AOSHS with other world class museums, and also offering traveling exhibits. Our Advisory Chairperson will be working with us to find and locate these venues and raise funds so that we can have a paid staff. We are already having more visibility with alumni groups and will continue to work with these groups.

I will be talking at our annual meeting at the DoDDS reunion in Pittsburgh. One very important comment I must make to you is that you have our pledge that we honor and respect all who have so generously given us your collections, artifacts, and donations; that we will preserve our heritage and have it available for future generations to see and use for research. This is very important, especially with 8 DoDDS schools closing their doors at the end of this school year.

In closing it will be a concern of the membership to ask the question "Does Tom Drysdale, our founder of AOSHS go along with this move"?

Tom, along with Ann, our past president, has been involved with the Bradford Report and its findings. This present Board has been given the task to articulate and to move in the direction of what is best for our organization and its future.

Cheers,

Scarlett

*The future depends on what we do in the present.*

-Mahatma Gandhi.

### Notes of Interest

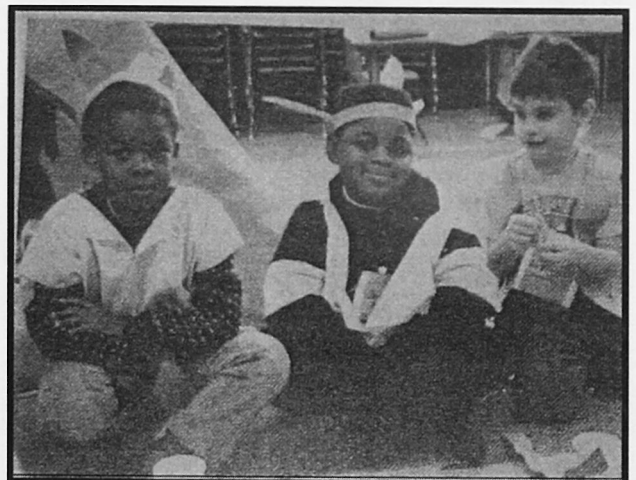
**AOSHS Secretarial Position:** Dode Thorson will be completing her term as secretary of AOSHS. Patricia Hein, a 1976 Stuttgart HS graduate, has volunteered to be the new secretary. The approval of the secretarial position will be made at the July annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

**Database volunteer:** Many thanks to Kay Hosie who volunteered to coordinate the database of DoDDS teachers who are deceased.

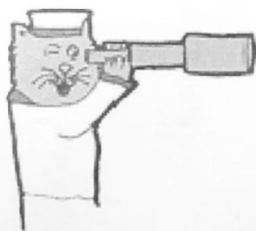
#### In the News:

On 4 May, **Dr. Aaron Wickman** appeared on NBC's Today show, in which he commented about his conclusions in study regarding whether the oldest sibling is more intelligent than younger members of the family. Aaron is a graduate of K-town HS and is presently a faculty member of Ohio State University. Aaron's parents, Leroy and Mary Frances taught in Japan and Germany before retiring to Fort Collins, CO.

**Scott Kleeb**, a graduate of Vicenza HS, is running as a Democrat for the 3rd Congressional District in Nebraska. His parents, Al and JoAnn, retired from DoDDS and are living in Westminster, CO. One of Scott's campaign helpers is Tom Cavanaugh, who was one of Scott's teachers in Vicenza. Tom retired after 37 years as a principal and teacher in Belgium, England, Germany, France, and Italy. He presently lives in Oxford, England.



*Do you recognize these students? They are celebrating Thanksgiving at Argonner Elementary School, Germany.*



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE NEXT QUARTERLY

The Pittsburgh reunion will be featured with lots of news and photos. If you are at Pittsburgh, we may feature you! The newsletter will also present a history of DoDDS reunions, past to present.

The *Quarterly* will continue to feature stories that highlight the accomplishments of a DoDDS graduate. If you know of a graduate to feature, contact the newsletter editor whose email is listed on page two.

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### AOSHS Policy

*The Directors realize that to obtain all AOSHS objectives: 1) the strong support of the membership is absolutely essential and must be recognized; 2) that although the Society greatly appreciates and recognizes all donations and gifts, it will neither recommend nor encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company; and 3) the Society will not discriminate on the basis of lifestyle, race, sex, religion, or political affiliation.*



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