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MEMORIES OF THE MILITARY MOVIE SHOW

By...Kim Medders ("Brat")

I have many wonderful memories of my life overseas, but one of my favorites is of the time I spent at the Minute Man Theater in Karlsruhe, Germany. Why the base theater? Well, through the early part of the 1970's there wasn't any English language television you could watch. German T.V. only broadcast in the evening, and unless you understood German, it was difficult to watch. I do remember watching Bonanza and laughing at how different the character's voices were dubbed into German.

In many respects, life for a "brat" overseas was like stepping back to an "Andy Hardy" or "Ozzie and Harriet" time. You lived in colonies on posts that were little American islands in the middle of the culture of Europe. The conservative mindset of most military personnel set up a lifestyle that was akin to that of the 1940's and 50's. The movie experience was no exception and resembled something from experiences my parents described from their childhoods. First off, it was cheap entertainment. In 1960, it cost 15 cents for kids and a quarter for adults. Popcorn and candy were a dime and a nickel each. The playbill changed just about every evening, so if you wanted or could afford to do so, you could see a new movie every night. Also, the Minute Man was within walking distance of just about everyone's apartment. If you missed a movie at one theater, you could probably catch up with it at one of the other base theaters as they made the circuit through the area. Some people complained that the movies were always six months behind but I didn't mind.

The Saturday Matinee was great fun. First, you stood in line to buy your ticket with a bunch of excited little kids. Then into the lobby to wait in line to buy your popcorn or candy bar. The theaters in Europe did not allow drinks for some reason, perhaps because of clean up issues, but more likely to keep the G.I.'s from sneaking booze in. My favorite treat was popcorn, but I usually supplemented it with a Baby Ruth bar or a box of Good & Plenty.

With refreshments taken care of, you walked into the theater to find a seat. Most of the younger kids tended to sit in the first two or three rows. My favorite spot was front row center. Later when I was a teenager, I liked to sit in the back row, especially if I had a date. You sat, excited children running around, waiting with anticipation for the lights to dim. As soon as the lights went out we all stood with hands over our hearts, while a picture of an American flag was shown on the screen and the National Anthem was played.

The movie program for kids always started with a Republic serial. These were cliffhangers made in the 1940's. They tended to be very violent with fist and gun fights. The good guy or gal would always get into some life threatening fix at the end of each episode where there didn't seem to be any way they could get out. My favorite serials were Rocket Man, Zombies from the Stratosphere, and The Purple Monster Strikes.

All too soon the show would be over and we would trudge back home to our apartments.

On my 16th birthday in 1970, I begged my folks to let me go see an "M" rated movie at the Minute Man. It took a lot of convincing, because there might be naked women in it. Finally they consented and even went with me. The movie was M.A.S.H. Seeing that film in a military theater was a hoot. The G.I.'s were rolling on the floor laughing at all the Army jokes in that movie.

When I think of those golden days at the show, it always warms my heart. It was one of the things that helped me and other military dependents or "brats" stay grounded in our American identities. The memories of our lives on those little bases in foreign lands, popcorn, the Star Spangled Banner, and Roy Rogers, helped shape us into what we are today. With the downsizing and drawbacks of troops all over Europe, the last remnants of our childhoods are fading away with each base closure. Soon, all that will be left will be we, the children of those who protected the world from tyranny, to sing these stories around the campfires. Hopefully they won't be forgotten. ✍



Message from The Board

**Meet your New Board Members
by...Allen Dale Olson**

Lani Allanson-Donoho taught 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades and Special Ed Pre-School in DoDDS from 1968-1977 at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and in Bamberg, Goepingen, and Heidelberg in [then] West Germany.

She returned to Elgin, IL and continued to teach Special Education for School District U-46 as a Diagnostic Itinerant and Inclusion Facilitator.

Lani retired from teaching in 2004.

She is currently the Special Ed Consultant for the U-46 SAFE Before & After School Day Care Program and an Adjunct Professor in the Special Education Department at Judson University, where she's teaching future teachers!



Lani feels privileged to be a contributing member of YOUR AOSHS Board! ✍

John Williams received his B.A. and M. Ed from San Diego State University, and served as an elementary school teacher and administrator in southern California in the Cajon, CA, Valley Union School District for ten years before joining DODDS in 1970. Looking for a bit of excitement, John "answered the call" from DODDS in August of 1970. He thought that a couple years overseas would be an enriching experience for his family – his wife Barbara

and their two young children. Friends and relatives thought that he was a bit crazy for leaving a newly-constructed house set among an acre of avocado trees, but John was determined to bring an "element of adventure" into his family's life. After all, he reasoned, there were many years ahead for the "settling down" process.

John got his adventure – his assignment as a fifth grade teacher in Ethiopia proved to be full of exotic surprises and interesting events.



He enjoyed his professional interaction with colleagues, students, and parents in the school complex at Kagnew Station, a communication base in Asmara, a city of 200,000 people.

In 1970-1971, Emperor Haile Selassie visited Asmara American School as part of his annual tour of Kagnew Station, and later that school year, the Eritrean Liberation Front—forces organized to overthrow the Emperor—rose to power, intimidating Americans living in Ethiopia.

John transferred to Europe and taught sixth grade for two years in Bamberg. His administrative assignments included Madrid and Seville (Spain), and Nuernberg, Mainz, and Spangdahlem (Germany).

John retired from DODDS in 2008 after serving as Principal of Cummings Elementary School in Misawa, Japan. As a new member of the AOSHS board, he is looking forward to actively contributing to the organization in carrying out its mission. ✍

Meet your New Board Members continues...

Gayle Vaughn-Wiles was born and raised in Kansas City. She claims both Kansas City, KS, and Kansas City, MO. She received her BA from Kansas Wesleyan, an MA from Prairie View, an MS from Johns Hopkins, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. After college, she was an educator in Austin, TX, Kansas City, KS, and Baltimore, MD. Gayle joined the DoDDS family after working 10 years in the States. Her first assignment was Okinawa, Japan. While there, she worked at Naha Middle School, Eisenhower Elementary, and Zukeran Elementary. After working at the school level, she was selected as the Reading Coordinator for the Pacific Regional Office.



Gayle transferred to the North Germany Region, where she worked as Compensatory Education Coordinator. Later she worked as Special Projects Coordinator and EEO Officer before she returned to school level to work as an administrator at Frankfurt Elementary, Rhein Main Junior High, Wiesbaden High School, and Patrick Henry Elementary.

Gayle returned to the Pacific when she was selected as the Assistant Superintendent of the Okinawa District and later became the Superintendent of that district. After almost 10 years in Okinawa, she transferred to DDESS, where she was Superintendent in Guam for 2 years before she retired on September 1, 2010. Gayle married Dean C. Wiles and together they have nearly 75 years in education. Currently they live on Crawford Lake in Maine. Gayle was recently elected as the Vice President of the AOSHS Board. She is excited about serving on the board and interacting with all of the members. Her goal is to work closely with Tina Calo, the board President, and increasing the AOSHS membership.

Look out for Gayle because she is focused! ✎

Evelyn Bauer attended Georgia State University, Emory University, and Harvard University. She taught three years in Georgia, and joined DoDDS in Goose Bay, Labrador. Besides teaching, Evelyn skied and was employed by the Canadian Broadcasting System for a Saturday morning television show called *Happiness Is*. As "Auntie Evie," Evelyn and five teachers taught history, music, and some regional Eskimo languages. Both Eskimo and DoDDS children were interviewed on the show.

After Labrador, Evelyn was assigned to Bamberg, Germany, where she taught for three years. In 1971, she studied at the University of Salzburg, Austria, and completed "Internationale Ferienkurse, Fur Deutsche Sprache." She married a Captain, on leave from Viet Nam in Hong Kong, and moved to Nurnberg, where she taught for three years.

Later, they settled in Gordon, Nebraska, and wrote grants, enabling the city to bring performing artists from all over the world to the schools and community. The couple adopted a baby girl they named Beth. Seven years later, they adopted a son, Wayne. When Beth was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, they moved to Boston for Beth's medical care. She divorced in 1993.



In Massachusetts, Evelyn developed educational programs for the Norman Rockwell Museum and completed the "Museum Studies" program at Harvard University in 2006, the same year Beth's health worsened, despite having had a bi-lateral lung transplant five years earlier. Evelyn cared for her daughter, who died in 2008 while waiting for a second transplant. Evelyn continues to promote the importance of organ donation which was so important for her daughter to survive.

Her son, Wayne, served three combat tours in the Army—the last in Afghanistan, where he was

injured by an IED. Having now recovered, he is back on active duty at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

Evelyn has attended many of the reunions since she first heard about them, and looks forward to becoming more involved with AOSHS, combining her knowledge of the DoDDS program and her background in Museum Studies. ✍

Surfin' Our Websites

Dreux American High School
By... Vickie Key, Dreux AHS '67

The Dreux American High School Group page on Facebook continues to grow. There are now 431 members. It really is a lot of fun with lots of people interacting and telling stories and recounting memories about Dreux. People are also posting photos from back in the day as well. Many in the FB group have been extremely helpful in providing clues to missing classmates and as a result, we have found lots more alumni!! So thanks to everyone for the great clues!! If you are on Facebook and haven't joined the group yet, come on over and join us at www.dreuxalumni.org.

I recently received some photos taken of Evreux Air Base last week from a pilot flying over the area as well as Gayle Bartos-Pool who sent me an aerial photo of Dreux Air Base that shows the dorms, etc.. I have posted those on the Dreux Facebook and web site.

While we do have all the class photos uploaded to the Dreux website, Chuck Shellhorn recently posted the complete yearbooks on the Photobucket site. This is the site that also has reunion photos from past reunions.

Paul Krausman, President of our Dreux AHS Alumni Association will call the Board in late September to plan the next Dreux reunion. Neither a date nor location has been set.

Ross Tipton, former Dreux Principal, turned 101 in August! Mr. Tipton was the Principal at Dreux from the 1964/65 school year until the school closed in January of 1967. Thank you to those who sent him "Happy Birthday" wishes via email. His daughter said he received over 50 emails and was just thrilled. For those that would still like to send him a note, please feel free to do so. He absolutely loves hearing from everyone. at mchchar@aol.com.

If you have had a change in your postal address or phone number in the last year, please let me know. I am in the process of updating the Dreux AHS alumni

directory with all the new finds we have had recently and want to make sure your information is correct. I usually do this once a year, so now is the time!

Happy Fall!

Vicki Key, Dreux AHS '67, now, Lubbock, TX. ✍

All in Good Fun
By... Allen Dale Olson

DoD students who believed that their teachers lived day and night in their classrooms would have been shocked on specified spring weekends in Germany when the Complacent (*sic*) Teachers Association (CTA) gathered for their annual weekend basketball tournament.

Whether it was held in Augsburg or Karlsruhe, Mannheim or Bitburg, Wurzburg or Heidelberg, the CTAers would play hard and party hard.

For many of the teams, the games were pure recreation; in fact, some of them actually spoofed basketball just as CTA spoofed teacher organizations. But for some teams, winning was everything. Every year, it seemed, Bitburg or Karlsruhe or Mannheim, whose teams each had two or three former college players, gave no quarter, took no prisoners.

In those days, it was the men who played the ball games. But the lady teachers were there, too, cheering, dancing, teasing, and, except for mixing it up under the basket, were every bit a part of the Friday night to Sunday afternoon festivities. Host school faculties arranged for game times, local tours, and other meaningful and/or meaningless activities for the visitors.

CTA started in the early 1970s but ended suddenly and abruptly on Saturday evening, March 10, 1979, when the news filtered into the Heidelberg High School gym that USDESEA Director Dr. Joseph A. Mason had died of a heart attack at Frankfurt Airport. In stunned silence, players walked off the floor, and the festivities simply vanished. CTA was never re-started. ✍



Front (l to r):
Marty Bauman;
Michael Mawby;
Ernie Butler; Bill Ryall.

Back: Ole Olson,
Lee Mawby, Jim McElhane.

Memories from Karlsruhe: Life with Doc (Part 1)
by... Allen Dale Olson

One Sunday afternoon, I heard the doorbell ring, and my wife hustled to answer it. She opened the door, let out a shriek, and just before she shut it, I saw a man hurrying down the staircase calling up to her that he'd be back for dinner tomorrow. She was holding a canvas bag containing a newly-shot pheasant and said it was Dr. Mason who had been hunting and brought the pheasant for dinner tomorrow evening.

Such was life in Karlsruhe, Germany, with Dr. Joseph A. Mason, Director of the United States Dependents Schools, European Area (USDESEA) in the mid-1960s till his death in 1979. You just never knew what to expect next. Probably no one got to know "Doc" (as we called him so he would have a title like the military officers with whom we worked) better than I did during those years.

For most of his tenure, USDESEA was the tenth largest American school system with an enrollment roughly the size of that of St. Louis. Its 200 schools covered an area two-and-a-half times the size of the Continental United States, extending from the Persian Gulf to Sub-Saharan Africa to Scotland and Norway, to Spain and Sicily, and throughout Germany.

When he began his overseas career in 1956, the dependents schools in Europe consisted of three separate systems each operated by a military department and whose Director (Superintendent) reported directly to a senior military officer.

Doc came from Skokie, Illinois, to organize the system run by U.S. Air Force, Europe. The Army had had a system in Europe since 1946, and in the beginning years there was little interaction among the three services. Shortly before his death, USDESEA was transferred to the Defense Department, essentially removing military officers from the school chain of command, and was re-organized into smaller districts – Germany North and South, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean – under the name DoDDSEUR (Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Europe).

In the mid-sixties, a series of political decisions, with the backing of the North Central Accrediting Association, merged the three systems into one under the Army's European Deputy Commander-in-Chief for Personnel, a two-star general. (The dependents schools systems in the Pacific Theater were assigned to the Air Force and in the Atlantic Theater to the Navy.)

While the merger was in transition, Doc returned from an AID assignment in Africa to lead the newly-merged European system and establish its administrative relationships with the three services and their families and schools in what became USDESEA.

It was Doc who worked out the various memoranda of understanding by which Air Force and Navy would reimburse Army for school and school support activities on their bases. USDESEA assumed responsibility for certifying the validity of education programs in private and international schools for DoD students living in locations where there were no DoD schools, extending USDESEA's reach to South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iran, and places between and around.

Doc's impact is still felt in the DoD schools. At each location there is a school advisory council and advisory councils at each administrative level, from the district to the Senior Commands, to DoD. There are teacher union representatives on all curriculum committees and binding contracts with both teachers' unions.

But for all of his leadership and management influence, Dr. Mason avoided political involvement and chose his appearances in the media very judiciously. He participated in most public meetings affecting the schools – the European PTSA, for example – but worked hard at keeping out of the limelight. Consequently, there are few documents, press accounts, major studies, and reports that bear his name.

He died before AOSHS was established, and few entries have reached the archives about his life and career with the DoD schools. That's why I was happy to accept Tom Drysdale's request to compile a record of Doc's achievements and role in the history of this remarkable school system. Now that we've established a place for him in the AOSHS Archives, this first piece about him is an invitation for others to submit their stories about experiences, personal and professional, with Dr. Mason. Please send them directly to AOSHS.

By the way, with the help of a neighborhood butcher, the pheasant dinner was a great success.

Dr. Olson worked directly for Dr. Mason from 1967 to 1979 as liaison to the Army, as Executive Officer, and as Coordinator for School-Community Relations. ✕

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

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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deborah Jean Stafford

October 20, 1951 - September 25, 2010

Debbie grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1974. After teaching in Wyoming for three years, Debbie obtained her master's degree in library science and began a long career in education, first as a high school librarian in Denton, Montana, and then with DoDDS in South Korea and Germany.

Debbie started her DoDDS career in 1984 as a media specialist at Seoul Elementary School. From there she moved

to Seoul High School to teach social studies until 1989. She then transferred to Nürnberg, Germany, as the media specialist at Kalb Elementary School and was there until the school closed in 1994. She went to H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden, where she was the head librarian/media specialist until 2005, when she became the librarian at Wiesbaden High School until her death in 2010.

Debbie will be remembered for her dedication to, and the care of, her family, her students, and many friends, and her love for her dogs. She was an integral part of school committees, activities, and events wherever she was assigned. She made the library the heart and soul of the school and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. ✍

No Recently Closed Funds

Remembering Lottie M. and Emma A. McCoy
By...Circe Olson Woessner

Lottie and Emma McCoy were born in Georgia in 1918 and 1920 respectively. Around 1921, after their mother's death, they moved with their siblings and father to Columbus, Ohio, so that they could be closer to their paternal aunts and uncles. The McCoy children were taught the importance of education and of being self-sufficient. Their father pushed them to do the very best they could and, along with their extended family, provided a loving home environment conducive for learning. The McCoys attended first through ninth grade at Champion Avenue Elementary, a small segregated school in Columbus. Their teachers, Helen Jenkins Davis, Thelma Jackson, and Octavia Jones Martin, inspired the sisters to pursue a career in education.

Lottie and Emma overcame obstacles such as racial and sexual discrimination and achieved considerable accomplishments. After graduating from high school, they continued their education by earning college degrees at a time in US history when obtaining collegiate education was extremely difficult for African Americans. In 1942, Lottie received a BA degree in music and French from Bennett College in North Carolina. In 1952, she earned a BS degree in Elementary Education from Capital University and, later, an MA degree in Administration from SUNY, Albany.

In 1947, Emma earned a BS degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, and, in 1980, an MA degree from Bank Street College of Education in New York. To keep abreast of the newest educational trends, Emma continued taking courses at Bank Street College and Capital University.

In 1954, eager and determined to "see the world," Lottie decided the best way to do that would be to teach for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. Two obstacles stood in her way: she was African American and female. With the help of Senator Adam Clayton Powell, Lottie soon found herself packing her bags and heading for Yokohama, Japan.

She never dreamed she'd spend over forty years overseas, teaching thousands of American children in Japan, Germany, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Turkey, Norway, Belgium, Bermuda and England. Three years later, Emma packed her belongings and headed for Germany to teach for the Dependent Schools, too. She would spend much of her teaching career in Germany, Ethiopia, Turkey, Norway, and Japan.

The McCoy sisters described their experience as having been "joyful." They believed that one of the

biggest rewards in teaching is seeing children progress because of positive reinforcement. Emma never allowed her students to use the words, "I can't," instead; she instilled the usage of "we try" to encourage students. The most significant change in education, according to the McCoy sisters began in the 1940's with the "progressive education" concept, which meant children shouldn't be told what to do; instead children should be asked what they want to do. According to both sisters, this practice has been detrimental to children, as children need guidance and motivation to learn. If left to determine themselves what and when to learn, most children will not choose wisely. The McCoys also believed that the most important and challenging educational problems facing the Black community in Columbus (and across the USA) was the lack of basic skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The McCoy sisters were trailblazers and educators who continued to break down barriers and motivated new generations of youth with their compassionate education. Their advice to present and future generations of Black leaders following in their footsteps consisted of five points: 1) The care of youth should be top priority – prepare them not only academically but morally also; 2) Look out for elders (seniors); 3) Do what you can for the community and share your experience so others avoid certain pitfalls; 4) Encourage trying – think positive; and 5) Respect each other.

Emma A. McCoy passed away on August 17, 2011, after a long, rewarding life of enriching and inspiring thousands of children worldwide.

Information for this article compiled from the African American and African Studies Community Extension Center at Ohio State University ✍

Fitzgerald is New DoDEA Director
by...Allen Dale Olson

Just as the QUARTERLY was going to press, Pentagon officials announced the appointment of long-time Defense Department civilian Marilee Fitzgerald as the new director of DoDEA. Fitzgerald has been the acting director for 17 months. The release stated that Fitzgerald will have oversight of all Defense Department schools, both stateside and overseas. DoDEA operates 194 schools in 14 districts, serving more than 86,000 students.

The next of edition of the QUARTERLY will include a feature about the career and achievements of Marilee Fitzgerald.

Big News in 1946

By...Tina Calo and Allen Dale Olson

A *Stars and Stripes* article from an illegible date in September, 1946, reported that the Dependents Education Office announced that about 500 high school and 3,000 grammar and kindergarten children will answer roll call when American schools in Germany open their doors about two weeks from now.

"Screw population figures are a headache," officials said, with unexpected demands from smaller communities causing last-minute shifts and even the creation of new schools.

"What we need are portable school houses," one school official concluded. He said a "large majority of dependent children are in the lowest primary grades." He added that theater school policy calls for elementary schools to be set up in every community which has ten or more students.

The article explained that there will be no truant officers to see that even the grammar-grade youngsters get to classes, for attendance is not compulsory. High school students are expected to attend the nearest one of six centrally-located American high schools, commuting by community-arranged transportation if they live within a reasonable commuting distance, or boarding if necessary.

After naming probable locations, the article explained that all schools in the theater may not open on the same day. About a third of the 100 teachers expected in Germany have arrived, and opening date, between October 7 and 16, will depend on when the rest get here.

We now know, from official Army records that on October 14, 1946, 43 American schools in Germany, staffed by 116 American teachers, opened their doors to 1,297 dependent children.

Les Burch, AOSHS Memories and School Listing chair is hard at work to identify the exact locations of those original schools. Anyone with knowledge about those openings should contact Les at AOSHS. ✍

Missing a yearbook?

Wish you had ordered that hardback? Maybe AOSHS can help you out. The AOSHS office/archives have duplicates of many yearbooks. The list is too long to print but if you email or call the office, Aaron (the new guy on the block) can give you the information. For \$50 you can get the yearbook with free shipping and a year's membership in AOSHS. If you are a LIFE member, your account will be credited with a \$25 donation. Get on the bandwagon now. "Classmates" is

selling those they have for \$99.00, and they are copies. Our yearbooks are the real thing. Send an email to aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net or call 316-265-6837. ✍

OF THIS AND THAT IN AOSHS

By...Tina Calo

What's a BRAT?

We refer a lot (lovingly) to "military brats." It's become an affectionate term to describe the children of military service personnel. It has its roots in the British military, where accompanying family members' belongings were stamped BRAT – for British Regimental Attached Traveler. ✍

Experience Matters

Your AOSHS Board, including our co-editors, have a combined 207 years of DoDDS teaching and administrative experience, plus two BRATS who went through the same DoDDS school from K – 12. That's 231 years of DoDDS experience not counting all the retirement connections! ✍

Know Any Famous DoDDS Students?

We have a new AOSHS area of research and a volunteer to conduct it. Even though DoDDS teachers have little opportunity to follow up with their students, we do know that many DoDDS students have become famous. Richard Smith has volunteered to compile information about them and make a list. Anyone wishing to identify famous students, please notify Richard at brick1@ptd.net. ✍

Those Tervis Tumblers

By...Bob Van Epps

Imagine my surprise when I was walking through my local Bed, Bath, & Beyond, and came upon:

(The lettering is black on a pink background.)

I couldn't resist taking this picture and passing it along to AOSHS.

I wonder who gave them this idea..?

Just think...you can have one, too. ✍



Museum Devoted to American Military Family
By... Bill Armstrong

ALBUQUERQUE – Wanted: stories of your life in an American military family. The Museum of the American Military Family and Learning Center is gathering stories and photos for its Web site and Facebook page to share the rich experiences of American military families. The Museum of the American Military Family and Learning Center is a nonprofit organization created to present an opportunity for people to tell their personal stories about life at home and abroad, either in uniform, as military dependents, or as civilian workers on military installations.

"We want to inspire young people to learn about and uphold the ideals of national service and to inform the general public of the cost and sacrifices our military families experience as part of our national security," said Dr. Circe Olson Woessner, the museum's Executive Director.

The Museum of the American Military Family and Learning Center strives, through oral histories, interactive displays, the fine arts, and rotating exhibits, to create a unique environment in which military and civilian families of all ages, abilities, and experiences can feel free to imagine, relive, and understand the impact it has had on American families for generations.

Though not yet a "brick and mortar" museum, the organization currently has a virtual existence on the Web as well as on Facebook. The Web site has multiple galleries of photos by category, along with personal experiences submitted by visitors. Our addresses are:

Email:

militaryfamilymuseum@comcast.net

The Web

www.museumoftheamericanmilitaryfamily.org.

Facebook

[http://www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/MuseumoftheAmericanMilitaryFamily)

[MuseumoftheAmericanMilitaryFamily](http://www.facebook.com/MuseumoftheAmericanMilitaryFamily)

To submit your digital photos, written stories or audio/video memories for the Web site or Facebook page, please email them. The museum is currently planning a special World War II exhibit for spring 2012. Anyone wishing to contribute items for that exhibit should contact the museum via email.

For more information, or to donate items to the museum, please call (505) 504-6830. ✉

GoodSearch – The only way to surf the web!
By...Ann Bamberger

A year or so ago former board member Joy Bryant urged AOSHS members to use GoodSearch as their home page rather than Google when using the internet. Reason? When you register on GoodSearch and select the American Overseas Schools Historical Society as your choice nonprofit, each time you go on line, a donation will be made to AOSHS. What does it cost you? About 5 minutes of your time.

Here are the steps to take:

1. Go to www.aoshs.org and click on the link to GoodSearch in the lower left corner.
2. Click on Register and complete the information requested. After you type in the name of the organization on this page, each time you go to GoodSearch to find information, AOSHS will automatically be credited. You never have to type it in again.

Now that you are registered, stay on the GoodSearch page. In order to make GoodSearch your homepage when you want to use the internet, use the following directions, depending on which internet system you use:

Internet Explorer and Firefox Instructions:

Go to Tools (upper right corner), click on it, and select Internet Options

Select the General Tab

Paste or type <http://www.GoodSearch.com> - and click OK

Safari Instructions:

Go to Safari, click on it, and select Preferences

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AOSHS welcomes new members to join using this form.
Please feel free to pass it along to friends and colleagues.

[NOTE: Effective August 1, 2009, the Individual Life Membership Program was discontinued. With the cost of operations continually on the rise, this seemed to be one of the economic moves to help us stay operational. Once we become life members, many of us forget that donations are still needed to help keep us afloat. {Those of us who are life members are, of course, grandfathered in – ALL existing life memberships are still in place. The program simply has been closed to *future*, new life memberships.}

So please do not forget to send in a donation — use your birthday as a reminder, for example. For those of you who have an annual membership, please renew on time. Your renewal date is listed on the address label of the *Quarterly*. You also may pay ahead. Just be sure to indicate that on the form. Dues may be paid by check, money order, or credit card. Use the form as well to update your information. It's important to keep us informed about address changes, as the newsletter is not usually forwarded.]

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This AOSHS *Quarterly* is published four times a year by the Society to enhance public understanding of the human effort, service, reward, and sacrifice in educating our American children and youth abroad.

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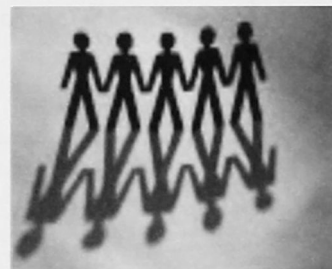
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