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Readers are encouraged to submit short, factual articles of human interest regarding their experiences overseas. Articles printed may or may not reflect the opinions of the AOSHS.



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*A Journal for All Past and Present American
Overseas Schools Personnel, Students, and Families*



On December 31, 1996 The AOS Historical Society ended its first fiscal year with 481 Charter Members in 42 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, many military bases in the Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, and six foreign countries. The first **Annual Financial Report** for members, covering the Jan 1 - Dec 31, '96 period will be filed with the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, and will be in the Spring Issue of The Quarterly.

This issue presents the third progress report regarding a permanent location for The AOS Archives; geographical locations where members reside individually, in groups, and clusters; information on the DoDDS IX Annual Reunion (and possibly DoDDS X); the Overseas Brats Gathering; other interesting collections in the archives; the Kaiserslautern Children's Cemetery; updates regarding progress in cross-referencing collections in the archives and the expansion of databases for overseas educators both living and deceased; and two new publications **NOMAD** and **BRATS**.

The AOSHS Board of Directors and Regional Representatives wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

NOTICE

Starting next May with the Spring edition, future Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall issues of *THE AOSHS QUARTERLY* will be mailed in February, May, August, and November, one month later than the current practice of mailing in January, April, July and October. This will provide less interruption and hopefully more efficiency on the part of volunteers preparing the quarterly, in the four- to six-week periods prior to distribution. With the current situation the preparation periods have many frustrating distractions, such as the Christmas and New Year Holidays, income tax preparation, and the beginning and ending of school summer sessions, and vacations. The August Summer edition will be better timed to report on school alumni reunions, the Annual DoDDS Reunion, and the Annual Meeting of AOS Historical Society Members. The November Fall edition will also be better timed to include Safe and Happy Holiday Wishes for all of you.



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AOS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP


The American Overseas Schools Historical Society was incorporated nonprofit in the State of Arizona on July 20, 1995. By the end of the first year of operations in July of 1996 the society had 262 members around the world. At the completion of its first, full fiscal year on December 31, 1996, Charter Membership had grown to 482, due primarily to the recruitment efforts of 12 Regional Representatives in the United States and Canada, two in the Pacific, and four in Europe.

It is interesting and informative to note the geographical locations of members, some isolated, some in groups, and others in clusters. Listed below are the number of members by state, territory, APO/FPO, and foreign country:

California: 60; Arizona: 52; Florida: 45; APO/FPO AE: 34; APO/FPO AP: 24; Texas and Virginia: 23; Colorado: 14; Pennsylvania and Washington: 14 each; North Carolina: 12; Georgia and Minnesota: 11 each; New York: 10; Maryland and Michigan: 9 each; Massachusetts: 8; Kentucky, Oregon and South Carolina: 6 each; Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and England: 5 each; Kansas, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Oklahoma: 4 each; Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana and New Jersey: 3 each; Alabama, Arkansas, Washington D.C., Nevada, Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Germany and The Netherlands: 2 each; Connecticut, Mississippi, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Wyoming, Canada, Denmark, Japan, and Norway: 1 each.

Fifty-eight members are still working with the DoD Schools in the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. Those listed as living in foreign countries are retired DoD employees. The large majority of members in the United States are concentrated in the Southwest, South, and Southeast, particularly California: 60; Arizona: 52; Florida: 45; and Texas: 23. Oddly, we have no members in Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Vermont.

Charter Members will receive certificates suitable for framing with the Spring AOSHS Quarterly.

There are still many thousands of current and past overseas schools students, educators and support personnel, American and foreign who have never heard of The AOS Historical Society. We encourage the membership to help us recruit additional members to support us in our mission of recording and preserving the history of educating American children and youth abroad. 

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A O S A R C H I V E S U P D A T E

This is the Third Progress Report to the Membership Regarding a
Permanent Location for
The American Overseas Schools Archives

In the Summer 1996 Issue of the *AOSHS QUARTERLY* a questionnaire was included listing the five most frequent recommendations from members regarding a permanent location for *The American Overseas Schools Archives*. The results of the survey were reported in the Fall 1996 Issue and included a suggestion by Joy Harper Bryant—AOSHS Regional Representative for TX, LA, and MS—that the five alternatives be considered collectively and not separately. Her suggestion of relocating the archives in or near a large metropolitan area, with the support of alumni, active or retired federal employees, and a college or university, would satisfy 76 percent of those who responded to the survey. The large majority of those who did not respond to the survey informed the AOSHS that they would support any decision recommended by the board of directors. As a consequence, the board has decided to follow Ms. Bryant's suggestion, and will soon start the process of identifying U.S. cities meeting the above criteria where it can build, buy, or be the recipient of a building donated for the archives.

Many members of *The Historical Society* have also suggested that the board recognize the importance of involving more overseas elementary, middle, junior, and senior high school students, and school alumni, in the effort of establishing a permanent home for the archives. Thousands of them are already recorded in all three components of the archives. It is felt that their active involvement in establishing such a site would help alleviate feelings many of them have in common, and long recognized by teachers and school administrators worldwide, —that they have "... no real sense of home, that they are from everywhere and from nowhere ..." as described by **Mary Edwards Wertsch** in her book *MILITARY BRATS, Legacies of Childhood Inside The Fortress*. (Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 91-76227 ISBN: 0-9639260-3-9).

So, how to involve more students, past and present, has since been the topic of a number of brainstorming sessions, and has resulted in escalating **The Dream** of having a single building for the archives, privately owned by the historical society, to that of **The Vision** of a landscaped historical park with a visitors center, archives building and "brats" museum.

To get the reactions of brats to **The Vision**, two members of the board attended Joe Condrill's **Overseas Brats 10th Annual Gathering** in Breckenridge, Colorado, October 17-20, 1996, and presented the concept during a general session devoted exclusively to the topic. Representatives from nearly 40 overseas schools alumni associations attended. Their reactions were supportive, enthusiastic, surprised, and with some, quite emotional.

Reporting this back to the board, it was decided that a Think Tank Ad Hoc Committee should be appointed from the membership to further investigate and brainstorm **The Vision**—a historical park of five or more acres for the archives, a brats museum, and a visitor's center.

Following a thorough background check of members, seven dedicated individuals with extensive successful experience organizing and running overseas schools alumni associations, were asked to serve on the committee. They enthusiastically agreed to further explore, with the board, the pros and cons of a historical park, hopefully supported by the joint efforts of a city/college/military base. They also recognized the need to become knowledgeable regarding the writing of proposals for federal and private foundation grants, corporate and private donations, wills, the sale of inscribed bricks for the interior walls of the buildings and walkways connecting the buildings, and evaluating suggestions such as having generic statues of teachers and students in the park.


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The Think Tank members started work, communicating by e-mail last November and have been involved in deliberations aimed at improving **The Vision** since then. They have now renamed themselves **The Visionaries**. Two of them are AOSHS Regional Representatives: for Florida, Sunny Taylor Schwentner; for TX, LA, and MS, Joy Harper Bryant. Members of the committee are:

Chair, Glenn Greenwood..... Director, Ramey HS 70's Alumni Assn. Editor, Ramey HS Alumni/Faculty Directory.
Pat Riley Blackwell..... Founder, Charter President, Rochefort AHS Alumni Assn.
Joy Harper Bryant..... President, Founder, J.M. Wainwright Alumni Assn.
Jack Canavan..... Founder, Head, Kadena HS Alumni Assn.
Steve Eisenbaugh..... Founder, Taipei American School Alumni Assn.
Jeri Polansky Glass..... Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Berlin AHS Alumni Assn.
Sunny Taylor Schwentner Founder, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Kubasaki AHS, Founder, President, Guam High School Alumni Assn.

The AOSHS Board of Directors and The Visionaries will soon agree on general objectives for the Historical Park, and a draft will be sent to the membership, to the overseas schools and above school level offices, and to the overseas schools alumni associations for their reactions and suggestions.

We will report further in the Spring 1997 Edition of *The Quarterly*, and at the Second Annual Membership Meeting of the Society during the DoDDS IX ANNUAL REUNION in San Antonio next July 7-11. In the meantime, if you think your community would benefit and be a good place for the historical park (**The Vision**), please inform The Board of Directors, AOSHS, Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, or by phone (602) 935-3939, or by e-mail at <OverseasSchools@Juno.Com>. Your comments will receive much attention, and be greatly appreciated.

Several U.S. communities, hearing unofficially about the Historical Park, have contacted the AOSHS requesting information. Having nothing official to share with them other than that such a project is being contemplated, they have been informed that they will be contacted if and when the concept materializes. 



INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

Thousands of past and present American overseas schools students, alumni, and educators have registered with *The AOS Archives*. On file are many historically valuable, personally written accounts of their lives overseas, including their impressions of the foreign cultures where they lived, studied, and worked.

But the archives have attracted the attention of only a very few local national librarians, foreign language and host nation teachers, in its attempt to get them to record their impressions of Americans and American education. To obtain their accounts of working in American schools, over long periods of time, would be of value to historians in the decades to come. We all know, many of them have devoted the major portion, or all of their teaching careers, educating American students and helping them adjust to the foreign lands in which they were suddenly placed.

Many American and foreign educators have developed lifelong friendships, and visit one another in their native lands. Some have even adopted their friends' foreign countries and live there part or

full time. Therefore, members are requested to contact and encourage their foreign friends to write down their impressions of American education and culture as they know it, or just write about their lives working in American schools, and mail to *The AOSHS*. Or if members prefer, collect the stories themselves, and send them to *The AOSHS*.

One such retired host nation teacher with close American friends, **Giulia Bruehl-Barmacher**, has taken an active role in helping us. She lives part-time in both Oldsmar, FL and Wiesbaden, Germany. She has successfully encouraged **Ms. Monika Meitz** to establish a collection in *The Archives*. **Ms. Meitz**, born 7/21/49, has been a DoDDS Host Nation Teacher in Wiesbaden since 1973, first at Crestview Elementary (K-3) from 1973 to 1982 and at Hainerberg Elementary (K-5) since 1982.

We now have on file an excellent description of what **Monika** has accomplished during the past 24 years working with American teachers in a coordinated program for American children. She, like

other Host Nation Teachers, emphasize using the HN language: teaching games, songs, dances, films, children's magazines, pictures, stuffed animals, puppets, easy books, and other aids, as useful tools for developing HN language skills.

Monica has also been very active over the years performing essential functions in Wiesbaden and the surrounding area which augment, support, and extend class activities, e.g., visiting sites in preparation for class visitations, gathering materials for use in the classroom, meeting with German school officials to prepare student exchange activities, arranging for presentations in DoD schools by HN citizens, organizing events for student participation in fairs, parades, and the annual visit of St. Nicholas. Her goal and focus has been "... to help the students feel more comfortable in the HN community and to increase their confidence and ability to act independently in the HN community."

What a treat for historians. Ms. Meitz has gone into detail recording in *The Archives* activities she has conducted during her employment with DoDDS. She has also kept students, teachers and parents up-to-date regarding pertinent German newsletters, special notices, and current events.

In her collection is a record of her professional development throughout the years, e.g., workshops; conferences; grade level, curriculum review, school improvement, NCA Committee meetings, and attendance at German Kdg Teachers' meetings. There are also copies of German and American newspaper articles regarding the HN program and a collection of color photographs of her students involved in various HN activities.

The AOSHS would like to have more Host Nation educators record their experiences of teaching American children, such as Japanese women in kimonos, teaching in special HN classrooms furnished like Japanese homes.

The archives are in need of the reports and accounts from all HN teachers around the world. It will be greatly appreciated if members who are in touch with current or past HN teachers will help us in this effort. It is so very important, historically.

One of the most interesting and comprehensive collections in the archives is that of Daniel A. De Carlo who lives in Honolulu. What makes his collection so comprehensive are the hundreds of books,

booklets, brochures, newspapers and newspaper articles, reports, programs, student and faculty lists, handbooks, manuals, directories, photographs, awards and recognitions, covering thirty years of federal service as a teacher and administrator in France, Italy, Libya, Okinawa, Japan, England, and Belgium. What makes the collection so interesting and unique are 33 large, green binders containing scrapbooks with pictures, and other memorabilia pertaining to the schools and communities where he served. We have photographs of Dan standing by his stack of scrapbooks. The stack is taller than he is. Visitors have always been intrigued with his scrapbooks. (Note: Visitors can only look at items in the archives under close staff supervision.)

One of the finest collections of school newsletters in the archives, is that of Cynthia Weaver Graham of San Jose, CA. Her collection contains a complete set of the *Condor Chronicle*, from the mid-60's to the early-90's, the monthly newsletter of The American School of Kinshasa in Zaire. There is also a complete set of *Tasok*, the alumni newsletter of the school. Additionally, Cindy's collection contains yearbooks of the American School of Leopoldville, Democratic Republic of the Congo; the American School of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo; and the American School of Kinshasa in Zaire.

Among Cindy's papers is a very interesting policy paper written by the Washington Office of the African Office of the National Council of Churches, dated June 1992, titled *Zaire: A Nation Held Hostage*.

The archives staff is constantly on the lookout for papers and reports of completed research regarding American overseas schools, particularly masters theses and doctoral dissertations. Not only have Frank and Joyce Vahovich of Reading, PA, who have a large collection in the archives, donated copies of both of their doctoral dissertations, they have "gone the extra mile" and sent in copies of dissertations written by six other individuals: Geraldine Paulsen, Frederick Warner, Earl Ficken, Daniel Stabile, Phyllis Weinberg, and Elizabeth May.

Members of the Historical Society who have completed any research pertaining to the overseas schools are encouraged to send copies to AOSHS. ☐

KAISERSLAUTERN CHILDREN'S CEMETERY

Submitted by Patricia Hein

The Kaiserslautern Military Community wants to locate the families of American service personnel whose infants died while assigned to the Kaiserslautern Community.

There are 451 grave sites of American children buried in the Walfriedhof Cemetery between 1952 and 1971. Most are believed to have been buried in Kaiserslautern because there was no financial assistance for their parents to return the casketed remains to the United States.

Members of the Kaiserslautern Community along with members of the American military bases have begun a project to lease the land for the sites, to maintain the cemetery facility and to clean the headstones. These same groups have also joined together to hold an annual Memorial Ceremony for these very special children. The records for these children's graves are incomplete. The Kaiserslautern Community Deputy Commander's Office is looking for family members of these children. If you are a family member, or know of one, please write to: 86 AW/KCD, Unit 3200, Box 320, APO AE 09094, or call international: 011-49-631-536-6741. ☐

DODDS REUNION IX

San Antonio, Texas

July 7-10, 1997

**To register, contact Barbara and John Williams ASAP at:
24882 Dana Fir, Dana Point, CA 92629-1151
Phone and Fax 1-714-443-9709**

Accommodations will be in a historic hotel located near the Alamo and a three-story mall in the famous Riverwalk area. A Registration Fee of \$60.00 per person, will include: (1) a reception and cocktail party with light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine on Monday, July 7; (2) a complete dinner with live "DoDDS entertainment" on Wednesday, July 9; and (3) a farewell breakfast on Thursday morning, July 10.

The hotel can accommodate only 375 people for the dinner and the breakfast. So, we have been advised that you should not procrastinate in sending in your registration fee.

The hotel has guaranteed special group rates for a limited number of single and double rooms at \$89.00 nightly, plus a 15% tax. Triple and quad rooms will be \$99.00 plus tax.

IMPORTANT

Information on the hotel will be sent to you upon receipt of your Reunion Registration. You should then call the hotel and make your own reservations.

On Tuesday evening, for \$25.00, you will be able to take a guided tour of the Lonestar Brewery and Museum prior to a Texas Style Bar-B-Q, free beer, and dancing. Transportation from the hotel to the brewery and return will be included in the price.

If you have art, crafts, or hobbies that you would like to display or sell inform Barbara and John so that they can arrange a place in the hotel for you to "set up."

HONCHOS

Planners for DoDDS IX are Marilyn and Terry Taylor of San Antonio, TX, John and Barbara Williams of Dana Point, CA, Sue and Glynn Turquand of Laguna Niguel, CA, and John Brokaw of Indianapolis, IN.

DoDDS IX will be the direct descendent of eight previous non-membership reunions. The first four were referred to as ODDSARA for Overseas Department of Defense Dependents Schools Annual Reunion Association. During the sixth reunion in Las Vegas the name was changed to The DoDDS Annual Reunion.

The first reunion was held in Concord, CA in 1989. Following reunions were in Orlando, FL; Chicago, IL; Bremerton, WA; Flagstaff, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; Monterey, CA. An unorganized gathering occurred in Washington, D.C. during the celebration of the DoDDS 50th Anniversary and Grand Reunion '96. GR '96 was run by Bill Gunkel and staff of Reunions Unlimited in Englewood, CO, and was attended by more than 1300 overseas schools alumni and educators.

? DODDS X REUNION ?

WALTER E. PEIK, "Man of the World" (who donated an excellent collection to *The Archives*), would like to sponsor DoDDS X during the summer in Minneapolis and is asking for suggestions and help. He wants to get started *right now*. Walt's pitch includes: The Mall of America; Minneapolis Aquatennial; Minnesota Twins; a Riverboat Dinner Cruise (sounds like *Odyssey III* on the Potomac last August); the zoo; park; museums, etc.; and the involvement of Chambers of Commerce and Tourist Bureaus. If interested, contact WALT at 597 MAIN STREET SOUTH, HUTCHINSON, MN 55350-2901, or phone (320) 587-5280.

BARBARA and JOHN WILLIAMS, "Honchos" for DoDDS IX in San Antonio, would like to receive your thinking regarding a three- or four-day cruise to Mexico or the Caribbean for DoDDS X. Their pitch includes: Epcot Center; Disney World; Universal Studios; and Sea World. If interested, CONTACT BARBARA or JOHN at 24882 DANA FIR, DANA POINT, CA 92629-1151, or phone (714) 443-9709.



AOSHS DATABASE FOR OVERSEAS SCHOOLS EDUCATORS

From John Brokaw

I wish to thank everyone for the tremendous response to our announcement, in the Fall '96 issue of *The Quarterly*, of an AOSHS Database for all overseas schools educators. The many cards, letters, faxes, telephone calls, and e-mails I have received from around the world indicate a definite need for a centrally located and managed database.

We are making much progress, and if you have not yet sent us the information listed below, please do so, and also encourage your friends to do so.

Every educator can help by sending me the following information: *Name (including maiden); mailing address; telephone number; fax number; e-mail address; countries, schools, and above school level offices where worked; years at each location, and include grade levels, subjects, and positions.*

Send to:

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Indianapolis, IN 46260.
<jbrokaw@aol.com>
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Since the last issue of *The Quarterly*, I have been in and out of the hospital, and am recovering rapidly from a quintuple bypass operation. Thanks for your concerns and encouragement. No, the database had nothing to do with it.



DECEASED OVERSEAS EDUCATORS DATABASE

As announced in the Fall '96 issue of *THE QUARTERLY*, Helen Close is maintaining a database for all deceased overseas educators. We encourage all members to record her name and address, and when appropriate provide her with information regarding our deceased friends and comrades.

Send to:

Helen J. Close

Hanau American High School
CMR 470, Box 7404
APO AE 09165



A DATABASE FOR CROSS- REFERENCING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

From David Grant

In the last issue of *The Quarterly*, mention was made of the need for software that will cross reference the many open collections in the archives for the benefit of researchers and historians.

I have written and tested a batch command file to find all the files with archive information, and created a list of names for those files. Working with the AOSHS staff, I have identified "key words or phrases" that might be found in those files from which we will want to generate a cross reference listing, i.e. which collections for example have "banner" in them, etc.

I have also started to write in the "C" computer language, a program which will read through each collection (file), find all the matches to the key word or phrase list, and write out a line for each match, with the key word, phrase, and name of the collection where found. Later we will be able to sort that list by either key word, phrase or collection name. Anyone will then be able to look at either list and see what is in each collection, or which collections hold a particular type of item.

Overseas Brats Gathering in Northern Kentucky

The **Eleventh Annual Gathering of Overseas Brats** will take place at the *Quality Riverview Hotel* in Covington, Kentucky, October 23-26, 1997. The hotel is a 20-minute *free* shuttle ride from the Cincinnati Airport. On Thursday night, the 23rd, there will be a dutch-treat dinner in a restored riverboat restaurant, and on Friday night, the 24th, there will be a dinner/dance and cruise on the Ohio River.

Members of 38 overseas schools alumni associations and retired overseas schools educators attended the **Tenth Annual Gathering of Overseas Brats** in Breckenridge, Colorado last October. More alumni and educators are anticipated to attend the **Eleventh Gathering** in Kentucky.

Those interested in renewing student-teacher relationships during *Brats Gathering XI* should encourage their alumni associations to participate, and contact **Joe Condrill**, for more information at: **OVERSEAS BRATS, P.O. BOX 29805, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78229-0805 <obpres@aol.com>**

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AOSHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES

Renewal notices for annual membership dues, which include four issues of *The AOSHS QUARTERLY*, will be sent to members on a quarterly basis—February, May, August, and November.

In this issue of *The AOSHS QUARTERLY* renewal notices are enclosed for those who became members and paid their dues prior to March 31, 1996.

Those who paid dues during the second quarter of 1996—April, May, and June, will receive renewal notices in the next issue in May.

The AOSHS, a nonprofit corporation, exists entirely on the dues and donations of members. It operates "in the black" because office space, the use of all office equipment, and all work at the corporate and regional levels are donated by the Board of Directors, Regional Representatives and Volunteers.

Without your support we would not be able to collect and record the history of American education abroad and preserve it in *The Archives* which are owned and operated by *The AOSHS*.

Your annual dues of \$10.00, a good value at less than 3 cents per day, and your generous donations, are greatly appreciated.

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TWO NEW IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

Parents, past and present educators and students will be interested in two relatively new publications, *NOMAD* and *BRATS*.

NOMAD, the *brat journal*, is a magazine endorsed by military leaders, and to quote the editor, "... is the first in history to address the unique lives of teenagers whose parents are serving in the military. "Military teenagers often get to experience different countries and cultures, travel extensively, and are exposed to a variety of situations and experiences. ... Many military teenagers move frequently, and attend as many as four high schools. ... Many military personnel say that being transferred when their son or daughter is entering his/her senior year of high school creates a crisis situation for their families." *NOMAD* plans to serve this population by being their permanent community, and sets out to make the experience of being a military dependent a positive and successful one.

For more information contact Susan Cassidy, Publisher/Editor, 11410 NE 124th Street, Suite 265, Kirtland, WA 98034. (206) 820-9951. Fax (206) 821-5376. E-mail <nomadpub@aol.com>.

BRATS, a magazine, (originally a newsletter called *Seen & Heard*), is published by Military Brats of America, with members aged 1 to 90. The editor states that "All of us want to know who we are, who we were and who we will be from now on. ... Older brats want to keep close with brat friends they still have, and get close with those they lost contact with. ... We want to share roots with other individuals who did not live a typical main street childhood,—kids who wandered with other U.S. agencies and companies. ... Even so, the most often mentioned disappointments we hear, are about the loss of friends (military and civilian) and of missed experiences due to not having a hometown. ... If that's true, ... we may be able to bring together all of our uncollected memories of all those millions of assignments and make from them something *akin* to a 'home town.' A *make believe* hometown."

For more information contact Mike Adams, Founder Military Brats of America, POB 1165, New York, NY, <USBrats@aol.com>.

