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## AOSHS Incorporates in Kansas

*by Ann Bamberger*

The goal of finding a permanent home for AOSHS brought us to America's heartland. Now, after a year of planning to meet all the legal and Internal Revenue Service requirements, AOSHS, an Arizona nonprofit corporation, became AOSHS, a Kansas nonprofit corporation at 12:01AM on October 16, 2002. The merger of AOSHS-AZ into AOSHS-KS was an intricate legal process. After months of preparing paperwork, AOSHS was incorporated in the state of Kansas on August 14, 2002. The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 26 when the by-laws were adopted and the officers were named. The Kansas corporation consisted of the nine members of the board. These members were sent proxy ballots requesting a vote to approve a merger with the Arizona corporation, with AOSHS-KS as the surviving corporation.

Meanwhile, members of AOSHS-AZ received proxy ballots requesting a vote to approve the merger of the two entities at a meeting held in Goodyear, AZ on October 15. The presidents and secretaries of both organizations counted the ballots and the final tally represented unanimous approval by members of the two corporations. The four officers then signed the Agreement of Merger before a notary. To celebrate the merger, the president and the secretary of former AOSHS-AZ, Tom and Norma Drysdale hosted a lunch for the president and secretary of AOSHS-KS, Ann Bamberger and Dode Thorson.

Just as AOSHS-AZ had been through the five-year probationary period as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, having received permanent status from the IRS in 2001, AOSHS-KS has begun another five-year probationary period as a new corporation. Rest assured that all membership fees and donations are tax deductible as allowed under the law during this period.

Now that the legal concerns have been resolved, what does this mean for the future of the organization? The new structure and expanded volunteer staff will make a tremendous difference in what can be accomplished. By the spring of 2003, Dr. Drysdale will be able to focus on fund-raising and directing activities at the archives.

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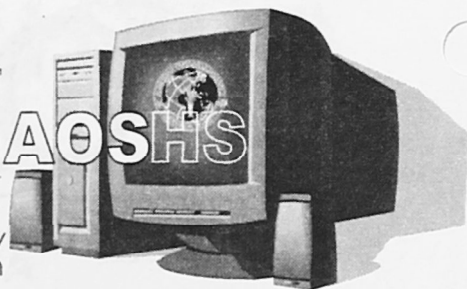
## About the Historical Society Databases

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

**Educators and Administrators:** The second attachment in each *Quarterly* is an Archive Registration Form. Please complete and submit it if you haven't already done so.

**Students:** The February issue and all future issues of the *Quarterly* will include an archive registration form for alumni. If you became an educator overseas, please fill out both forms.

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



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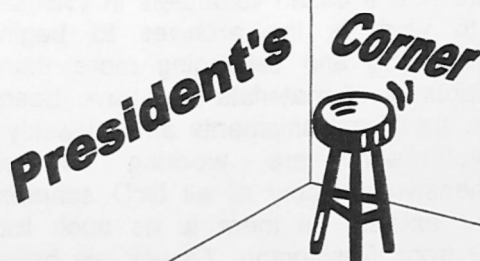


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This is the first issue of the *Quarterly* prepared by the new Board of Directors and our capable volunteers. To say that there are challenges in putting together a newsletter from two locations 1,500 miles apart is an understatement, even with the wonders of the Internet. This column will be devoted to pointing out some new formatting and explaining some of the changes you will see in future issues.



With the directory on page two, we have tried to put in one place all of the addresses and contact information members may need. With various AOSHS activities in different locations, it is very important that you send dues, donations, memorial fund information, archive forms, memorabilia and newsletter articles to the correct addresses. Another new feature is Bulletins from the Board. This will be a list of "one liners" to bring you up to date on actions or activities of the board in the months between each issue. There may be articles within the issue tied to those activities. Articles on interesting archive collections will continue to be included. Beginning in February, a different school will be featured in each issue. After a brief summary of its history, you will be brought up to date and will often find a very different scenario than you may remember. The directory of overseas area and district representatives on the last page will be of help to those working abroad. It is hoped these volunteers will be able to make Educator Day presentations and answer questions about AOSHS.

Each issue of the *Quarterly* will include the following attachments: two copies of the Membership Application Form, a copy of the Archive Registration Form, Memorial Fund announcements, Memorial Program information, and information on upcoming reunions as space allows.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. We had a late start and many concerns to resolve...and there are still a few more issues to tackle...Ann

## **BOARD BULLETINS**

- "Welcome back" letter sent from AOSHS to all returning teachers.
- Donor recognition program approved.
- AOSHS President attended "Brats' Gathering" in Chicago.
- Information packets mailed to overseas district representatives.
- Two board members attended DoDDS reunion in Florida.
- New mailing and e-mail addresses established.
- Operating fund account moved to Wichita.
- New policy on payment of dues approved.
- Letters of appreciation sent to Directors of DoDDEA, Europe, and the Pacific.



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There are now a dozen volunteers in Wichita willing to work in the archives to begin opening, sorting and cataloging more than 50,000 pounds of materials that have been received. Additional shipments arrive weekly. Two volunteers are working on a comprehensive directory of all DoD schools that ever existed, as there is no such list available from Washington. Though we have had contacts within the offices of the Directors in the Pacific and Europe for the past few years, we now have an AOSHS contact within each district office, including Guam.

Currently employed educators are some of our biggest supporters, but more need to hear from us. Our greatest untapped source of membership is our alumni, numbering in the millions. Alumni organizations include individual high school alumni associations, Overseas Brats, Military Brats, and dozens of links on the Internet. We need to make our former students aware of AOSHS and its goal of preserving a part of their history.

Making the Historical Park a reality is a tremendous undertaking. As well as directing the archives, Dr. Drysdale will turn his focus to-

ward raising the \$4.5 million needed in endowment funds for salaries and expenses of future employees and \$2.5 million for Phase I of the building plan. We will seek these funds from private philanthropic organizations and government sources. Along the way, your support in continuing membership and contributions is vital to the organization. At the close of fiscal year 1996, the first full year of operation, AOSHS had assets of \$5,549. As we approach the end of fiscal year 2002, these assets have grown to approximately \$300,000. These funds are the direct results of your dues and donations. In addition, all AOSHS volunteers, including the Board of Directors, receive no reimbursement for travel or lodging for the events they attend. Board approved expenses include only office supplies, reproduction and mailing costs, telephone, and consultants such as attorneys and accountants. Many nonprofit organizations collapsed last year because they had begun expansion based on expected contributions that didn't materialize due to 9/11. This will not happen to AOSHS. We look forward to the challenging years ahead with definite goals in place. We've come to the end of the yellow brick road and we're home at last - in Kansas.



## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

### *Moving Target: A Memoir of Pursuit*

by Ron Arias, Staff Correspondent in Los Angeles for People Magazine

No one knew he was a US Army spy and an escape artist in two wars, whose mission called for repeatedly getting himself captured by the enemy. No one knew until his son (Ron Arias Stuttgart High School '59 alumnus) hunted down the truth about this and other puzzling facts surrounding a man once called America's most-captured POW.

"Ron Arias is a lost son in search of a lost father and he brings worlds of experience - as both a tough investigative reporter and a sensitive novelist - to this touchingly personal story. From the first pages, we want the same happy ending he does, knowing all the time that happy endings are elusive in real life. *Moving Target* reminds us that it's the search, the journey itself, that matters most. Arias is a very wise companion on a sad and moving trip that, in one way or another, we all hate to take." *John Coyne, author of Brothers and Sisters.*

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## AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

By Tom Drysdale

In the early 1990's, when the American Overseas Schools Archive (AOSA) was at Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, members of the Bitburg, Germany DoD High School Alumni Association recommended that AOSA establish an Overseas Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. The archive staff thought this was an excellent idea and involved other alumni associations in exploring the concept. Before long it was generally agreed that there should be an Overseas Schools Alumni Hall of Fame, but not limited to just one activity or vocation. It was obvious that overseas schools alumni had achieved recognition in most all career fields in addition to professional and amateur sports, e.g., the Departments of Defense and State; US industry, corporations and businesses; education; the performing arts; federal, state and city governments, and many more areas.

A comprehensive list of alumni who have achieved national and international recognition is available for viewing at the AOSHS website (<http://aoshs.wichita.edu>) hosted by Wichita State University, or by simply typing "AOSHS" into your favorite search engine, such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). Then while viewing the AOSHS website, click on "Famous Brats and Overseas Alumni."

By 1993 the expanded archive required more space than was available at NAU, and a search was begun for another facility. This urgent need resulted in putting the Alumni Hall of Fame project on the "back burner" indefinitely.

The establishment of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in 1996, and the selection of Wichita, Kansas in 1998 as the location of an historical park to honor and

recognize the foreign service of students and their educators, moved the Alumni Hall of Fame project off that "back burner."

The question now is: "Where should an Alumni Hall of Fame, if there is to be one, be located in the future historical park such that it will be easily observable by visitors? Should it be in the visitors center, the archives building, the museum, or the auditorium? Should it be in more than one of them? This has not yet been decided, but the most frequent suggestion is to use a wall in the museum to tell the Hall of Fame Story and to mount photographs and biographies of appointees. The museum, a 14,000 square foot building, will have ample wall space for such a project.

Another question is how the identification and selection of nominees for the Hall of Fame is to be addressed. It appears the best solution would be for the society to randomly appoint an ad hoc committee of perhaps ten or more representatives, each from a different alumni association, to draft a selection criteria and identification procedure.

Another suggestion that has captured the attention of a number of alumni leaders is to hold an annual black tie banquet in Wichita honoring the most recent appointees to the Hall of Fame. Your suggestions on recognizing outstanding alumni will be appreciated as we move toward this goal.

Readers are requested to send comments and suggestions to AOSA at: [archives@aoshs.org](mailto:archives@aoshs.org)

*Tom Drysdale, President Emeritus, is Volunteer Director of the Archives located in Wichita, Kansas.*



## DoDDS Today

By Lee Davis

DoDDS today vs. DoDDS of yesteryear---the comparison is a story of change! The status of our schools overseas quickly reflects the changes in our country's dealings with the world. We have witnessed many types of changes in DoDDS, some good, some less than good. Perhaps the greatest positive change has been the welcome publicity received from the American press during the past few years. Some have included statements suggesting that if the military can provide American education to dependents of overseas personnel so successfully, then public education in the United States should take a serious look at the educational programs provided by DoDDS. This we have known for years! The record of excellence in education within the DoDDS system has remained high despite continuous fluctuations in school numbers and sizes.

Over the past 56 years, as the world's political situation has fluctuated, major changes in demographics have taken place, both in the total number of school sites and in the enrollment numbers of individual schools. At the beginning of SY 1946-47 there were 1,297 students enrolled in 138 elementary and high schools in Germany and Austria; by the end of the school year the enrollment had grown to 2,292 students. In Japan the same year, the Tokyo American School had 167 students; but during that school year, American schools were opened on six military bases offering K-12 programs. By 1949, there were close to 100 DoD schools worldwide.

In the late '60s and early '70s enrollment averaged 160,000 in K-12 in 33 countries. By 1974, there were about 200 K-8 schools and some 58 high schools in 26 countries. Yet by 1997-98 numbers had dropped to approximately half the enrollment: 80,000 students in 167 schools worldwide. As of September 30, 2002, the total enrollment has dropped to 72,626 in 138 schools.

Change can also take place within a selected school. For example, the Kaiserslautern High School yearbook for SY 1980-81 states: "The school year started with approximately 1,800 students." Today, the same K-Town High School has an enrollment of 558 students.

Currently, Ramstein, Germany, with 971 students, is the largest high school in DoDDS. Eight high schools now have less than 100 students. Only four elementary schools exceed 1,000 students, with Sullivans in Japan being the largest at 1,455. Amazingly, there are eight *elementary* schools with an enrollment of less than 100 students today.

If you are interested in seeking the enrollment of a specific school, go to [www.odedodea.edu](http://www.odedodea.edu) and click on schools, then on enrollment. *If your school is not listed, it has been closed.* The absence of these schools, the educators who taught there, and the students who attended them, is the prime reason for the existence of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society. When a stateside school closes, it is usually because a newer, larger school is taking its place. Its records, artifacts, and student population are transferred to the new location. When a school closes overseas, an historic era ends abruptly. There is no new school to move into; its students transfer with their parents to another city or military facility altogether. There is no Homecoming weekend for its students, no trophy case to display its achievement, and no walls upon which to frame its history. Without the American Overseas Schools Archives, we would lose a part of history, from school records that demonstrate the excellence in education we exhibited then and now, to anecdotal stories from students, teachers and administrators about just how we as Americans related to people in extraordinary places during extraordinary times. Without the American Overseas Schools Historical Park, we would lose a place to call home.

## Former DoDDS teacher falls to sniper's reign of terror

By Diana Kempton

The day Linda Franklin was killed, friends and family were heard to say they remembered her as a woman who embraced life, no matter what it handed her. Life handed her a lot. She raised two children while teaching overseas. During her last DoDDS teaching assignment in SHAPE, Belgium, where she and her new husband Ted arrived in SY 1995-96, their rental house and all their possessions were lost in a fire New Year's Eve. Linda suffered a broken ankle and was in a leg cast for months. Daughter Katrina (Katie), a high school senior, suffered a moped-car collision and re-injured her head that had been first injured while they lived in Okinawa. To add to her challenges, the beginnings of breast cancer were diagnosed while she was at SHAPE.

She was winning the battle with cancer and was in physical therapy following her double mastectomy last year, when she became the ninth victim of the serial sniper who terrorized Washington, D.C. for weeks. The evening of October 14th, Linda and Ted were loading their purchases into the car in a Home Depot parking lot in the Seven Corners area of Falls Church, Virginia. They were in the process of moving to a temporary home while their new, larger home was being built. There was much to be done. She was looking forward to Katie giving birth to their first grandchild in a few months. She knew it was going to be a boy.

Those who worked with her around the world in DoDDS are not the least surprised that her FBI co-workers describe her as a person who could light up a room, a loving, giving and extremely outgoing woman. They probably are even less surprised to hear them tell of her analytical and managerial skills and great initiative. Early in her career with the FBI, she helped develop a training program for their National Infrastructure Protection Center at bureau headquarters. The Center investigates and responds to threats to utilities, banks, water supplies and public safety. It was established the same year that Linda joined the bureau. They soon recognized her analytical abilities and put those skills to use. In no time at all she was working as an intelligence operations specialist for the Center.

A teacher at SHAPE the same years recalls one of her students telling her that Mrs. Franklin said she

was going to go to Washington and work for the FBI. At the time she was in that leg cast with the broken ankle. The kids had laughed and said they thought that to be an FBI person, you would have to be physically fit. Linda laughed along with them, then propped her cast up on the desk and kept teaching. When she was killed by a sniper who took lives at random, she was working in a job she loved, contributing to the effort to protect our nation's infrastructure from terrorism.

Upon learning that a former DoDDS teacher was among the sniper victims, AOSHS Board Member Lee Davis recognized the name instantly as a former teacher of his grand-daughter and as a co-worker of his son-in-law, a teacher in Okinawa. Terrorism, whether domestic or foreign, has seemingly touched us all this past year.

There is one quote among all the articles printed recently about Linda Franklin that stands out to me as a DoDDS-educated person. Steve York, who worked with her at the FBI, told reporters at the *Washington Post*: "She had that ability to make people from different places feel comfortable." We global nomads know just how important that ability is. We know how much our teachers had to adapt; how they made us feel comfortable, safe and at home wherever we happened to be; and that more than anything, they wanted to make a difference. Linda Franklin will be remembered by those who knew her as someone who made a difference in their world.

*Linda Gail (Belvin-Hubbard) Franklin, 1955-2002, is survived by her husband of eight years, William "Ted" Franklin; daughter Katrina (Belvin) Hannum, 23; and son Thomas Belvin, 25. In addition to her own children, Linda helped raise a niece. She came to the FBI 3 1/2 years ago from a DoDDS teaching position in SHAPE, Belgium. Prior to SHAPE, she taught science at Kubasaki HS in Okinawa, Japan, where she met Ted. Her career with DoDDS as a math and science teacher began in Stuttgart in 1987. She is a 1986 education graduate of the University of Florida.*





## Successful "Brats Gathering" in Chicago



"Brats" Sunny Taylor Schwentner, Kubasaki '62 and Pat Riley Blackwell, Rochefort '56, show off their hats bought at a local antique shop near Chicago.

Overseas Brats celebrated the organization's 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving the brat and educator communities at the gathering held October 17-20 at the Wyndham Lisle Hotel near Chicago. Joe Condrill, founder and president, welcomed a group of almost 100 alumni leaders and reunion planners to the four-day event.

Dozens of schools were represented, but four alumni groups used the Chicago gathering for get-togethers. These schools were ACS Athens (Greece), Narimasu High School (Japan), Osaka High School (Japan), and Tehran American School (Iran).

One of the general goals of the Overseas Brats is to help and support AOSHS in our activities, particularly in the establishment of a historical park celebrating the heritage students and educators share. Joe has been instrumental in making the brats organization one of our largest regular donors. Many will remember that at the general membership meeting in Boston in July 2000, AOSHS presented Joe with the Flame Award for contributing over \$15,000 during AOSHS's first four years. Contributions continue to be made by the Overseas Brats organization.

Anyone who wants more information about the Overseas Brats can check out their Web site at [www.overseasbrats.com](http://www.overseasbrats.com). Asheville, N.C. is the gathering place for their October 30-November 2 reunion in 2003.

## Floridians Race to Daytona



The sparkling beaches and warm breezes of Florida's Atlantic coast welcomed almost 200 retired DoD educators, most of whom live in the Sunshine State. A few slipped in from California, Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia and even Minnesota to round out the gathering. The welcome buffet Friday evening, October 25, was held outdoors at poolside with long-time friends getting reacquainted after many years of separation. The weekend included sightseeing, the golf tournament which is always planned by Joe Indresano, a Saturday night banquet with many door prizes, and the final Sunday brunch, where next year's location was announced – Pensacola. A cruise may be in the offing for 2004.

## New Policy on Dues

As mentioned in the article on page one, AOSHS is in secure financial condition because of conservative spending by the Board and because of generous donations from many members. Most of the assets are in designated accounts: the Endowment/Building Fund, the Drysdale Archive Fund, and the Memorial Program (Beautification Fund). The money is invested as it accrues and can be used only for the specific designated purpose. The day-to-day operation of the organization is paid from the Operating Fund, which comes from your dues.

When the Board plans the annual budget, it is important to know how much operating revenue can be expected. If each member pays his/her annual dues, the operating revenue can be assured; unfortunately, this had not been the case. Many members are a year or more in arrears, but they have continued to receive the *Quarterly*. Perhaps some are uncertain when they should pay their dues. The board has decided that it needs to do a better job informing members about dues. Delinquent members will be given a final notice when they receive the newsletter. No further issues of the *Quarterly* will be sent until dues are current.

If the number following your name on the mailing label of the November issue is 28, your dues are due. When you remit \$20 in the next two months, you will receive four more issues of the *Quarterly*. The label on your February newsletter would, under this system, have the number 32 after your name ( $28 + 4 = 32$ ).

If the number following your name on the November issue is 27 or less, your dues are past due, and this issue will be the last newsletter you will receive. If the number on the label is 23 or 24, you are one year past due and need to remit \$40 to be a member in good standing. In the future all members three months in arrears will be considered to have delinquent accounts.

However, with the February issue we will begin a new system, and your label will reflect the date of renewal by month and year. Thus, if you pay your November dues on time the label on your February newsletter will show the date 11/03 after your name. That is when you again must renew. If the label on the February newsletter says 2/03, you know that your dues are due.

The first attachment of this newsletter has two membership forms. If your dues are due or overdue, please take time today to complete a form and continue your support of AOSHS. Every member is important, and by your ensuring your annual support, you allow us to plan effectively and to grow.

## Board Approves Annual Donor Recognition Program

At the recent meeting, the Board approved an annual donor recognition program to be implemented in the spring of 2003. Each year the number of donors has increased along with the amount of money given. It is only fitting that we recognize these faithful supporters who have given strength to the organization by their contributions to the various endowment funds and to the operating fund. The membership will be provided a list of names of donors in various categories such as \$100 - \$249, \$250 - \$499, \$500 - \$999 and so on. Many of you probably receive similar publications from your colleges or universities. The first donor recognition list will be for the year 2002.

At this same time we need to recognize future donors, those who have included AOSHS as a part of their estate planning. The first to announce her plans to do so was Mary Meuhring. She was a teacher and administrator in both Europe and the Pacific

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and has been a longtime supporter of AOSHS. We feel deeply indebted to Mary for her plan to "Leave a Legacy." AOSHS has been made aware of others who have made this commitment. The Board has determined that the group to honor these members will be the called the Mary H. Meuhring Circle. Those in the Meuhring Circle will also be recognized in the spring publication.

Members will note that the new membership application form, part of the attachments to the newsletter, has a box to check if AOSHS is a part of your estate planning. Life members who have designated AOSHS in their estate planning should inform the president.

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Donations to help preserve the *American Overseas Schools Archives* (AOSA) for posterity and historical research are appreciated and are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Donations may be sent to the above address.

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 AOSHS. Please submit articles to: **AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.**

### AOSHS Policy

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



**Attachment #1****The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. Nonprofit  
Membership Program, P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587**

Individual New Application \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Printed full name (including maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box No. City (APO/FPO) State ZIP

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Ex \_\_\_\_ Current \_\_\_\_ Overseas Educator \_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check/money order for an Individual Life Membership (See reverse) or  
my \$20 check/money order for annual dues and 4 issues of the AOSHS Quarterly. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a donation for the AOSHS Endowment/Building Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is a donation for the AOSHS Operating Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. Nonprofit  
Membership Program, P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587**

Individual New Application \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Printed full name (including maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box No. City (APO/FPO) State ZIP

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Ex \_\_\_\_ Current \_\_\_\_ Overseas Educator \_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check/money order for an Individual Life Membership (See reverse) or  
my \$20 check/money order for annual dues and 4 issues of the AOSHS Quarterly. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a donation for the AOSHS Endowment/Building Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>31 - 40</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>66 - 70</u>	<u>215</u>
<u>41 - 50</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>71 - 75</u>	<u>180</u>
<u>51 - 55</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>76 - 80</u>	<u>145</u>
<u>56 - 60</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>81 +</u>	<u>110</u>

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**Attachment #2**

## AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES

P.O. BOX 1500  
WICHITA, KS 67201-1500Please attach  
passport size  
photo

## PERSONNEL REGISTRATION FORM

**For all current and past educators and support personnel, American and foreign.**

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Mo \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background:**

BA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

MA \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Ed.D. \_\_\_ Ph.D. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yr. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the information I have provided will be available for research purposes in the archives.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the information on the reverse of this form and mail to:**AOSHS Archive Registration  
P.O. Box 1500  
Wichita, KS 67201-1500



No. of Years with **DODDS** First Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ If there was a break in service please list the year(s) you left, then returned: Left \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_; Left \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_.

No. of Years with **Private Overseas Schools** First Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ If there was a break in service please list the year(s) you left, then returned: Left \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_; Left \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Attachment #3****MEMORIAL FUNDS****FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT****JAMES R. "COACH" ELLIOTT (1921 – 2002)**

James R. "Coach" Elliott was born June 6, 1921 and passed away on September 21, 2002. Jim graduated from Rankin High School, served with the Coast Guard during WWII in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, and earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Education Degrees from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Following four years of teaching and coaching in West Texas, Jim joined DoDDS in 1956, teaching physical education, math, health, and social studies and coaching both men and women's interscholastic sports. He retired in 1984. His assignments were: Misawa, Japan; Greenham Common, England; Wheelus Air Base, Tripoli, Libya; Chateauroux, France; '60 – '63 Narimasu High School, Tokyo, Japan; '63 – '64 Tripoli, Libya; '64 – '84 H.H. Arnold High School, Wiesbaden, Germany. Following his retirement, the athletic field at H. H. Arnold High School was named Elliott Field in his honor.

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS****LAWRENCE LUNDBERG (1932 – 2001)**

Larry Lundberg and the schools established on the SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) compound were intimately intertwined for 27+ years. He came to the "school within a school" in 1968 as principal of the U.S. Section, a U.S. military dependents' school sharing an international campus with 13 other schools representing 8 nations. The international school was newly formed and in its developmental stage. His contribution to the establishment of cooperative teacher and student interaction, the sharing of common facilities, and the esprit de corps among staffs is well known and acknowledged by both students and professional educators. In 1975 it was his choice to return to the profession closest to his heart, that of classroom teacher at SHAPE American Elementary School. He will be forever remembered by staff and students as a dedicated teacher whose positive influence is not bordered by the passing of time. "The most important thing is to be there," -and he always was

**VIRGINIA C. REIDY (1923-2001)**

Virginia Reidy was born in San Diego, California, on July 24, 1923. She received a B.A. from Occidental College, Los Angeles. While teaching elementary school in San Diego, she accepted a teacher exchange position in Glasgow, Scotland, for school year 1951- 52. She enjoyed the overseas experience so much that in 1954 she applied to the schools operated by the military overseas. Virginia enjoyed her assignments in Kitzingen and Frankfurt, Germany. After a number of years suffering with acute side effects of diabetes, she passed away December 6, 2001. She will always be remembered for her skillful teaching methods and bright, sunny outlook on life.

### JOAN L. WICKS (1934 – 2002)

Joan was born in Decorah, Iowa. After receiving her degree from the University of Iowa, she taught elementary school in Iowa and California before going overseas in 1960. Her assignments with dependents' schools included Okinawa, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Puerto Rico, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Virginia. While overseas she earned her M.A. from Michigan State. After her retirement in 1991, she discovered she missed working with children, living overseas and traveling. She went back to school, earned her certification in early childhood special education and went back overseas, though she was diagnosed with cancer and was treated several times over the past nine years. Joan is remembered for her determination, her loyalty to her many friends, her love of the young children she taught, her enthusiastic participation in the arts and cultural activities of the countries where she lived and her active interest in gourmet cooking and home decoration. Joan passed away after her long battle with cancer on May 16, 2002.

#### Closed Memorial Funds

*Following is the disposition of funds that have been closed.*

Betty Horner	not yet determined
Dr. Edward Mantel	16 x 16 paver
Hank Matsumoto	4 x 8 brick
Mary Robertson	not yet determined

### Visit the Kiosk Web Site

As the brick and pavers have been purchased, the information provided has been entered into a computer program. From that program, a kiosk has been developed to enable people to see who has purchased an item individually, as a gift for a friend or loved one or in memory of someone. If a biography and photo were submitted, they are a part of the kiosk page. You can access this program at: [www.aoshhs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshhs.org/kiosk)

The home page gives you five links: **Interactive Kiosk** – an alphabetical roster of who is entered in the program. Follow the prompts to find the alphabet page you want to see. **Historical Park** – tells about the projected park, with a map and photo of the architects' model. **Memorial Program** – tells about the program and lists items that can be purchased, the details of each item and how to receive order cards. **Memorial Fund** – explains how to set up a fund (you may print off a form), lists the current funds that are open to receive donations and tells where to send a donation. **AOSHS Home** – this link will take you to the AOSHS web site, which can also be accessed at: <http://aoshhs.wichita.edu>



**Attachment # 4****The AOSHS Memorial Program  
PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

The following is a recap of the memorial program currently available.

All purchases and donations are tax deductible.

**1. Memorial Program** - you may purchase a brick, block or paver in your own name, as a gift for a friend or loved one, or in memory of a friend, 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.

**2. Memorial Fund** - you may organize a memorial fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the AOSHS 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 to complete and submit with your original donation. You may also print the form from the kiosk we site: [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk)

**3.** You may donate to a memorial fund already established by sending a check payable to AOSHS Memorial Fund and note the honoree on the memo line. Send checks to the:

**Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.  
mail: <[memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)>**

Type	<u>Size</u> (inches)	<u>Max Characters per line</u> (including characters and spaces)	<u>Max Lines</u>	<u>Total Characters</u> (including characters and spaces)	<u>Cost</u>
Ceramic Brick	4x8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic Brick	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Granite Block, Pol- ished	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite Paver, Pol- ished	16x16	25	11	275	\$1000
Granite Paver, Pol- ished	24x24	35	17	595	\$2500

**Who?**

Who will pay homage to American overseas  
educators and their students?

Who will record and preserve the history of American  
elementary and secondary education abroad?

Who will preserve the legacy of  
American Overseas Schools?

Who will archive the memorabilia of  
American Overseas Schools?

If AOSHS doesn't do it, who will?

## Attachment # 5

### DoDDS XV Reunion

#### Atlanta, GA: Here We Come!

The DoDDS XV Reunion Committee has set July 17-20, 2003, as the dates for the annual event! Note that it is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday; the opening reception is slated for Thursday evening; the banquet will be Saturday evening, followed by the breakfast buffet on Sunday morning. Location is the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, in the heart of the Peachtree Center, convenient to restaurants, business services, three levels of shopping and the MARTA rapid rail station. Make your hotel reservations by calling the Atlanta Marriott Marquis: 1-800-228-9290 and mention that you are with the DoDDS XV Reunion to receive the group rate.

#### Registration Underway!

The registration form will be available at the reunion website: [www.doddsreunion.org](http://www.doddsreunion.org) for those who didn't receive the initial "snail mail" mailing. The registration fee will remain at \$80 through October 31, \$5 less than last year. The fee then increases to \$85 for the following three months; after February 28, the fee is \$90. Any registration forms not received by June 30 must be paid "at the door," and all at the door registrations are \$95, without exception. No partial payments will be accepted; payment at the door must be in cash or personal check. Cancellations received before July 5, 2003, will be refunded, minus a \$5 handling fee. No refunds will be made after July 5, due to commitments to the hotel.

#### Mini Reunions to be Featured

The success of the mini-reunions in Denver has led to another round of these get-togethers. Already at least three groups have requested a mini-reunion! Get your request in early to ensure space can be made available.

#### AOSHS To Meet in Atlanta

The annual membership meeting of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) will be held on Friday morning. This meeting has become a part of the DoDDS get-togethers since the historical society was formed. Current members, interested individuals, DoDDS educators and friends are invited to attend the event. AOSHS will have a display and have membership information and materials available. Those great T-shirts, polo shirts, pins, patches and other memorabilia will be on sale.