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## AOSHS Fundraising Update

By Tom Drysdale, and Dick and Lis Coss

The following Mission Statement is the primary focus of all AOSHS fundraising activities:

*The Mission of AOSHS is to collect, record and preserve for posterity the history of educating American children and youth abroad; to honor and recognize the sacrifice, dedication and service to the United States by educators, students and families from every state and territory; and to recognize contributions American students and educators have made, and are making, in advancing democracy abroad.*

The "bottom line" in this fundraising update is to inform members that we fully recognize the importance of the relationship between AOSHS and the mission of this country's government. Our members have known this from the beginning, but we did not realize the full importance of it until the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

The Departments of Defense and State, the State of Kansas, and the City of Wichita are all publicly supported government or government-related entities. While AOSHS is related to these entities, we do not share in any of their tax supported funds. We hope this realization will give our readers an indication of the main fundraising focus of the society during and following this uncertain time in the history of our country.

We have also recognized that during this tragic period in American history, AOSHS, with the support of dedicated members worldwide, was able to improve financially by meeting a permanent, national need rather than a local, temporary need. It has become clear that AOSHS will exist as long as the US Departments of Defense and State have personnel with families stationed abroad. Families with

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## Two Columbia Astronauts Were Our Own

Although the loss of the entire crew of the shuttle Columbia was a terrible event for all Americans, it should be noted that two of the crew were "Military Brats": Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, USAF/NASA, whose father also served in the Air Force, and Commander William McCool, USN/NASA, whose father also served in the Navy. We appreciate their dedication to serving their country and offer condolences to their families.

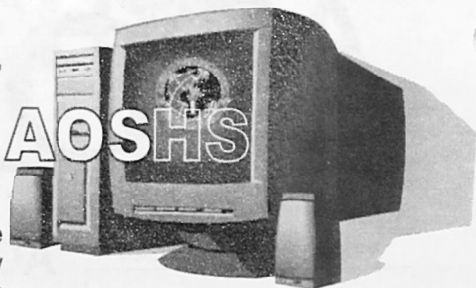
## About the Historical Society Databases

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 third attachment of each *Quarterly* is an Alumni Archive Registration Form. Please complete and submit it if you haven't already done so. 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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## ~~ President's Corner ~~

By Ann Bamberger

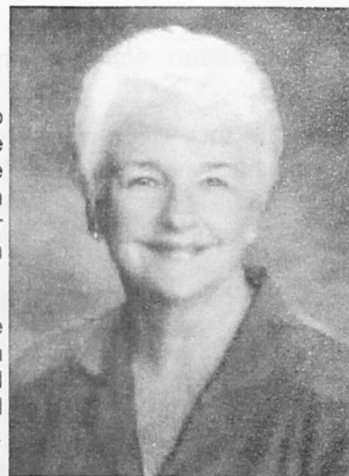
Thank you to all who have brought their dues up-to-date. I know it was confusing to some that had paid in 2002, but hadn't paid in 2000 and/or 2001, so they were actually still a year or more behind. We believe all requests for clarification have been answered and records are being updated. Now that the actual date of when you need to renew follows your name on the label, we feel people will have an easier time keeping current. You will note that if your dues are due, an envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

As you are aware, we now have members of the board of directors from across the country. At the January meeting, the board amended the bylaws to read that a quorum included those members of the board participating via teleconferencing and videoconferencing. Along those same lines of expanding our horizons, the board will hold its first meeting outside of Arizona in March, when we convene in Wichita. Board positions available in October 2003 are discussed in another article.


We continue to encourage members to do a videotape concerning their career overseas. Why did you go? Why did you stay? What were some unique aspects of teaching or attending school and living abroad? What were some great trips or adventures you experienced? The completed videotape labeled with your name and the dates you lived abroad should be sent to the AOSHS Archives, 539 S. Water St., Wichita, KS 67201. Your story is an important part of our history.

The good news is that donations to the archives continue to arrive weekly. The bad news is that we are completely out of room to be able to do any work in the archives. The rooms in the two buildings the city of Wichita has provided are filled. We still have room to stack boxes, but not to open, sort, and catalogue. On his last trip to Wichita, Tom Drysdale began a search for new quarters. Lee Davis and I will spend several days there in March with the same task in mind. Thank you for your trust that we will take good care of the wonderful treasures you are sending. Many are not treasures in monetary terms, but they are priceless in telling the story of our schools, of living abroad, and of the wonderful adventures you enjoyed.

We have received many comments on the improved readability of the Quarterly, and we thank you. Please send any comments you have or suggestions for what you may want to see included to [OverseasSchools@aoshs.org](mailto:OverseasSchools@aoshs.org) or write to us at AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261. Now, on to other tasks...Ann



## BOARD U L L E T I N S

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- Accounting firm in Wichita approved
  - Bylaws amended regarding use of teleconferencing
  - Biographies of board members added to AOSHS web site
  - Fundraising plan reviewed
  - Plan initiated for alumni membership drive
  - March board meeting location set for Wichita



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children mean schools, and schools mean AOSHS.

Compare this with thousands of local nonprofit corporations that exist due to local needs, are supported mainly by local funding sources, and are temporary. AOSHS, on the other hand, exists to satisfy a national situation that will exist as long as there is a United States of America.

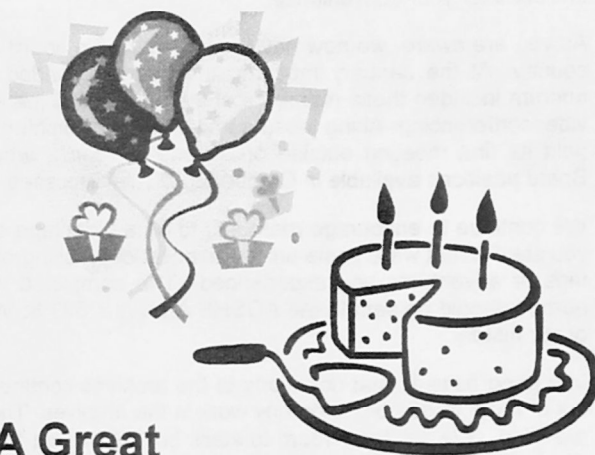
Following the advice of six large and successful military museums in the southeastern United States prior to 9/11/01, AOSHS had prepared written proposals to submit to foundations with a history of donating specifically to the endowment funds of nonprofit corporations.

Immediately following 9/11/01, this plan was put on hold indefinitely due to the inappropriateness of requesting money from others when the whole country was focused on helping those affected by the terrorist attacks. Interestingly, though not surprisingly, donations from members to the AOSHS Endowment Funds accelerated and continue to do so to this day. As a result, AOSHS has become more stable and financially independent during a time when many nonprofit corporations have declared bankruptcy or been forced out of business. The society has also used this time to become more efficient by diversifying, expanding the board of directors from seven members in one state to nine in three states, soliciting more volunteers, and incorporating in Kansas.

Since 9/11/01, a faltering economy, bear market, and the possibility of another war in the Middle East have combined to slow Americans' overall giving; nonprofit organizations are leery of the future, because the economy and the stock markets have failed to revive.

AOSHS is member driven and we plan to keep the membership informed of our fundraising progress. We are in the planning stages of a

comprehensive funding request, and are encouraged due to the society's financial growth and prosperity in spite of a weak economy, political uncertainty, and international tension. AOSHS remains strong and grows stronger every day.



## A Great Idea for Giving

An alumnus recently wrote that he wanted to support the efforts of AOSHS to see the museum built. Though now retired, he felt he could contribute a specific amount each year and would use his birthday to do so, as it's a date one can hardly forget. Most members of AOSHS make their annual contribution at the same time they pay their dues. However, those of us who have life memberships no longer have the reminder of owing dues, and it is easy to let the year slip by.

Your continued financial support is very important to the organization and has allowed AOSHS to make significant progress. It would be outstanding if every ILMP member made an annual donation using his/her birthday as a reminder. If you were unable to contribute at the time you paid dues, your birthday would be a wonderful time to show continued support to the Society. All donations, as well as dues, should be sent to: AOSHS Membership, P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587



## "CLARENCE THE CRUSADER"

### Now on Display in Wichita

BY TOM DRYSDALE

"Clarence the Crusader," a mid-nineteenth century authentic hand made replica of a 15th century German knight's suit of armor, is now on loan from the American Overseas Schools Archive to the Ancient Treasures Museum in Wichita, Kansas.

The suit of armor was affectionately known as *Clarence the Crusader* by students of the Bonn School on the Rhine (elementary) and Bonn American High School from 1952 to 1997. He was a gift to the students and faculty by Ruby Anderson, the first principal.

The knight's armor was christened "Clarence" after a naming contest at the school. Mary Pat Allen, who later graduated with the class of 1971, was the winner. A knighting ceremony was then held at the base theater where school assemblies were held.

In 1997, when 150 BAHS Alumni arrived in Bonn for a Homecoming Reunion to witness preparations for the closing of their almadater and pack boxes of school memorabilia for shipment to the American Overseas Schools Archive, it was learned that Clarence was going to be transferred to another school in Germany. The association president, Linda Wagner, hurriedly called Tom Drysdale, who in turn called Sam Tryon, the district superintendent. Sam drove to Bonn, picked up Clarence and, as agreed, temporarily displayed him in the district office in Brussels for two years. Clarence was then disassembled and shipped to the AOS Archive in Wichita. (See the Spring 2000 AOSHS Quarterly).

To properly prepare Clarence for exhibit in the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park Museum in Wichita, members of the Bonn AHS Alumni Association, again under the guidance of Linda Wagner, donated money for the construction of a new armature and

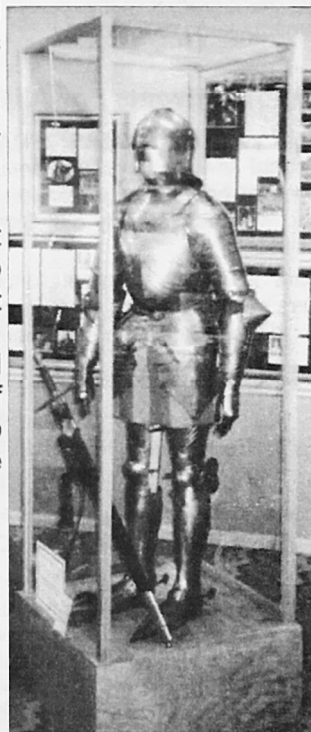
protective enclosure, complete with AOSHS plaque, in which he now stands.

Under the personal guidance and supervision of Jon. K. Kardatzke (MD Ret.), Director of the Ancient Treasures Museum, Clarence was reassembled on the armature and is now prominently on display in the security and climate-controlled environment of the museum for all to enjoy.

Since the time he was in medical school, Dr. Kardatzke has searched the world over for ancient treasures of all types, shapes and sizes. In addition to being able to visit Clarence, a trip to the museum is a once in a lifetime experience and highly recommended to all members.

The museum, soon to be moved to a larger facility, is located at 250 West Douglas in downtown Wichita, and has over 10,000 sq. ft. of exhibits areas, including the "Hall of Ancients," the "Hall of Royalty," and the "Hall of the Americas." On display are original signed historical documents, dinosaurs (T-Rex & Triceratops), Egyptian sarcophagi, a presidential collection, a Historic Manuscript Library, Royal Crown Jewels of Bali, celebrity memorabilia, and much, much more. When you visit Wichita, be sure to visit The Ancient Treasures Museum, truly a one-of-a-kind collection—and, of course, say hello to Clarence the Crusader.

Clarence, a hand-made 19th-c. replica of a 15th c. German suit of armor, stands tall at the Ancient Treasures Museum. Bonn alumni provided his new armature and display case. Photo: Tom Drysdale



## Upcoming Reunions.....

The following is a list of known Reunions being held this year by the various alumni associations and groups:

ACS Beirut/Lebanon  
 AFCENT HS/Netherlands  
 Ansbach HS/Germany  
 Augsburg HS/Germany (late '50's to early '60's)  
 Berlin HS/Germany  
 Bitburg HS/Germany ('63-'70)  
 Arthur L. Bristol HS/Argentina-Newfoundland/Canada  
 Goose Bay HS/Goose Bay/Canada  
 Hahn HS/Germany  
 Heidelberg HS/Germany ('47-'63)  
 Johnson HS/Japan  
 Kadena-Kubasaki HS/Okinawa ('80's)  
 Kaiserslautern HS/Germany  
 Karlsruhe HS/Germany  
 Kubasaki HS/Okinawa  
 Lakenheath HS/England ('61-'65)  
 A.T. Mahan HS/Iceland  
 Narimasu HS/Japan ('50's and separately, Late '60's)  
 Ramey HS/Puerto Rico  
 Rochefort HS/France  
 Seoul HS/Korea ('70-'83)  
 Upper Heyford HS/England  
 Vilseck HS/Germany  
 Wagner HS/Philippines  
 Gen. HH Arnold HS/Wiesbaden/Germany  
 Worms/Germany  
 Wurzburg HS/Germany  
 Zweibrucken HS/Germany

## Regional Events For All Educators & Brats

Each year **OVERSEAS BRATS** hosts a series of regional events and an annual national convention aimed at bringing together former students and alumni (who we affectionately call Brats), their educators, and families.

There is usually a meal function in conjunction with these events, lots of fun, and meaningful sharing among attendees about our unique heritage.

### Events planned for upcoming months include:

- Phoenix, AZ - February 15
- Southern California (Irvine) - February 16
- Central Texas (San Antonio) - February 20
- Dallas-Fort Worth area (Grapevine) - February 22
- Oklahoma City, OK - May 1
- Houston, TX - May 3

For specifics, e-mail Joe Condrill at:  
 JoeOSBPRES@aol.com or visit the OSB website:  
[www.overseasbrats.com](http://www.overseasbrats.com)

Click on Upcoming Events, then click on Regional Get-Togethers.

## American Overseas Schools Historical Society Financial Statement

As of 12/31/2002

Bank of America Operating Account	\$ 2,219.37
Bank of America Memorial Fund	10,122.57
Bank of America Endowment Fund	67,663.72
Bank of America Drysdale Fund	18,362.95
Pentagon Federal Credit Union Share Acct	53.50
Pentagon Federal Credit Union 3Yr CD	14,978.80
Memorial Fund Corporate Bonds	26,146.62
Luke AFB Credit Union	14,921.72
Wichita Community Foundation	
Beautification Endowment	23,729.00*
Operating Endowment	48,687.00*
*preliminary balance- may change with final year end account management fees	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 226,885.25</b>

## Positions on Board of Directors

Due to the expiration of terms, three positions are available on the board of directors: secretary to the board and two directors at large. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors, please understand that this is not a position in which one attends a meeting, votes on issues and waits for someone to perform the service. This is a working board; if you vote for something, you may be the one delegated to accomplish the task. AOSHS has no paid employees at this time; everything accomplished to date is the result of thousands of hours of volunteered time. Board meetings are usually held on a Friday or a Monday. Directors unable to attend in person may participate via teleconferencing. The term of office for each position is three years to begin on October 1, 2003. Those interested in serving should send a brief letter detailing their interests and expertise that would be beneficial to AOSHS. Include the location of your school(s) abroad. Letters of application should be mailed to: AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261, and received NLT April 15, 2003.

## MEMORIAL FUNDS

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

#### JACK R. KEARNS (1925 – 1977)

Jack was born in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and graduated from Loran College in Dubuque and from Iowa State University, Ames, where he received baccalaureate degrees. Later he earned his master's degree from Ball State University overseas program. Jack taught in Hayward, California, before joining DoDDs in 1957. He taught in the Philippines, Japan, Morocco, Germany, Turkey and Crete, Greece. He remained at Iraklion, Crete, until his death. The school was later renamed the Jack R. Kearns School in his honor.

### SECOND 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.

## Closed Memorial Funds

The following is the disposition of funds that have been closed:

John Brokaw	ceramic block
Nancy Lee Hill	ceramic block
Linda Harris	4x8 brick
Frances Murphy	not yet chosen
Kip Taylor	not yet chosen





## Würzburg Wolves Return...

By Jeri Glass

*Everywhere we go-oh, People wanna know-oh!  
Who we are...So, we're gonna tell 'em...  
W-W-W-u-r-z, B-u-B-u-B-u-r-g,  
W-U-R-Z-B-U-R-G! Würzburg Wolves!*

This particular cheer-chant echoed recently in the halls of Würzburg American High School, NOT by the class of 2003, but rather by the founding Wolves from the classes of '55 to '63.

This past October, some 200 Wolves returned for Homecoming Week. No ordinary reunion, this gathering was focused on the sons and daughters of Operation Gyroscope, a unique military experiment in the 50's that flip-flopped entire divisions in the US and Europe. Joanie (Covington) LaFond, who was among the 'wave' of teens arriving in Germany in 1957, was relentless in her three-year search to find those Wolves and faculty members from WHS's early years and organize a Homecoming that would reunite them back in Würzburg.

During the 6-day reunion filled with multiple activities, they presented the school with a commemorative Victory Bell and City Hall with a Friendship Bell. An elected official of the Würzburg City Council reiterated to them the impact of Operation Gyroscope and her remarks were awarded a standing ovation. Reminiscent of the '60 prom, their week together culminated with a Saturday night Victory Dinner Dance, cruising on the Main River under the bridges and lights of Würzburg. "The Wolves won the Homecoming game, but our real victory was that we were together again," said Joanie LaFond. "Operation Gyroscope was unique. It was the first time the families traveled aboard ship with their Dads and the troops. It was the beginning of the 'sponsorship' program, where inbound families were met at the dock in Bremerhaven or the train station at their final destination by their sponsors and taken to their quarters or apartments on the economy. Fresh bed linens and a three-day supply of food were waiting for

them. The GYRO stabilized three-year tours and encouraged cohesion and team spirit within units who knew they were going to be together for an extended period of time. The esprit de corps filtered down to the families. Her twin sister, Jean Covington Simonsen, chimed in: "We came together. We left together. We were FAMILY. That's why this is not the usual kind of rah-rah reunion. Your father was over here laying his life on the line and your family was here, too." Joanie added: "The final 'wave' of GYRO ONE landed in Europe in 1957, and while the Operation was considered a success and many of its concepts still are in place today, GYRO TWO never came to be, and the mass movement of families with troops has not been repeated. I felt the era needed to be honored and I was committed to get the 'Gyro Babies' back to Würzburg."



**Gift bags for returning Wolves.** Pictured L. to R. are: Debbie (Wiles) Davenport '59, Pat (Vozel) Clauss '63, Jan (Cravens) Lakin '58, Jean (Covington) Simonsen '62, Joanie (Covington) LaFond '62, Tony McClendon '60.

The Wolves and their faculty who attended Homecoming in 2002 represented 27 states, with California, Florida, Texas, Virginia and Georgia in the lead. Raf Cruz, Class of '60, arrived from Puerto Rico. Janey Palasky Turner, '55, and the secretary of the first graduating class, flew in from Thailand. Her classmate, Larry Wilkerson, President of WHS's first Student Council and co-captain of

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its first football team, arrived from Kansas and had the honor of tossing the coin at the Homecoming game. Carol (Holmquist) Aili of MN, '60, and one of only three returning alumni who attended WHS all four years, shared: "Making a connection with my roots that had been lost these past 40-plus years was very meaningful to me by attending Homecoming. I am so proud to have been a part of that era with such high-quality teachers, education and school spirit that I did not know even continues today." Jan (Cravens) Lakin, '58, a returning cheerleader married to former WHS football player Phil Lakin, '59, summed up their feelings about the reunion by saying, "What an incredible experience, returning to our high school to revisit with old friends and faculty. Never in our wildest dreams did we think that we would reunite, especially back in Würzburg. We had scattered like seeds in the wind!" Wanda (Gibson) Day, '56, a former cheerleader who attended WHS its first two years and the school's first Homecoming Queen, reminisced: "In our teens we didn't realize we were making friendships and memories that would stay with us forever. Many of us lost touch with each other over the years, but the memories were always with us...waiting for this time and this place. Our Homecoming wasn't meant to be an ending, but another chance to make new memories with old friends."

Fourteen former Würzburg faculty members attended the festivities, including four from 1954-'55, which was the year WHS opened. Included in the group were Sally Henry, English and P.E. teacher; Gordon Smith, the second principal of WHS; and Robert Johnson, English teacher, who said, "To relive an experience that is indelibly etched into one's life is a rare opportunity. The reunion of Würzburg faculty and students after 40 years was especially significant, and will be long remembered as a truly unique time together."

—From an article in the *Stars and Stripes*, October 20, 2002, and a telephone interview with Joanie (Covington) LaFond

## **London Central HS Student Buck Tanner Receives First Annual Bernard Curtis Brown II Space Camp Scholarship**

Lt.Gen. (Ret.) H.G. "Pete" Taylor, Chairman of the Board, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), announced in an August 2002 Special Supplement of *On the Move*, their official magazine, that the Bernard Curtis Brown II Scholarship was established in honor of an 11-year-old military child who lost his life when the airliner on which he was a passenger crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

General Taylor also announced that the first recipient of the scholarship is Buck A. Tanner, a student at London Central High School and the son of Lt.Col. (US Army) and Mrs. Albert B. Tanner.

Buck, 14 years old, an Eagle Scout and member of the National Junior Honor Society, is active in track, baseball, soccer, basketball and wrestling. Quoting from his scholarship application he stated that "I am in a family of engineers and my goal is to attend MIT and become an aerospace engineer. My father is a mechanical engineer who received his MS degree from MIT. My oldest sister, currently a sophomore at MIT, is working to become a mechanical engineer and my second sister has recently been accepted at MIT."

We congratulate Buck on this honor and wish him all the best in his very promising future.

### **THE MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION**

*Begun in 1998, the Military Child Education Coalition is a private, nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization that is focused on the academic and school-related needs of the military connected child. Addressing the transition and other educational challenges faced by the military child, MCEC serves as an incubator of*

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## 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?

## The Quarterly Needs Your Articles

Chances are there's not a single one of us—alumni, educators or administrators—who doesn't have at least one story you tell people again and again. It's the story that makes people's mouths drop open who have never lived overseas. It's the story of adaptation under extreme circumstances, of teaching in a Quonset hut off the air strip; of crazy things you did as Americans overseas, like taking the train to Paris for lunch, or flying to London to see a play on the weekend, or taking a senior class trip to Amsterdam. It's the story of emergency evacuations, seeing your school through to its closing, starting up a new school with sparse furnishings and supplies. It's the story of meeting famous people under unusual circumstances; of reconnecting with people you knew over 30 years ago. It's YOUR story, and we'd love you to share it with us.

Please submit articles to: AOSHS  
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innovative approaches, a conduit of promising practices, and an information source for organizations, educators and parents. Toward this end, the MCEC does research, develops resources, sponsors institutes, conducts conferences and publishes information for all constituencies. MCEC is an active coalition whose members are: military installations, school systems, organizations, corporations and individuals.

Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity serves on the MCEC National Advisory Committee.

**For more information, contact the coalition at:**

P.O. Box 2519, Harker Heights, TX 76548

Tel: 254-953-1923 /Fax: 254-953-1925

E-mail: [members@militarychild.org](mailto:members@militarychild.org)

And visit the MCEC website at:

<http://www.militarychild.org>

## Typhoon Pongsona Brings Extra Holidays for Guam Students

On December 8, 2002, the Island of Guam was devastated by super-typhoon "Pongsona," with winds in excess of 180 miles per hour. Schools were closed for the next four weeks, two of which would have been the normal winter break. They reopened January 7. Many people on the island lost their homes to this incredible force of nature, so Christmas was not so merry for many.

When Maria Rubio, our AOSHS representative on Guam, sent us this message on January 27, 2003, she was still without water, power or telephone at her residence. In spite of the devastation, she says people have been helpful toward one other and maintained a great positive attitude. We have not yet learned if lost classroom time will be made up.





## Did You Know...

- ...that over 30,000 people have visited our website since it went active in 2000?
- ...that the website lists over 300 overseas school's updated addresses and alumni association information?
- ...that AOSHS plans to list ALL current and past overseas and stateside DoD schools, along with their respective Alumni Associations—over 2,000 at last count?
- ...that the AOSHS website has a section for "Famous Military Dependents?"



## AOSHS's Growing Database

- ⇒ There are 2043 schools listed in the AOSHS database.
- ⇒ There are currently 164,364 "names" of students and faculty in the database.
- ⇒ There are now 29,556 postal addresses of students and faculty.
- ⇒ There are 15,871 e-mail addresses, with ongoing updates as these change frequently.

When registering with the AOSA dbase as a student alumnus, please list your high school graduation year. Also, please inform the database administrator of any siblings that attended overseas schools, from pre-school thru post-high school.

Faculty members--please remember to list all your children that attended overseas schools and their class graduation year.

## AOSHS Overseas Regional Coordinators and Representatives

### EUROPEAN AREA:

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AOSHS membership is \$20.00 annually and includes four issues of the newsletter. To subscribe, send dues to **AOSHS, Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.**

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. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a donation for the Drysdale Archive Endowment Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have included AOSHS in my estate planning ☐

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

*Thank you!*

OverseasSchools@aoshs.org

http://aoshs.wichita.edu

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<u>AGE</u>	<u>ILMP</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ILMP</u>
21 - 30	\$640	61 - 65	\$255
31 - 40	535	66 - 70	215
41 - 50	450	71 - 75	180
51 - 55	375	76 - 80	145
56 - 60	310	81 +	110

Please Note: The mailing address used on the front of this form is for **tax-exempt MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS ONLY**. For all other correspondence please write to:

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**Attachment #2**

AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES  
P.O. BOX 1500  
WICHITA, KS 67201-1500

Please 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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AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVE  
PO BOX 1500  
WICHITA, KS 67201-1500

Please attach passport  
size photo

THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES (AOSA)  
ALUMNI REGISTRATION FORM  
(For all grade levels)

NAME: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

APO \_\_\_\_\_ FPO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please notify AOSA of address changes)

PRESENT POSITION: Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

School, Office or Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

APO \_\_\_\_\_ FPO \_\_\_\_\_

Number or Years with DoDDS \_\_\_\_\_ First year 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Last year 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years with Private Schools \_\_\_\_\_ First year 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Last year 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please also provide the information requested on the reverse of this form and  
mail to:

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## DEPT. OF DEFENSE OVERSEAS SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ATTENDED

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## AOSHS Merchandise FOR SALE



*Did you miss picking up an item that you wanted at the DoDDs Reunion this past summer? Not to worry...merchandise can still be purchased. Make sure you're all decked out for this summer's Reunion in Atlanta. Order NOW!*

Bamboo Tote Bags: \$15 ea.

AOSHS Lapel Pins: \$ 3 ea.

The 2002 T-shirts (see photo): \$15 ea.

AOSHS Logo Patch (see photos): \$5 ea.

Sizes: S thru XXXL — Colors: Royal Blue, Raspberry



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/St/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Bamboo Tote Bag	_____	\$15	_____
Lapel Pin	_____	\$ 3	_____
T-Shirt	_____	\$15	_____
Circle size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL			
Circle color: Royal Blue or Raspberry			
Round Patch	_____	\$ 5	_____
Rectangular Patch	_____	\$ 5	_____
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			\$ _____
Postage & Mailing:	_____	\$ 3	+ _____
Please add \$3 per t-shirt or tote bag due to weight			
<b><u>TOTAL ORDER :</u></b>			\$ _____

**Send order form with your check to:**

AOSHS Merchandise Sales  
41630 N. Rolling Green Way  
Anthem, AZ 85086

## The AOSHS Memorial Program

1. **Memorial Program** – you may purchase a brick or paver in your own name, as a gift, or 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 350-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order.
2. **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 to request a Memorial Fund Form, or go to [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk), click on Memorial Program and print the form.
3. **Donate** – you may donate to a fund already established by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below, and note the honoree on the memo line.

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E-mail: [memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)

Type	Size (inches)	Max Characters per line (including spaces )	Max lines	Total Characters (including spaces)	Cost
Ceramic brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$100
Ceramic paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$250
Granite paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite paver	16 x 16	25	11	275	\$ 1000
Granite paver	24 x 24	35	17	595	\$ 2500

## DoDDS XV Reunion

**WHEN:** Thursday through Sunday, July 17 – 20, 2003

**WHERE:** Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, in the heart of the Peachtree Center, Atlanta, GA.  
Make your reservation by calling the hotel at 1-800-228-9290 and mention you are with the DoDDS XV Reunion to receive the group rate of \$99 per night.

**Register:** The registration form is available on the reunion web site: [www.doddsreunion.org](http://www.doddsreunion.org)  
The registration fee is \$85 until February 28; on March 1 it becomes \$90.  
Any registration forms not received by June 30 must be paid at the door and the fee is \$95. Cancellations before July 5 will be refunded, minus a \$5 handling fee.  
No refunds will be made after July 5 due to commitments to the hotel.

**Mini Reunions:** They were a success in Denver and many groups have requested one.  
Get your request in early to ensure space can be made available for your group.

**AOSHS Meeting:** The annual membership meeting of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) will be held Friday morning, July 18 at 9 AM.  
Current members, DoDDS educators and interested individuals are invited to attend.