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DODDS REUNION 2012 by Bill Hobbs

For the 24th year, DoDDS and other overseas educators will gather for the annual reunion in Denver, CO, on July 19-22 at the Marriott Tech Center Hotel. Registrar/treasurer Mary Mantel reports that some 600 have already registered—"and this year's Reunion looks to be another great success," she says. "Our registration will continue through the actual get together, so it's not too late to sign up." At press time, the Marriott was reporting almost capacity for the room block. "It looks like a 'full house' once again!"

"We meet because we are family," says Alberta Brown, who is in charge of the hospitality room and is a member of the site selection committee. "Our overseas days brought us together and through these reunions we stay together. For many of us, we only get to see these friends once a year, which is all the more reason to attend."

She and Tina Calo are the presenters of the Rose Memorial Ceremony, which honors those who've passed away in the preceding year, an annual observance that highlights the Saturday night banquet. "Our list now is at least 100, some of whom have attended previous Reunions."

"Getting together for many of us is a high point of the year," adds JoAnn Johnson, a charter member of the committee.

"From all around the world, we gather to see our friends, to see those we've not seen in years, and to bask in the memories of experiences overseas. I've not missed a reunion since 1996, and it's always on my calendar as a 'must do' item."

While the official opening date is July 19, the committee has set up an "early registration" beginning at noon on July 18th. "30 percent of our group always comes early", explains Sandra Hope, who's in charge of all the computer/data programs. "The hotel offers those 'come early, stay late' days at the special reunion rates, and many of our attendees take advantage. This way, they are able to enjoy the reunion itself, but also to have some 'free' days either before or after to explore the area."

Thursday night's opening reception sets the tone and Friday is a full day of "official" activities, beginning with the 9:00 a.m. membership meeting of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS). Afterwards, the Reunion Planning Committee will propose plans for 2013. Following that, Paula Jakub, CEO and Executive Vice President of the American Foreign Service Protective Association (AFSPA), will lead a discussion on the interaction between two federal programs, Medicare and the FEHB Program.

At noon, the mini-reunions begin in 90 minute blocks. "We have 24 mini reunion sessions," notes JoAnn, who is coordinating these meetings. "The turnout has always been great. By doing this, folks from a given area can easily find each other at the same time. We'll also be taking the group pictures then as well."

Alberta reports that this year's hospitality room "will once again be full of activities, from authors offering their books, artisans featuring unique jewelry creations, artists with their works, AOSHS and their tables, as well as other areas and items of interest. In addition, it's a good place to mingle, as just about everyone stops by. It's always lots of fun!"

AOSHS also holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the reunion and President Tina Calo reports that her committee members are "enthused and energetic" in promoting the society. "Our vision of preserving the history of DoDDS is most important," she says. "We have a heritage, even traditions that are so meaningful to all of us who've been a part of the DoD schools system. Our membership continues to grow and we will discuss membership needs at our meeting. We are working to maintain our office and archives in Wichita. In addition, we are furthering the search for a permanent home! We will be selling many wearable and useable items with our logo (tee-shirts, etc.) in the hospitality room. Don't forget to stop by!"



Message from The Board

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tina Calo

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

Summary of Board Meeting minutes from March 2, 2012

Rita Wells gave the financial report. We are working to find the best place to put our bonds, savings accounts, etc. We have designated funds for our bricks and pavers and we want to put them in an account so that when we find a place we will have funds to maintain them.

(Bob Van Epps, our Quarterly publisher has been very ill, so all jobs with the Q have been given to Ole Olson and Circe Olson-Woessner.) It was noted by the board that Circe has put in many hours to get the quarterly publication running smoothly. She and Ole are volunteers like the rest of us. Circe is working to set the deadlines for articles and the dates for distribution.

Tom Smith and Gayle Vaughn-Wiles are contacting our representatives in Europe and Asia. Tom noted that the website needs to be updated. We are working on getting the updates weekly. Linda Connelly's name was presented as a Pacific representative with her home base as Hawaii. (Since we are turning into a retiree "community", wouldn't it be wonderful to have representatives in several of our states just as we have for our active members overseas? If you are interested contact Tom and Gayle.)

Aaron Drybread, our office director, had back surgery so the office has been closed for a while. The board discussed getting help in the office on a temporary basis. (Since the board meeting we have Ron Harrison, the spouse of a DoDDS teacher living in Wichita, working in

the office to get it operational again.)

Bricks and pavers are still on the agenda. We are pursuing some new avenues to see if we can find that permanent home soon.

Operation Footlocker, an affiliate of the Museum of the American Military Family, will be in Denver at the Reunion. If you would like to contribute an item to the footlocker, please bring it to the hospitality room. Come see Yogi, the footlocker mascot and get your photo taken with this well-traveled bruin!



Check out the Museum of the American Military Family at

www.museumoftheamericanmilitaryfamily.org

Goodsearch leads to Goodshop By Ann Bamberger

In a previous issue of the *Quarterly*, I wrote about switching your search engine from Google to Goodsearch. After I did, I began to get messages about Goodshop. At first, I wasn't interested, but then I received one about an Easy Spirit shoe sale. Needing a new walking shoes, I went to that site, found the shoes I wanted at the same price as in the local stores, with free shipping. When ordering, 4% of my price went to AOSHS. The shoes were \$51, so AOSHS earned \$2. There is also Gooddining, where eating at participating restaurants will provide AOSHS with \$\$\$. I hope you will take advantage of these programs, get the merchandise or dinner that you want and help AOSHS at the same time. It's a win/win site!

The Museum of World Treasures in Wichita, Kansas

By Tom Drysdale, AOSHS Archive Volunteer

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) in Wichita has an excellent mutually cooperative arrangement with the Museum of World Treasures (MWT) to display its large museum quality items. All members of the AOS Historical Society are encouraged to visit the MWT when in Wichita while attending AOSHS office and Archive activities. Valerie Atkinson [marketing@worldtreasures.org] is in charge of marketing at the museum and wrote the following history:

The Museum of World Treasures, founded by Dr. Jon and Lorna Kardatzke, opened on April 22, 2001 at the Garvey Center in downtown Wichita, Kansas. Two years later, the Museum relocated to what is affectionately known as the Farm & Art Market. It is located in the Old Town district of Wichita, just east of downtown and was converted from a warehouse, as were most of the multiuse buildings in the district. The area is an eclectic mix of restaurants, shops, clubs, museums, and theaters as well as many loft condominiums.

The Museum of World Treasures has many artifacts. It is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Kansas corporation. Tax-deductible donations go directly to support the Museum's educational programs.



The first AOSHS artifact to be on display in the MWT is that of CLARENCE THE CRUSADER. Linda A. Wagner, President Emeritus and Co-Founder of the Bonn American High School Alumni Association, wrote most of the following historical information about "Clarence the Crusader," beloved Mascot of "the American School on the Rhein (Bonn American High School Bonn, Germany).

Following the end of World War II and the division of Germany, the West German government established its new capital in the city of Bonn. Like other countries, the U.S. had a diplomatic mission near Bonn, and in February 1951, construction began on a compound to house the Americans (and their families) who came to work at the U.S. Embassy, situated in the small town of Plittersdorf along the banks of the Rhein River. The base included housing, a post exchange and a commissary. By 1952, the American community was flourishing and had a school, athletic and social facilities, and the Stimpson Memorial Chapel.

The school, dedicated in March 1952, consisted of grades K-8. By the '67-'68 school year, grades 9 and 10 were added, and in 1971, the school became a fully-accredited high school and graduated its first class in 1972. The student body included children of ambassadors and diplomats from around the world and was often referred to as a mini United Nations.

Throughout most of those years, a suit of armor, known by the student body as "Clarence", stood in the entrance and was the identity of the school. Clarence, an 18th century reproduction of a 14th century suit of armor for a German mounted knight, was a gift to one of the first principals – Ruby Pearl Anderson. Clarence became the permanent property of the school when Ms. Anderson moved to another post in 1963.

The reunification of Germany resulted in the reestablishment of Berlin as the capital of Germany. As a consequence of this change, the U.S. Embassy in Bonn moved to Berlin along with the majority of the personnel previously based in Plittersdorf. The American School closed in 1997 and through the assistance of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Clarence (and all the rest of the school's memorabilia) are now in Wichita, KS.

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE QUARTERLY:

As the name indicates, the QUARTERLY is published four times a year. Material submitted for publication should reach the editors by: January 15; April 30; August 10; and October 15

Recently, I skimmed through the Karlsruhe High School (Germany) Facebook page. I saw many familiar names—and more I didn't

know. I was drawn to a thread started by Mark Greer who had written:

"When I see the posts here, regardless of the time people were in Karlsruhe, it's obvious how it has had a profound effect on all of us. We all remember the unity and friendships. I truly believe that society could learn a lot from us "military brats" about respect, friendship, compassion and appreciation. There has been no greater time in my life than those years. There is no greater bond other than family that I treasure as much as the one I share with the K-ruhe family. So to all my brothers and sisters of the Karlsruhe Knights family, I simply say it is a distinct honor and a blessing to be a member of this wonderful group. Much, much love and respect to all of you!"

Fellow Karlsruhe alum, Suzi Pierce had responded, "My love and respect to you as well, Mark! Karlsruhe is the closest thing to a hometown I ever had and there has been no greater time in my life than the years I spent there... I was lucky to land in a similar situation in the States for my last year and a half of high school because I felt like my life had ended when I had to leave Karlsruhe. I was the co-captain of the cheerleaders when we left in the middle of the school year in December 1967 and they actually had a pep rally in my honor! I loved Karlsruhe and all my friends there; it was [a] special time in my life. I was very shy when I was young and the acceptance and love I received in Karlsruhe really changed my life."

Another alum wrote, "My fondest memories are those where I was a "brat." Loved the military life so much I joined the Army right out of high school, and spent 7 years as a military musician. My entire life has been centered around the military and even though my husband is retired now, we still live in a military community. Love the military life!" It's not easy to tell what sets the children of military and federal civilians apart from their peers stateside, but many "brats" agree that the bond between them is something that most civilian kids don't have. Case in point, Army Brat Chris Brace started a thread on Facebook "Because of AFN, I..." and over 60 people commented about the Armed Forces Radio Network. Most American kids overseas grew up listening to AFN and, even decades later, they can reminisce about that one common experience.

Christine posted, "I remember OPSEC", Andrea said, "I still want to report 'fraud, waste and abuse,'" and from Matthias: "I know to destroy the phone book upon enemy advancement. As classified material no less. " The children of military and DoD personnel overseas walk between worlds—their own American one, their military one, and that of their host nation. Because of their unique circumstances, they create their own cultural identity and it is, for the most part, inclusive.

Ricardo Barber posted, "Germany exposed me to many other cultures. Before Germany I never had friends who weren't of my own race and I am forever in debt to Karlsruhe as a result."

Angelo Thomas wrote, "One of the better things about living the military brat life was that you didn't seem to have that many problems with racism. Everyone seemed to get along and the community was so multicultural. When I came back stateside in the early 80's and had to go to an off post school I had a rude awakening with how narrow minded some people were."

Lisa Wesley Smith commented that when her family got back to the 'World', they "landed in the deep South in a small town in southeast Georgia. The Base here was, and still is, larger than the town. This was 1975, right after the movie ROOTS had been out, and schools were still getting used to the idea of desegregation. We experienced racism from some teachers, black and white students. But thank God for the Military Brats that were there. We bonded quickly, and became close due to what was going on. We rarely ventured off Base except for school. But eventually, the tensions lightened up, and several of those racists became some of my closest and dearest friends even to this day. Hated this town when we arrived, ended up loving this town well enough for my dad to retire there and get a home."

Mark Greer summed it up in a couple of Facebook posts: "For all of us it (living in Karlsruhe) is a treasured memory full of infinite riches. If the world was as simple today as it was then, I think things would be so much better. Even though it has been over 30 years, we were really ahead of our time. There will forever be a part of us that remains a Karlsruhe Knight! As we reflect on and cherish those memories, let us dedicate ourselves to staying in touch and never letting those precious times fade away. Our bond is strong. Our friendships are everlasting. Our memories are precious. It is why we are family...Karlsruhe Knight family! I think this [Facebook]group epitomizes the meaning of "true friends". Yeah, I think that sums it up nicely."

Now For Some Sad News....

Robert Lee Van Epps, 64, died April 24. He was the husband of Sharyn (Goldbach) Van Epps. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in that area most of his life. He was a well-known educator and school principal at several schools in the Cincinnati area.

Born October 4, 1947, son of the late Robert Lee Van Epps Sr. and the late Anne Elizabeth. Bob graduated from Mariemont High School, in Cincinnati in 1965 and received his undergraduate degree from Miami Univ. in Oxford Ohio with a BA in Latin and Greek Language in 1969; he received his M.ed in Educational Administration in 1976 from the University of Cincinnati. He began his career as a language teacher at Madeira City Schools in Cincinnati and in 1972 through 1975 taught Mathematics and was assistant principal at the John F. Kennedy School in West Berlin Germany. He returned to the United States and was an elementary principal in Wilmington and Cincinnati Ohio. In 1982 he became Assistant Superintendent of the Goshen Ohio School Dist. In 1987 he worked for the Department of Defense Education Activity in Bamberg, Wiesbaden, and Garmisch, Germany, and later in Madrid, Spain; Livorno, Italy; and Arlington, Va.

A Celebration of his life was held Sunday, April 29, at The National Funeral Home Chapel, 7482 Lee Hwy., Falls Church, Va. 22042. Donations in Robert's memory, in lieu of flowers suggested to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851. Web: www.themmrf.org

Ben Abramowitz -- A 1946 Brat By Tina Calo

I don't know how many of you have been hooked on Face Book over the last few years. It has its drawbacks, but I have found it a valuable tool, for people information We have an AOSHS open group as a forum for discussion and information. One day, I saw a message like this ...From Gloria Abramowitz...Ben Abramowitz is my father-in-law...he went to school in Ansbach in 1946...Gloria helped me connect with her father-in-law, Ben Abramowitz. He lives in Florida in a military community that is also open to DoD civilians. Most of you know that DoDDS and the military community make the world a very small place in which to live. My good friend, Ann Giuffre lives near the Abramowitz family. I have spent many an evening there on my way to Stuart, FL.

Ann and I joined Ben at the "Club" so I could interview him. I was fascinated with his being one of the first students at the overseas schools, especially since we had learned that first students overseas had sometimes numbered fewer than two dozen at their schools.. There are now four generations of the Abramowitz family who have been Brats and/or military men. Gloria's husband just retired this year after 30 years in the Army and her son Jake is a 1LT on active duty.

BEN ABRAMOWITZ (ARMY BRAT)

Just like David Copperfield, I was born (1934); however, not in England, but at Ft. Monmouth, N.J – they tell me at retreat. I was an only child, and we were the first residents of the NCO Quarters, 42 Gosselin Avenue. My father was a staff sergeant and was chief of the "Code and Traffic Division" of the Signal School. We lived in quarters until 1942 when my father was commissioned. As I recall, I had the run of the Post. If a soldier found me wandering around, I would be dropped off at the guardhouse where my father would pick me up... Everyone on the post knew one another. The school bus (an Army bus with an army driver and bus guard) picked the kids up and we journeyed to the Oakland Street School in Red Bank, N.J. about 12 miles away. In 1942, after my father was commissioned we moved to Long Branch, my mother's hometown about seven miles from the Post. In 1943 we moved back to Ft. Monmouth until 1944 when my father went overseas. In June 1946 my mother and I boarded the *SS Alexander* for Germany to join my father. It was a long trip (12 days I recall). We were on the third boatload of dependents that journeyed to Europe after the war. I was in a room with about 50 boys my age. My mother was billeted somewhere else on the ship. We did see each other. From Bremerhaven, we took a train to Nuremberg where my father picked us up. I was running a high fever and ended up in the Nuremberg Hospital with measles. I finally made it to Ansbach, our home for the next two years... My father was Commandant of the European Signal School. In September, school started. In Ansbach I was in a one-room school in the middle of town. There were about 15 kids from grades 1 – 8. Ms. Frieda Schleister was the DODDS teacher. It didn't take me long to realize that I didn't want to go to that school for two years. I approached Ms. Schleister and asked if I could combine grades 7 and 8. That way I could go to Nuremberg High the following year. She had no objection. My parents indicated that it was fine as long as I did the work....I met my goal, and the following year I lived in a dorm at Nuremberg High School. A jeep would pick me up on Friday, take me home and bring me back on Sunday. I participated in high school football and basketball. Though I was the youngest in my 9th grade class, I managed to hold my own. My homeroom teacher was Claire Leduc

While in Europe I had the opportunity to visit France, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, and Belgium. I also had the opportunity to witness the Nuremberg Trials on three occasions. When we arrived in Europe, it was a graveyard. Germany was crushed. Ansbach, our home, was barely touched, but Nuremberg was completely destroyed. In the summer you could smell the decomposing bodies. Hunger was rampant. In Ansbach there was a Displaced Persons camp – survivors of the Holocaust. We had a cousin in that camp. I had the occasion to visit Dachau before it was cleaned up. It left an indelible impression on me. We moved back into our home in Long Branch, and my father retired in 1949 – the same year my mother died. We lived in Long Branch until I went to College at Virginia Tech. Graduating in 1955, I achieved my life long goal of receiving my commission as a 2nd Lt, Infantry. I retired in the grade of Colonel after 28 years. My wife, Irene, and I raised three Army brats.



AOSHS

"Your link to our history, your contributions to DoDEA students and our legacy." To learn more about AOSHS, you are invited to visit our website www.aoshs.org. Join your friends and colleagues who are continuing to contribute memorabilia, financial support and maintaining friendships through the only worldwide organization devoted to the history of overseas school educators and students.

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AOSHS Board Member Tom Smith sent the AOSHS Membership Poster to all AOSHS representatives around the world with a request that they pass copies of it along to all schools and administrative offices. He reminded them that the contribution they make becomes an historical event and that AOSHS works to preserve their work for generations to come.

On February 18, 2012, Joe Condrill invited brats and educators in the Phoenix area to his annual Overseas Brats area get-together at Aunt Chilada's, a local Mexican restaurant. Of the 40 there, ten were former educators, seven of whom were the former AOSHS board members pictured. Joe brought everyone up to date on his plans for the year, and, as always, gave us time to talk about the importance of AOSHS. We encouraged those attending to switch from Google to Good Search for their Internet surfing to help put a few pennies in the AOSHS coffers. As of the middle of April, AOSHS has earned \$112.62 by using Good Search, and it could be hundreds more if everyone made the switch. What are you waiting for? *Ann Bamberger*

Students Mark Cold War Anniversary Submitted by Tina Calo

WIESBADEN, Germany (April 11, 2012) -- After the reunification of Germany, Bernhard Fey stood in front of a large cross and felt sorry for the man the cross memorialized. The man had died near the site trying to escape from East to West Germany, and Fey, who had tried twice to escape, felt he had a lot in common with

him.

Later Fey discovered the memorial was for him. U.S. Soldiers at Point Alpha, a former U.S. Army post on the border of East and West Germany, had thought he died after East German border guards had shot him 11 times during one of his escape attempts. But, Fey had lived.

"I feel to be not a victim of East Germany, but a victor," said Fey through a translator on the 22nd anniversary since the last U.S. patrol at the site. Most of the more than 100 visitors that day were German and American high school students who also learned about the division of Germany and discussed German and American stereotypes.

James Hamilton, the US Vice Counsel in Frankfurt and a former platoon leader with the 54th Combat Engineer Battalion, served as the temporary officer in charge of Point Alpha in 1986. There were between 40 and 60 soldiers stationed there, Hamilton said, and the post's purpose was to watch the border. Strategically, Point Alpha overlooked the Fulda Gap, which officials considered the most likely place an invasion would take place if the Cold War erupted into combat.

Back then, the U.S. Soldiers stationed there had no way of communicating with the East German Soldiers stationed on the other side of the border. "It was a very cold relationship," Hamilton said. One misunderstood wave, for example, could have set off an international incident, he explained, so there was no communication at all. Hamilton said he and the other American soldiers wondered what the East German soldiers were thinking, such as whether they wanted to escape or whether they were happy.

Marie-Luise Tröbs brought another perspective to the event. She told a group of students about being 10 years old when East German Soldiers knocked on her family's door one morning in 1961 and told them they had to be out of the house by noon, so the family moved away from their home near Point Alpha, to Ilmenau, 60 miles west. Not only did government officials tell her family's former neighbors in Geisa that the family moved because they were criminals, they also told people in Ilmenau the same lie, Tröbs said, and that made integration into their new town that much more difficult. "The family did not know their destiny. They did not know what would happen," Tröbs said. Her father heard at one point that the government might send the family to Siberia. No one in

the family was allowed to say goodbye, and when Tröbs did slip away to say goodbye to her teacher, her teacher did not know what to say to her.

In all, the government made 12,000 people move away from the border. Fey also gave more details at the event about his second escape attempt, which took place on Christmas Eve 1975. That night, Fey and a friend tried to cross the border, but at the last wall, as he tried to boost his friend over the wall, a guard shot him 11 times, Fey said. He was so injured he could not move, and Fey laughed when he recalled that an East German soldier pointed his gun at him as he lay bleeding on the ground and told him not to go anywhere. There was no way he could escape, even if he tried. Fey fainted a few times, but was aware that several vehicles passed by. U.S. Soldiers could see what was happening, but could not do anything.

The East Germans took him to a hospital, where he eventually recovered, Fey said. After that, East Germany imprisoned him in Cottbus for a year and seven months. When Fey got out of prison, he was not allowed to live anywhere near the border. On Nov. 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall came down, and German reunification followed in the years to come. So, when Fey heard about a man who had died by automatic firing devices while trying to cross the border near Point Alpha, he wanted to visit the site. He considered himself lucky; he only had 11 injuries.

Fey learned more details about the man and eventually came to the conclusion that U.S. Soldiers, who had no way of knowing his fate after the East Germans took him away that night, thought he had died.

Sarah Griffith, a sophomore at Wiesbaden High School, said she learned a lot at the event. It was particularly interesting to hear Hamilton's story about not being able to so much as wave to the East German soldiers, Griffith said. Justin Jones, a sophomore at Wiesbaden High School, said Fey's story left a big impression on him.

Hamilton's talk about not being able to communicate with the East German Soldiers, particularly struck him, Jones said, "I think this is overall a great experience."

Col Halvorsen's Return to Rhein-Main By Regina Majer

On March 26th, 2012, a delegation of the Airlift Chapter greeted Col.(ret.) Gail Halvorsen with a banner at Frankfurt International Airport. He was the "Candy Bomber," one of many pilots of the Berlin Airlift in 1948/1949. A German television station is filming a documentary about his life, which is why he was in Germany earlier this year.

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Col. Halvorsen, Regina Majer, Hans Majer, and Mr. White (the last Buffalo Soldier in Germany)

As a 27-year-old pilot, he flew food and other supplies from Rhein-Main Airbase (adjacent to the Frankfurt Airport) to West Berlin, well aware that he could be shot down over Russian-occupied East Germany. After meeting some German children at the fence around Tempelhof airport in West Berlin, he decided to make little parachutes out of handkerchiefs to which he tied chocolate bars and dropped them from his plane as he approached the airport. Years later he returned as the commander of Tempelhof airport.

Rhein-Main Elementary School (over 1000 students at one time) was renamed Halvorsen Elementary School. One of Halvorsen's sons was also in the Air Force. Three of his grandsons attended the school that was named for their grandfather.

Later it was combined with the Middle School and the official name became: Halvorsen-Turner American School until the Airbase closed in December of 2005. (General Turner had been part of the Airlift as well; his wife and Col. Halvorsen were at the school's renaming to cut

the ribbon.) Before Gail Halvorsen left, there was a ceremony around the Airlift Memorial near the former "Gateway to Europe" attended by about 70 people, including VIPs from the Airport, the city of Frankfurt, and the military.

The American and German national anthems were sung and American Boy Scouts from Wiesbaden presented the flags. Halvorsen arrived in an old jeep with a driver, both dressed in uniforms of the Fifties! There were speeches, and the ninety-year-old colonel honored several of the attendees.

The AOSHS Memorial Program

Memorial Program

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

Memorial Fund

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

Donate

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

AOSHS Memorial Program,
PO Box 4312 Scottsdale AZ 85261-4312
[Don't forget to indicate the honoree's name

Memorial Program for Alumnae/Alumni

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

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

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

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

e-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

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

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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Hosek March 27, 1923 - August 9, 2011 Ed was born and raised on the west side of Chicago. He enlisted in the Navy during WWII and after training at Navy Pier in the city, he was stationed in Hawaii as an aviation mechanic. Using the GI Bill, Ed graduated with a BS in 1950 and a MS in 1964 in education from Northern Illinois University. After teaching in Forest Park, IL for 6 years, he was assigned to the DoDDS elementary school in Ankara, Turkey where he taught 6th grade in the top floor of a tobacco warehouse - an adventure he delighted in relating.

Ed spent the next 32 years with DoDDS as an administrator at Yokota ES in Japan, and in Germany at Prum, Bitburg, Munich, Crailsheim, Bleidorn, and Erlangen elementary schools. Ed retired in 1991 and moved to Addison, IL where he loved putting in the garden and traveling around the states.

Carol Johnson, 1938 - March 1, 2012 Carol graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1960 with a BA in Education, Fine Arts, Art, Social Studies and Professional Studies. After teaching 3 years in Tacoma, WA, she joined DoDDS and spent three years teaching in Okinawa, Japan, and Germany.

She returned to Washington state, where she taught for two years, then rejoined DoDDS. She taught for eight years in Germany and England. She took a short leave to earn her MA in Art from the University of Washington in 1976. She returned to England and

spent 17 years as a full time art teacher at Woodbridge Elementary School. When that school closed, she moved to Feltwell Elementary School where she taught 5th grade until her retirement in 1995.

Carol retired to her beloved Chinook, WA, in 1995. She was active in the Friends of Chinook School, the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, the Peninsula Arts Association, and Chinook Evangelical Lutheran Church. She passed away on 1 March 2012.

Harriet Scofield, 1942 - December 14, 2011

After graduating from Opp High School in 1960, Harriet received her BA from Alabama College in 1964. She continued her education at the University of Alabama with a MA in Spanish in 1966. Later, Harriet returned to school and in 1974, received her MS in Counseling and Guidance from Troy State University.

A lifelong educator, Harriet spent most of her career teaching with DoDDS in Okinawa, England and Germany.

Upon retirement, Harriet returned to her family home in Opp and taught Sunday school and children's choir at the First Baptist Church. She was a volunteer at Crossover Ministries and used her Spanish speaking talents to help many organizations in her community. She continued her lifelong love of travel during retirement with trips with her sisters and friends.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Burke-Wyrick, January 3, 1933 - October 8, 2011

Barbara was born in Longview, Texas, the only daughter of Lawrence and Lillian Burke. She received her BA in Education at Southern Methodist University and her M.Ed at Michigan State University. She taught elementary school for 8 years in Texas before joining DoDDS in 1962 at Chateauroux elementary school in France.

She taught grades 1 and 2. She taught a year at Lindsey ES in Germany and then returned to Texas. Within a few months Barbara realized how much she missed overseas life and reapplied to DoDDS. She spent 7 years at M & K ES in Okinawa, transferred to the Philippines then back to Okinawa for the next 20 years. It was there that she met and married her husband Lt. Col Donald Wyrick (Dumpy). In 1995 they retired to Florida and enjoyed retirement until her death.

Barbara was a dedicated teacher who taught and instilled values and skills to hundreds of students who have subsequently gone on to serve humanity and their country.

Georgia Burgess, October 13, 1933 - February 16, 2011

Georgia was born in Toledo OH on October 13, 1933. She graduated from Woodward High School in 1951 and the University of Toledo in 1955, with a degree in education. She taught for 10 years as an elementary teacher at the Warren School in Toledo before starting her DoDDS career. In 1960, Georgia moved to England and taught at Weathersfield ES. The next year she moved to Wiesbaden ES, and a year later, transferred to Hamura ES in Japan.

While in Japan, she met and married her husband Wayland (Bill) Burgess. They were married for 47 years and retired in Williston, Vermont. Georgia enjoyed traveling, exercising at the Racquet's Edge, crafts, and shopping.

Robert Ricci, February 28, 1935 - August 1, 2011

Bob was born February 28, 1935 in Arce, Italy, the son of Domenico and Tomasina Ricci. He passed away Aug 1, 2011 in Palo Alto, Calif. His family moved from Italy to Providence, RI and then to Modesto, California in 1950. He graduated from

Modesto HS in 1953, and, after serving two years in the US Army, earned a BS from UC Santa Barbara and a MA from Boston University.

Bob's teaching career in DoDDS included one year in Ankara, Turkey; five years in Stuttgart, Germany; and 28 years in Vicenza, Italy. He loved soccer and was a coach of the Vicenza HS team. He loved photography and had his own dark room at home. His students delighted in his backward talking and today there are hundreds of people who know how to say things backwards because of Bob.

He leaves his wife Marlene and their children Monica, Marisa and Pete

Raymond Moser, July 26, 1941 - February 27, 2011

Ray was born on July 26, 1941 and spent most of his life in rural

Ohio. He earned a BS in Education at Youngstown University and an MS at Kent State University. He taught high school math for 18

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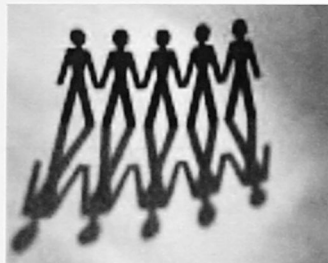
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