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MEMBERSHIP ELECTS FOUR TO THE BOARD *by Les Burch*

At its annual general meeting this year in Louisville, AOSHS members elected four candidates to replace outgoing Board members.

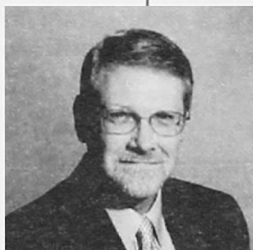
AOSHS by-laws allow Board members to serve 2 three-year terms. President Scarlett Rehrig and Treasurer Chuck Willis officially end six years of valuable service when the new Board meets in early October. Margaret Palmer resigned her position in February having served over five years, and Jeff Martin chose not to run for a second term.

All four new members: Tina Calo, Donovan Walling, Rita Wells, and Gary Westhusin were elected unanimously.

Tina Calo has been a loyal AOSHS volunteer for many years, always volunteering to help where needed. Her most demanding roles have been as Membership Chairperson and maintaining the ever increasing deceased list. Tina began her career with DoDDS in 1967, when she accepted an assignment to teach grade 2 in Okinawa. In 1970, she was instrumental in initiating an elementary guidance program on the island. She then transferred to Berlin and after one year was involved in a teacher exchange program with the D.C. School system. Returning to DoDDS, she taught at Hahn AB for 7 years. She then took a year off to earn a Certificate in Special Education at Sacramento State University. Her next DoDDS assignment was at Rhine/Main AB. Prior to her retirement in 1995, Tina taught for DDESS at Myrtle Beach AB in South Carolina. She presently enjoys her home in Myrtle Beach.



Donovan Walling has been both a DoDDS Brat and Educator. He attended Butzbach ES, Gelnhausen ES, and Nürnberg HS in grades 5 to 11. He went to



Kansas State Teacher's College, where he earned a BS in Education, and the University of Wisconsin where he earned his MS degree. He did post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and Stanford.

Donovan began his teaching career in Sheboygan, WI, as a teacher of English. His DoDDS experience was as a teacher of English at Zweibrücken HS. Donovan presently lives in Bloomington, IN, where he is Managing Director of Publication Services for the Center for Civic Education, based in Calabasas, CA. He is a prolific writer, having written several books about curriculum, writing, staff development, and controversial issues in education. He frequently writes articles that appear in professional journals, including *Educational Leadership*, *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Art Education*, and *The Clearing House*. He is a member of several academic associations and is presently listed in *Who's Who in American Education*.

Rita Wells was born in Bay City, Michigan. She attended St. Stanislaus Elementary and High School and earned her BA degree in Liberal Arts from Madonna College in Livonia, MI. She then taught math for four years at the secondary level, and earned an MA from the University of Detroit. Rita began her DoDDS career at Johnson Air Base in Japan as a junior high math teacher. After one year, she returned to Michigan where she taught high school math for four years and was active in the local education association, serving as secretary and treasurer. In 1970, she returned to DoDDS, and taught 5 years at Hahn Air Base, Germany, and 7 years in England at Woodbridge/Bentwaters. She then attended Boston



University on a year's sabbatical where she earned a certificate in administration and supervision. After BU, she was assigned as assistant principal in Izmir, Turkey. Prior to retirement in 1992, Rita spent six years as Math Coordinator for the Mediterranean Region. She presently resides in Phoenix, AZ.

Gary Westhusin grew up on a farm in Plainville, KS. He was educated in the Plainville schools before attending the University of Kansas where he earned a BS in Education. He taught secondary school in Topeka and in the School of Education at Kansas State before applying to teach overseas. His first assignment was at Kubasaki HS for 2 years as a teacher of Social Studies. He then transferred to Frankfurt HS where he taught



4 years before moving to Ansbach HS in 1973. After 21 years at Ansbach HS, Gary retired to Plainville in 1994 to care for his aging mother. He presently works on an on-call basis for a local funeral home and more-or-less full time tending to his garden. This will change in his new role as a Board member. Gary is a life member of AOSHS and has attended every DoDDS reunion since 1996.

2008 Reunion Information – AOSHS Website and Overseas Brats

Site & Event	Date & Place	Contact
Bushy Park Reunion	October 5-7, 2008. Nashville TN	Robert Lyle, 108 Hop Brook Road, Simsbury CT 06070 rybvlyle@cs.com
Livorno HS Classes of 1955-1956	October 8 -12, 2008. Alexandria VA	Lahs.dcreunion.2008@gmail.com
Chofu Reunion 2008	October 9-12, 2008. Las Vegas NV	www.chofu.org
Bushy Park Central HS – Class of 1958 50th Reunion	October 10-12, 2008. Dallas/Fort Worth TX	Ren Briggs, 1671 Monte Vista Drive, Bullhead City AZ 86442, Phone: 928-758-2963
Heidelberg HS Classes of 1974-1982	October 10-13, 2008. Raleigh NC	c.hilker@comcast.net
Overseas Brats National Convention, All former students, alumni, faculty, "DC Metro Gathering,"	October 29- November 2, 2008. Hyatt Dulles, Herndon VA	Overseas Brats Box 47112 Wichita KS 67201 316-269-9610, joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.overseasbrats.com
Heidelberg HS Classes of 1947-1963	October 30- November 2, 2008 Herndon VA	joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net
Forrest Sherman HS Classes of 1970's	October 30 – November 2, 2008 Herndon VA	joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net
Johnson High School Reunion All classes	April 23-26, 2009 Memphis TN	MCKaylor@yahoo.com

A NEW LOOK FOR THE QUARTERLY by Bob Van Epps



Heeding Scarlett's call for an editor, I threw my hat in the ring...and here goes. Sharyn and I have had a great career with DoDEA, with postings in Bamberg, Wiesbaden, and Garmisch, Germany; Madrid, Spain;

Livorno, Italy; and DoDEA HQ. She continues to work at HQ; I am now retired, wanted to "give a little something back," and had a little time on my hands. What a perfect solution (☺).

My many thanks to Cyndi Johnson, our past Quarterly editor, who was tireless in providing me with samples of past editions, helpful answers to so

many questions, and several valuable tips: all of which have made the transition thankfully smooth. We wish her well, with our appreciation for her important service to AOSHS!

I'm sure you'll be noticing several changes. Cyndi had produced the Quarterly in MS Publisher; I'm using MS Word. We have revised the format to maintain readability while improving use of space; we've been able to reduce the number of pages from 16 to 12. This results in considerable cost savings both in per page reproduction costs and the fewer sheets permit an additional fold, which will be saving AOSHS over 50% on postage costs.

We will continue to strive to provide you with good information in a clear, readable format, knowing that so many of you rely closely on this publication. We hope you like it and are sure you'll let us know your impressions.

**DODDS REUNION XX – JULY 10-13, 2008
MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN, LOUISVILLE, KY**

TWENTIETH YEAR: "BEST EVER!"

This year was different from past years. A group "Brats" volunteered to chair the event and put their own spin on a favorite event for the retired teachers.

Co-chairmen Joy Bryant, Sunny Schwentner, and Patricia Hein wanted to honor their teachers and others as a way to give back to those who gave so much to them. They recruited friends Chris Kyrios, Robbie Comeaux, and Joe Condrill (founder of Overseas Brats) to help out.

Louisville offered many great places to visit; the Marriott was a great central location and within walking distance of shopping, museums, restaurants, and bars. A trolley ride throughout the central downtown afforded glimpses of the vibrant, historic city.

The reunion started off with a "Breakfast Tour of Churchill Downs and Derby Museum" for three busloads of those who booked early. Registration started at 9 am and continued throughout the weekend. Thursday evening cocktails and appetizers were offered, accompanied by the DJ music of Bill Schwentner. Friday morning gave free time followed by afternoon hosted mini-reunions: Ansbach, Augsburg, Baumholder, Bentwaters/Woodbridge, Bitburg, Spangdahlem, Hahn, Trier, Pruem, Bonn, England, Ethiopia, Spain, Hanau, Hof, Karlsruhe, Berlin, Kaiserslautern, Ramstein, Landstuhl, Sembach, Kitzigen, Würzburg, Kubasaki, Kadena, Nürnberg, SHAPE, Stuttgart, Zama, Zweibrücken, and the Philippines.

Saturday night, we were honored to have a local Boy Scout troop post a color guard as the opening for our banquet. The National Anthem was sung followed by the traditional memorial honoring the 90 teachers and friends who are no longer with us.

The highlight of the weekend was our guest speaker, Major General Thomas Bostick, from Fort Knox. MG Bostick developed his career in through

increasing responsibilities in several world-wide locations; some highlights:

- Locations: US Army Europe, West Point, Pentagon, Fort Riley, Kansas, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Fort Hood, Iraq.
- Responsibilities: Executive officer, Commander, Deputy Director Of Operations, Professor, and White House Fellow
- Master's Degree in both Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from Stanford, and is a graduate of the US Army War College.



Saturday night ended with the "brats," the MG, and some lively teachers leading a round of dancing: "The Electric Slide," the "Macarena," and "YMCA"!

Sunday morning, after a feast of eggs, sausage, custom omelettes, fruit, sweet breads, juice, and coffee, teachers and brats alike pronounced the XX Reunion:

"THE
BEST
EVER!"

LAS VEGAS IS SITE FOR DODDS XXI REUNION

The DoDDS XXI Reunion has been scheduled!

July 12-16, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Registration fees are:

July 14 - Nov 30	-----\$130.00
Dec 1 - Jan 31	----- \$ 140.00
Feb 1 - Mar 31	----- \$ 150.00
Apr 1 - May 31	-----\$160.00
At the door	-----\$160.00

Room reservations can be made now.

Imperial Palace
(866) 583-2608 option 3
Reunion code – SIDOD9
\$59.00 per night plus tax

Visit the DoDDs website at
<http://doddsworldreunion.com>



Message from The Board

by Jan Mohr

Welcome to a new year – in school year speak. AOSHS has four new board members and they are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work. This year the usual Message from the President will be replaced by messages from various board members.

Heartfelt thanks to Scarlett Rehrig, outgoing President, treasurer, Chuck Willis and members Jeff Martin and Margaret Palmer. They have all made tremendous contributions and spent many hours working for an organization they believe in.

By now you have noticed a new format for the Quarterly. This is the work of Bob Van Epps. Not only do we think the Quarterly is more inviting, but will save us money!

Speaking of money – you should be receiving the annual donation card in the mail. For those of us who are retired it may be a little hard for us to give. We accept any amount of money so don't be embarrassed by what you can contribute. These donations keep our office and archives running and help to pay the salaries for Nancy and Sara.

As most of you know I'm not only a retired DODDS Dolly, but also a Brat. Coming from such a point of view, I can't think of a better organization to support. The other day I received an e-mail asking if I knew the middle initial of a classmate from Johnson High School. I e-mailed the AOSHS office and asked Sara to check the 1962 year book and send me the information. We have a wealth of information stored at 704 W. Douglas Avenue, and those items in the archives are my links to the 8 years I spent overseas as a student. The archives as a whole represent the impressive history of the DODEA Schools and all the educators who have worked in the schools.

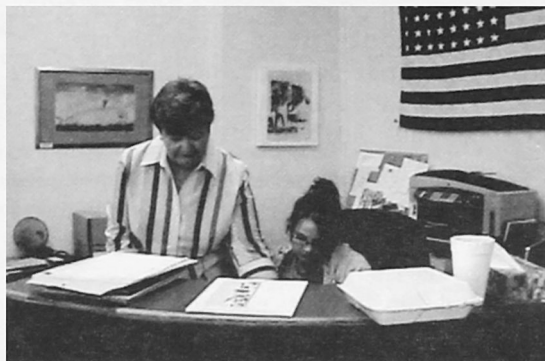
Every time we get together at a reunion we have a great time telling "war stories." Many of these stories are captured in the AOSHS Memories and are better than most published adventure tales and memoirs. Please consider adding your memories (censored of course) to our collection.

Which brings me back to the subject of supporting AOSHS with monetary donations and volunteering. This year we were extremely lucky to have people step up to run for the Board without beating the bushes for candidates. Hopefully these people will be able to donate their time for the next six years. It takes more than the Board to keep AOSHS running, and you will see others listed in our directories who have continued to work with us.

There are also many who aren't listed and help us when we call on them. Some of those members help us every summer by working at the AOSHS table without getting recognition, but that is the type of help that keeps us functioning. Keep AOSHS in mind when you get bored or want something different to do or when you open your wallet and find an extra \$10 in it.

In September we are trying something a little different to get our new Board members initiated in the workings of AOSHS, by holding a board retreat and training session in Myrtle Beach (No AOSHS funds are used for this.). Next year in Las Vegas, you will see a very enlightened and hard working group that had no lag time in getting down to business.

Please come visit your archives in Wichita and see what AOSHS is all about! Our office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. If you will be in Wichita at a time when the office is not open call 316-265-6837 and Sara or Nancy will do their best to accommodate you.



Jan Mohr and Sara Bowyer, Archives Assistant

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
on the check's memo line.]

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, to pass through our spam filters.]

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 ANNOUNCEMENT

Marion Branick

Marion, a resident of Sarasota, FL, taught English and social studies for 41 ½ years in DoDDS schools. Her adventurous spirit took her to Yokohama (1957-59); Verdun (1959-61); Camp Zama, Japan (1961-63); Paris (63-67); SHAPE, Belgium (67-83); Bermuda (83-94); and Panama (95-99); where she retired in January, 1999. She was an active and innovative sponsor of yearbook publications and the Model United Nations.

In Sarasota, she was a volunteer ESOL teacher for the Literacy Society of Sarasota County and was president for many years of her Condominium Association Board of Governors. She was an eager participant in a local discussion group and loved theatre going.

A loyal friend to many, Marion was a gourmet cook who enjoyed entertaining, fine dining, telling a good story, and

keeping in touch with former DoDDS colleagues and students. Her influence on colleagues and students continues to have a lasting impact.

Beth Daly

.....June 11, 1926 - July 17, 2008

Beth was born and raised in Moberly, MO. She received a bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas, and a master's degree from St. Louis University in Saint Louis, MO.

After teaching in Missouri schools, she began her overseas career in 1966 in Bermuda. She went on to teach English and reading in the Azores and in Germany at schools in Kaiserslautern, Gelnhausen, Hanau, and Schweinfurt. She retired to Vero Beach, FL in 1998.

Beth loved to travel and was game for going anywhere. Her quiet, self-effacing demeanor belied her sense of adventure. She taught in the Missouri state penal system,

held a unique position as a hostess on the historic Gulf, Mobil, and Ohio Railroad, and loved fast driving in anything on wheels. The only car that might have held her back was her pokey Skoda, a Communist Czech vehicle that was probably the only one of its kind registered with the American military in Europe during the Cold War.

She was extremely devout, known for her ability to ferret out a Catholic Mass in the most remote and un-Christian countries. Her friends and family will miss her unending enthusiasm for seeing the world, her rollicking sense of fun, and her readiness anytime to share good times over a Scotch!

Barbara Roberts

.....? - May 2008

Barbara Roberts passed away at her home in Clinton, Maryland, after a long battle with cancer. She had been retired from DoDDS for two years after thirty-eight years of government service. She taught in Washington, D.C.; Germany; Woodbridge, England; Soesterberg, Netherlands; and Feltwell, England. Her smiling face and infectious laughter will be greatly missed.

Chuck Humberson

..... 1924 - 2008

Chuck Humberson taught secondary social studies from 1956 through 1988 in the DoDDS system. His overseas career began in Narimasu High School in Tokyo and moved to Karlsruhe and Kaiserslautern, Germany, with a side trip to Rota, Spain.

Chuck was born in Casper Wyoming, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, and married his lifelong sweetheart, Ronnie Mayer, in Vancouver, B.C., in 1945. His first job out of the Navy was as a radio broadcaster at KVOC in Casper, where he was known as "Highpockets Humberson." But following a BA from the University of Washington, he was drawn to the classroom and never looked back. He later completed a Masters at the University of British Columbia and post-graduate work at Oxford.

Like most career overseas teachers, he and Ronnie loved to travel and visited over thirty countries over the years. They especially loved exploring restaurants throughout the Alsace, Lorraine, and Champagne regions of France.

Chuck's encyclopedic knowledge of history, government, and the American West provided the basis for great conversations--both inside and out of the classroom. And as an ardent Democrat, he especially enjoyed lively political discussions.

A longtime member of the Overseas Federation of Teachers and the Overseas Education Association, Chuck believed in the importance of teacher organizations and their positive influence on students and education. His impact on two generations of overseas students continues.

Janet Hinch

..... March 3, 1937 - January 24, 2008

Jan was an excellent, creative and caring teacher and an amazing world citizen. Her thoughts were always upon what

she might do for others. She had a 32 year career with DoDDS, entering the program in 1961 at Schulthorpe Elementary in England where she taught 1st grade. From there her assignments took her to Germany, Japan, the Philippines, and Korea. She ended her career at Amelia Earhart in Okinawa teaching 4th grade. She was married to Clarence Hinch, also a DoDDS teacher, counselor, and educator. Their two daughters, Kimberly and Katrina, received their education in DoDDS schools.

Ann Daley

..... January 30, 1942 - April 12, 2008

Ann was born and raised in Kalispell, Montana, where she taught in Lakeside before joining DoDDS in the early 1980's. Her overseas locations included Javer, Netherlands; Newfoundland; Misawa, Japan; Wildflecken and Wurzburg, Germany; Seoul, Korea; and the three elementary schools in Aviano, Italy. She was a LARS/Reading Recovery teacher when she retired in October, 2007, due to ill health. Ann's hobbies included traveling, quilting, and playing cards. She will be especially remembered for her positive attitude, her quirky sense of humor, and the compassion she showed toward her friends.

Rolland "PZ" Piazzoni

..... 1939 - 2008

Rolland "PZ" Piazzoni was born in San Diego, California, and earned his BA from San Diego State University and an MA from Michigan State University. His 35 year DoDDS career began in 1965 in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He also taught at Chofu High School in Japan, Nuremberg HS in Germany, and Woodbridge HS in England. During his last 10 years with DoDDS, he was a computer coordinator for various schools in England. He was passionate about education and introduced many new courses into the curriculum of the schools where he taught. Among these were World of Manufacturing, World of Construction, electronics, graphic arts, and photography.

In 2000, he retired to Colorado Springs where he was active in the local DoDDS organization and maintained a database of former DoDDS teachers living in Colorado. He was treasurer of the Silicon Mountain Macintosh User Group and, in his spare time, he helped his wife clear pine needles from their hillside acreage.

PZ will be remembered for his zest of life, constant curiosity, multitude of stories, extraverted personality, many good deeds, and his love for and pride in his family.

Fernando "Fred" Pola

..... September 21, 1925 - December 31, 2007

A native Cape Codder, Fred was born and raised in Sandwich, MA. He graduated from Henry T. Wing High School and served in the Armed Forces during World War II. He attended Dartmouth College and received his Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from Tufts University.

In 1954, Fred and his family moved to Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya, and began a long career with DoDDS as a teacher, principal, and acting superintendent. This career took him to Evreux, France; Verona, Italy; Wiesbaden and

Hahn, Germany; and a final posting at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While abroad, he also taught history at several different universities.

In 1983, Fred, his wife of 59 years, Louise, and their 4 children retired to their home in Sandwich where he continued his favorite pastimes as an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener, and historian. He was noted for his 'clambakes,' where he entertained family and friends with lobster right off the boat.

Working with Fred was fun, enlightening and challenging. There was never a dull moment. He will be missed by family and friends and remembered as one who "marched to his own drumbeat."

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Evelyn I. Firch

..... September 11, 1925 - December 26, 2007

Evelyn was born in Osco, Illinois, and received her BA from Western Illinois University. She later received her MA from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She also received an Advanced Degree from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

Evelyn taught in DoDDS schools all over the world. She entered the program in 1954 when she was assigned to Hamadera ES, Japan, where she later taught at Grant Heights and Misawa. Other postings were in Orleans, France; Vicenza, Italy; Heidelberg and Pirmasens, Germany; Peshawar, Pakistan; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and finally her favorite, Iraklion, Crete where she stayed until her retirement in 1984. Evelyn's favorites were the intermediate grades. She was active in all school functions and extracurricular activities.

She was devoted to her family in Alpha, Illinois, and would assist her sister at the family local diner during summer vacations. Among her hobbies were travel, corresponding with her former students, teaching Sunday school and avidly solving crossword puzzles.

James Lee Handorf

..... June 17, 1933 - January 1, 2008

James was born and raised in Iowa and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1954. He served in the US Army from 1954 - 1956 in Japan and taught in Iowa at Marshalltown High School from 1956 to 1962. In 1962 his teaching career with DoDDS took him back to Japan where he taught business education at Johnson HS. It was there that he met and married his wife Nancie. In 1964 they moved to Germany where he taught for 2 more years at Kaiserslautern HS.

Upon his return to the states, he taught at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. He earned his PhD from the University of Northern Colorado and taught in the UNI College of Business until his retirement in 1990.

He was active in many professional organizations at local, state, and national levels and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and leadership in the field of Business Education. During retirement, Jim was an active volunteer with his church and various community groups. He twice received the Mayors' Volunteer Performance Award and received the Alumni Service Award from UNI in 1999.

James passed away in January of 2008 after a 22 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nancie, and his children Mellisa, Eric, and Stephen.

The Way We Were: Memories from 1945-1959

The first group of teachers to head to Germany sailed on the ship, "George Washington," the first week of October, 1946. The following is an account of the arrival:

We arrived at Bremerhaven and took the train down to Frankfurt. Our first meeting was aboard Hitler's yacht on the Rhine River trip. The 65% damaged Frankfurt was unbelievable. My assignment was at Frankfurt Headquarters Command in the military compound. After assignments and some nights at the hotel, I was taken by a German driving a jeep to my apartment building that was half bombed away. The old school building across the street was where I taught 4th grade.

Early in a meeting, our Colonel Superintendent asked that we remember the status in service for the fathers of our students. One brave teacher spoke for us saying American teachers could not consider rank and it would be wrong to do so. We didn't hear of this again.

The Estonian refugee lady who came to class daily to give a German lesson found the students could get the language quite quickly.

All Germans wanted to speak English. That first year it was easier to meet German people if you had letters of introduction.

Our food, furnished by America and well cooked by the Germans, was good. It was the coldest winter for 50 years but we found field coats which kept us warm while teaching. All our children's parents invited us for dinner. On one such occasion, a mother told me that her son said it was hard to understand the German children next door, but "they laugh just like we do"!

Thanks to Faye Abrell for her memories of teaching abroad.

From Frank O'Gara, Communications Chief, DoDEA America's military forces have changed in many ways in the last few decades. From waging the Global War on Terror to Force Restructuring, changes in our military mean changes for our military families. Units deploy and redeploy. Bases and installations close and grow. One thing that remains constant is the Department of Defense's commitment to quality education for military children, wherever they are in the world. To keep that commitment, the Department of Defense Education Activity is continually evaluating programs, assessing learning environments, and offering new education avenues. Find out what's new in DoDEA at: www.dodea.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program

As of January 1, 2008 the Individual Lifetime Membership Program has increased their fees. The AOSHS Board has recommended these changes as well as to discontinue the Life Membership Program in August, 2009. So it is important to ride the wave now and join the life members already aboard.

The chart below shows the increased rates starting January 1, 2008:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>PAST FEE</u>	<u>PRESENT FEES</u>
21-30	\$735	\$770
31-40	615	645
41-50	520	570
51-55	435	490
56-60	360	425
61-65	295	320
66-70	250	275
71-75	210	230
76-80	170	180
81+	130	140

AOSHS welcomes new members to join using this form.

Please feel free to pass it along to friends and colleagues.

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc.

Nonprofit Membership Program

PO Box 1500 Wichita KS 67201-1500

PLEASE NOTE: This address is for **tax-exempt MEMBERSHIP DUES, ILMP, AND DONATIONS ONLY.**

Printed full name: _____

New Member ☐ -or- Renewal ☐

Address: _____

(Street or Box No.	City (APO/FPO)	State	ZIP
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Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a Former ☐ -or- Current ☐: Educator ☐ -or- Student ☐ -or- Other:

[illegible]

Name: _____ 3-digit code: _____ (from signature strip on back of card)
(as it appears on your Credit Card)

Individual Life Membership (*See above*) -or- \$25 for annual dues and 4 issues of the newsletter \$

Donation for the AOSHS Endowment/Building Fund.	\$
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Donation for the Drysdale Archive Endowment Fund.	\$
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Donation for the AOSHS Operating Fund.	\$
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Signature _____ Date _____

Total: \$_____

Thank you!

I have included AOSHS in my estate planning ☐

Referred for membership by (if applicable): _____

*For all current and past educators and support personnel,
American and foreign, of DoDDS, DDESS, and DoS*

THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVE ALUMNI REGISTRATION FORM

For all alumni, American and foreign, of overseas American schools at any grade level.

Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____ Maiden name _____

Sex: M ☐ F ☐ Date of Birth: M _____ D _____ Y _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Citizenship (include both if dual): _____

(This address may be shared with other

City and Country of Birth: _____

AOSHS members: Yes ☐ No ☐

After graduation from high school, I:
Entered the work force ☐ or military ☐

Graduated: Yes ☐ No ☐

Attended a:

Highest Diploma/Degree Attained:

Trade/Technical School ☐

HS Diploma ☐

College: 2-yr ☐ 4-yr ☐

AA ☐

Army ☐

Degree

List Type

Military

Navy ☐

Bachelors ☐

Academy

Air Force ☐

Masters ☐

Coast Guard ☐

Doctorate ☐

Department of Defense Overseas Schools and Private Overseas Schools Attended

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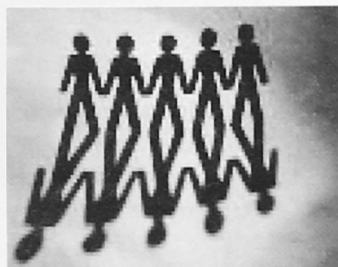
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