



**WELCOME**

AOSHS Annual Meeting  
July 19, 2019

# What is AOSHS?

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society is a non-profit organization that collects, records, preserves, and exhibits historical memorabilia of the American Overseas Schools. Members promote global knowledge and understanding of this unique endeavor, as well as providing the opportunity to research a significant chapter in the history of American education.

## Mission Statement

AOSHS will collect, record, maintain, and preserve relevant American Overseas Schools' memorabilia and historical documents, provide research opportunities for same, and establish exhibits to inform interested persons to the unique overseas school experience.

# Goals

Establish multiple exhibiting locations.

Grow membership through communication and accountability.

Develop comprehensive marketing plan to spread the AOSHS brand.

Increase fundraising and grants for support and growth of AOSHS.

Pursue partnerships with local communities; defense related companies; former students, teachers, and administrators; and other organizations that will focus on strengthening the awareness and knowledge of AOSHS.



# AOSHS Board of Directors

**All board members are volunteers without any compensation**

- Gayle Vaughn-Wiles, President
- Linda Connelly, Vice President
  - Nancy Bresell, Secretary
  - Ron Harrison, Treasurer
- Doug Kelsey, Assistant Treasurer
- Rebecca Dunn, Historian & Memories
- Kelley Germaine, Records & Technology
  - Bob Germaine, Fiscal Advisor
  - Joel Hansen, Membership
- Jackie Kelly, Memorial Program
- Chris Kyrios, BRAT Representative



# AOSHS Meeting Minutes

**Secretary, Nancy Bresell submits  
July 20, 2018 meeting minutes for  
approval vote**

**President, Gayle Vaughn-Wiles  
calls for the vote**



# AOSHS Reports

## Ron Harrison, Treasurer Financial Report (Projected 2019)

### Assets

Library Fund	\$72,000
Operating Account	31,000
Scholarship Fund (BRAT)	4,000
Invested Funds	240,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$347,000</b>

### Income

Interest	\$4,500
Donations	41,000
Membership Dues	5,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>

### Expenses

Utilities (20%)	\$1,800
Office Supplies (20%)	2,800
Maintenance (20%)	400
Property/Liability Insurance (20%)	440
Website Maintenance/Data Storage (20%)	1,200
Salary	43,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,640</b>

**Net Income** **\$860**



# AOSHS Reports

## Linda Connelly, Vice President Office Updates

- AOSHS is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization
- We operate using membership dues and donations





# Monica Maack Tiller, Operations Manager





# AOSHS Reports continued

**Adam Gossman**

**Contract Archivist**



# AOSHS Reports continued

## Kevin Frutiger

### Contracted to Scan



### Donated Yearbooks





# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **Linda Connelly (for Joel Hansen)**

### **Membership Updates**

**886 Current Members**

**343 Regular Active Members**

**543 Life Members**

**313 Inactive Members (2009+)**

**“Each One Reach One”**

**Outreach to current DoDDS schools**



# AOSHS Reports continued

**Doug Kelsey, Asst. Treasurer**

**AOSHS Yearbook/Publication/Memorabilia**

✓ **Memorabilia**

✓ **Artifacts**

✓ **Yearbooks**



# AOSHS Reports continued

## AOSHS' Initiative to Make Memorabilia, Artifacts & Yearbooks Accessible on Our Website



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## VIEW COLLECTIONS



Yearbooks



Memories



Virtual Museum





# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **YEARBOOK IN AOSHS ARCHIVES**

**High School – 1,973 (311 digital only)**

**Middle School – 386**

**Elementary School Publications – 428**

## **YEARBOOKS **NEEDED FOR** AOSHS ARCHIVES**

**High School Yearbooks – 2,153**

**Middle School Yearbooks – At least 1,200**

**Elementary School Publications – At least 2,000**



# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **ARTIFACTS/MEMORABILIA IN AOSHS ARCHIVES**

**40,000 to 50,000 Items**

## **ARTIFACTS/MEMORABILIA NEEDED IN AOSHS ARCHIVES**

**Thousands and Thousands**

## **TYPE OF ITEMS WANTED...**

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# AOSHS Reports continued

## Collection Policy

### Do send....

- Artwork with location and date on it
- Awards, class rings, diaries of school events, dissertations, school journals (not vacation)
- Letter jackets or other discernible clothing (cheerleaders, mascots, band, etc.)
- Magazines that feature student accomplishments; either military or host nation
  - News clippings with details of publication and date
  - Pennants
- Photographs with identification of person(s), location and date
  - Presentations to visiting dignitaries
  - School records
- Documented information about the mission of a School, District or Region
  - Trophies with specific details of school, event, year
  - Yearbooks
- Videos or like of school functions and/or events

### Don't send...

- Items that are readily available elsewhere, such as commercially published magazines or textbooks
- Broken artifacts, unreadable documents and other materials that are too damaged to be of historical value
  - Personal diaries, videos or disks of holiday or summer vacations
- Personnel documents that are disparaging to an individual(s) or that contain any personally identifiable information
- Souvenirs from foreign countries unless school or educationally related

*Remember to complete and sign the Property Donation Form*



# Preserving Legacy Before Too Late

1947

1957

1967

1977

## Students

6<sup>th</sup>gr.      now 84      74      64      54

12<sup>th</sup>gr.      now 90      80      70      60

## Teachers

Age 30      now 102      92      82      72

Age 50      now 122      112      102      92



# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **Jackie Kelly, Memorial Program**

- **Memorial Funds request initiated by an AOSHS sponsor are published in the Quarterly. The fund accepts donations up to 6 months.**
- **Commemorative Tiles available for sale in assorted sizes**
- **Once these remaining physical tiles have been sold, the Memorials page will feature digital tiles for purchase.**





# AOSHS Reports continued

## Commemorative Tiles





# AOSHS Reports continued

## Granite Tiles



## Quarry Tiles



# **AOSHS RAFFLE**

**in Hospitality Room**

**Raffle Ticket Sales end at 5 pm**  
**TODAY!**

**Don't miss this great opportunity to win  
some fabulous treasures**

**Pick up your prizes outside  
Saturday Banquet**  
**Remember your ticket stubs**

# AOSHS Reports continued

**Rebecca Dunn**

**History & Memories Updates**

## **4 Historical Books**

(aka 'Black Books')

- ☐ **All books have been retyped**
- ☐ **New section added to Book 1**
- ☐ **Rearrangement of Book 4**

1. History of American Overseas Schools and AOSHS
2. Chronicles of AOSHS Accomplishments, including Past Presidents and Board Members
3. Current, Past, Life and Charter Members
4. School Locations and DoDEA Demographics



# AOSHS Reports continued

## Focus Countries for the Quarterly

- ❖ **Fall Q – Stories from Marshall Islands and Philippines**
- ❖ **Winter Q – Tales from Cuba**
- ❖ **Spring Q – What is it like to teach in Puerto Rico?**
- ❖ **Summer Q – Adventures in the Azores**





# AOSHS Reports continued

## Chris Kyrios, BRAT Rep.

### Tom Drysdale Scholarships

Jasmine Litton

(Daegu HS, Korea)

Going to Indiana U.

**\$1,500**



Kurt Metzger

(Vicenza HS, Italy)

Going to Valparaíso

**\$1,500**



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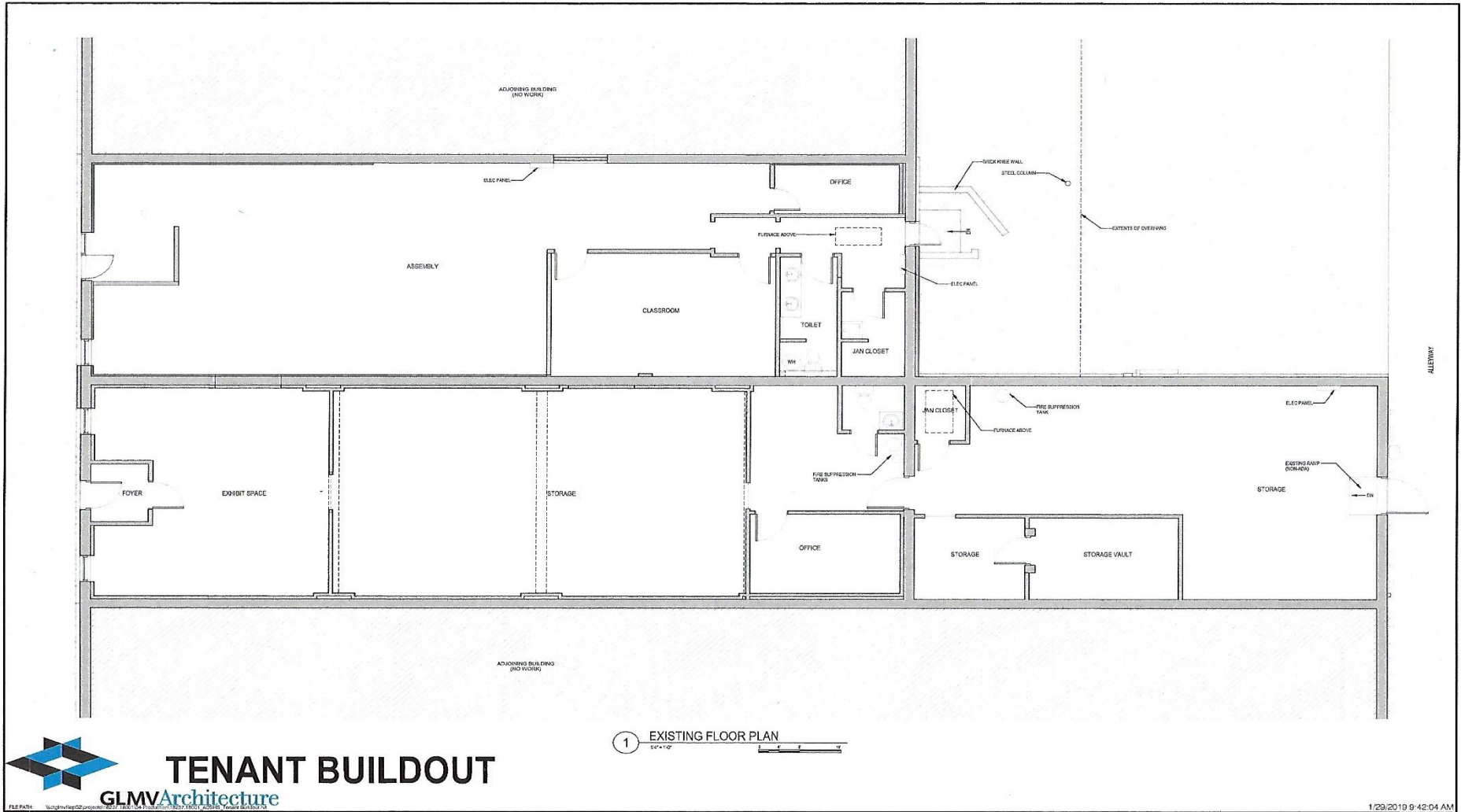
## **Museum Updates**

### **Bob Germaine, Fiscal Advisor**

- ✓ **Limited success of partnering with other museums**
  - ✓ **Renter of 708 W. Douglas vacated**
- ✓ **Initial review of 708 and 704 W. Douglas floor plans by museum committee**
- ✓ **Discussed numerous possible layouts that made sense including passageways**
- ✓ **Preliminary planning of renovation reviewed by entire board**
- ✓ **708 side of our building becomes archives and presently used 704 to become museum**



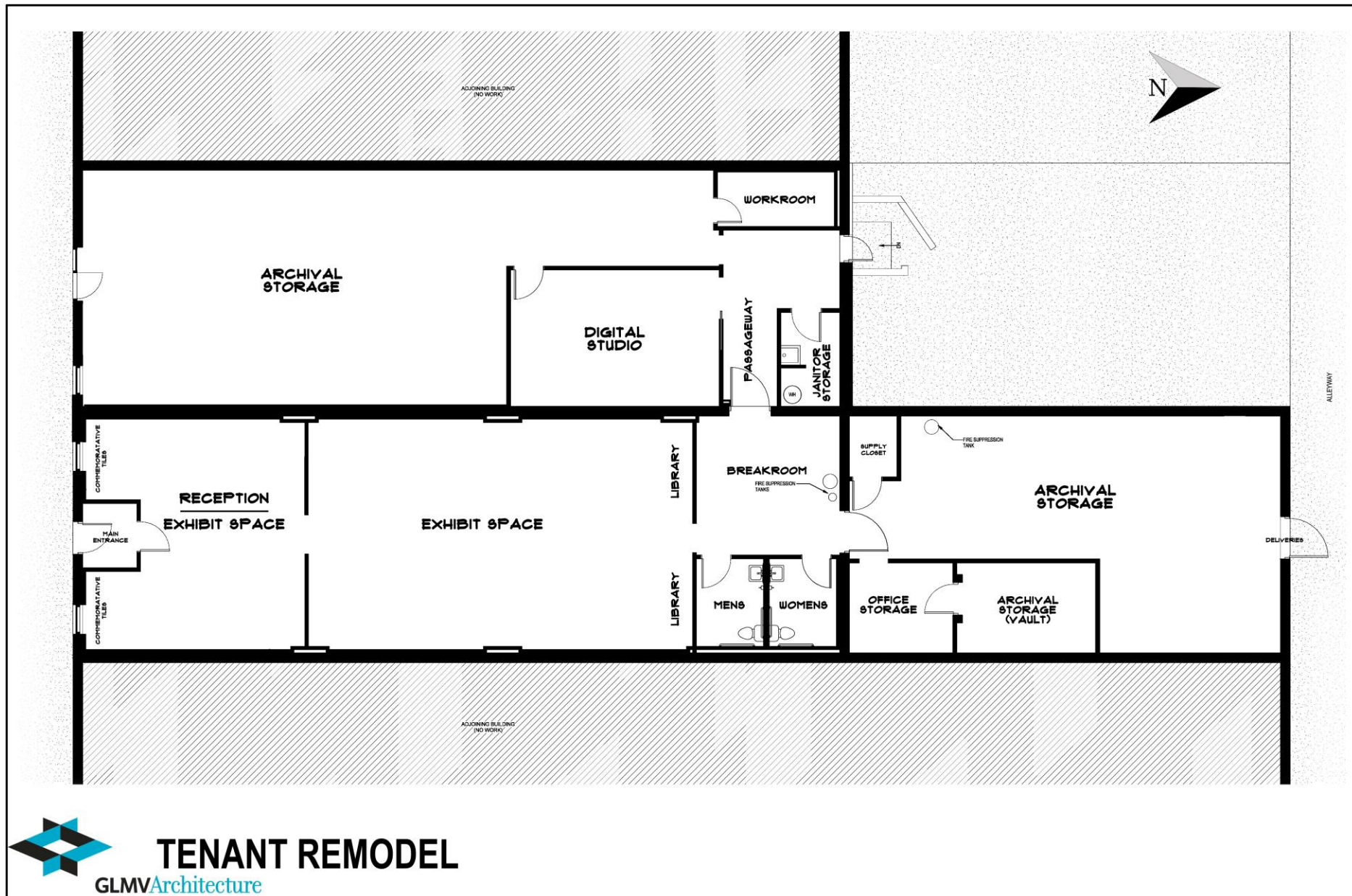
# Original Floor Plan 708/704 W. Douglas





# New Floor Plan

## 708/704 W. Douglas



**TENANT REMODEL**  
GLMVArchitecture



# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **Museum Updates**

### **Ron Harrison, Project Leader**

- ✓ **Museum Committee interviews and architect selected**
  - ✓ **Located in Historic Delano District**
- ✓ **Project work with assistance of area engineers and city planners**
- ✓ **The following pictures show the depth of renovation that has been involved to create museum, research area and digital studio**
  - **Two new bathrooms**
  - **New archival storage**
    - **New breakroom**
  - **New area for museum exhibitions and displays**
    - **New front reception**
  - **New digital studio for memorabilia and artifacts online**





# Original Front Office With Archives Beyond



# Original Archives in 704 W. Douglas





# Same Archives Emptied/Cleared for Future Museum Exhibit Area



# 708 W. Douglas Cleared for New Archives and Temporary Work Spaces





# New Archives and Temporary Work Spaces in 708 W. Douglas



# Clearing Room in 708 W. Douglas for Digital Studio Room



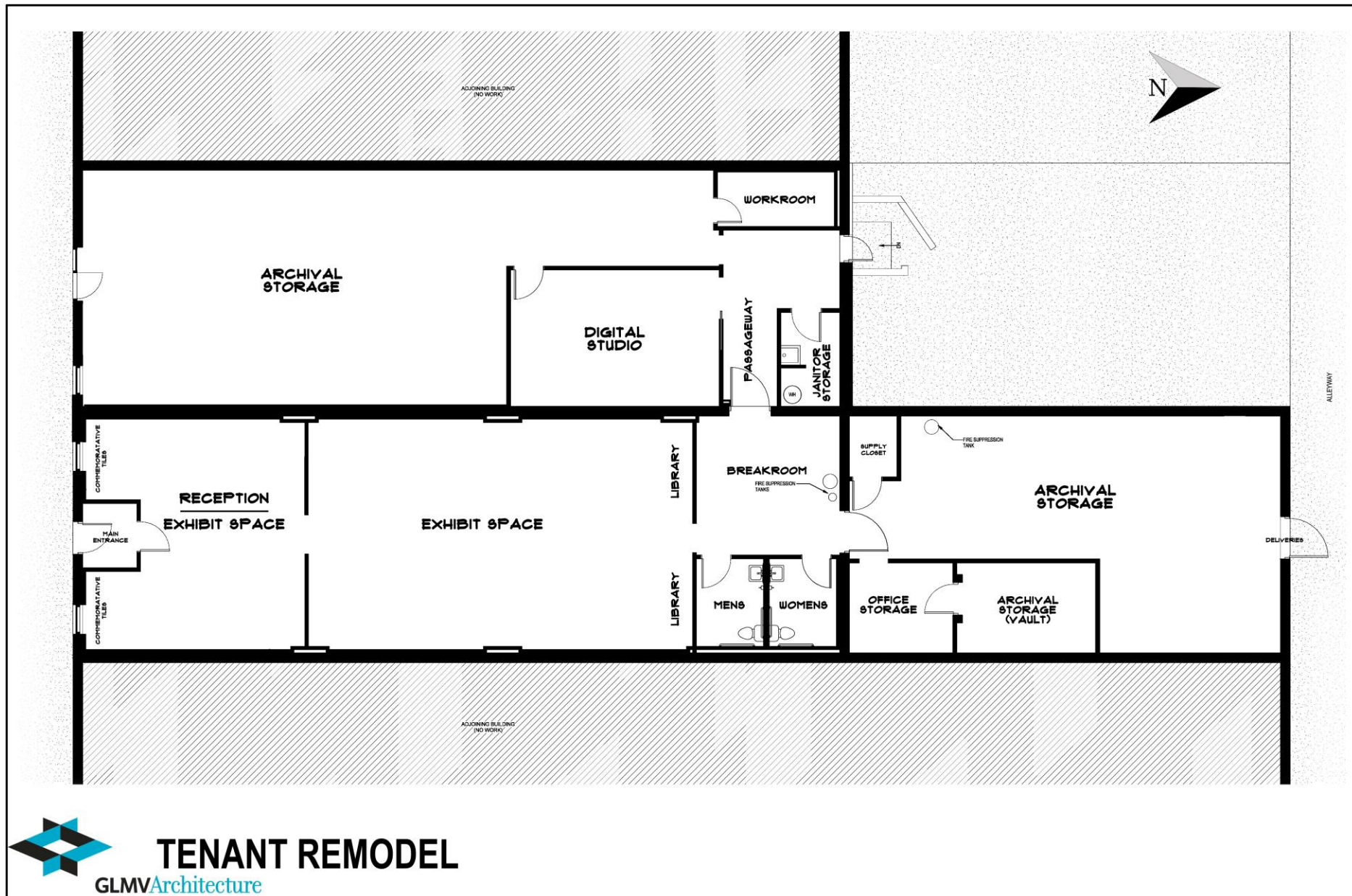
# Passageway between 708 and 704 W. Douglas





# New Floor Plan

## 708/704 W. Douglas



# **AOSHS Reports continued**

## **AOSHS Quarterly...**

### **Nancy Bresell coordinates**

- **Members may submit proposed articles for consideration**
  - **Review and approval by coordinator**
- **Layout and design by Monica Maack Tiller and Kevin Frutiger**
- **Operations Manager will inform AOSHS members that the 'Q' has been posted to the website via email**
- **All visitors to the website will be able to access the 'Q' online**



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### Join AOSHS

Whether you're a past or current overseas teacher, administrator, historian, BRAT or student - we need your support! Joining AOSHS helps us continue



### Quarterly

AOSHS provides a quarterly newsletter, the "Q", which is one of our most dynamic publications. AOSHS updates, news, events, and more interesting





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## ABOUT AOSHS

During WWII, American soldiers serving their country were deployed overseas with their families. In 1946, 43 American overseas schools were created for the children of these military families. There were nearly 1,300 students and 116 overseas teachers in these original 43 educational institutions that started it all and continues to the present day.

From this point onward, service members moved overseas to numerous locations with their families and each location required the development of schools for these students. Eventually, the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) was a governmental organization established to orchestrate this educational endeavor.



The term "BRAT" is a status standing for British Regiment Attached Traveler, and it was assigned to families who were able to travel abroad with a British soldier. Eventually, it just referred to military children and was adopted by places around the world,





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## COLLECTIONS

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society is dedicated to preserving history for past, current, and future overseas alumni, BRATs, teachers, staff, and administrators from all Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) overseas schools. Through our searchable online yearbooks, educational records, online museum, online kiosk and online memorials, our organization can keep overseas schools' memories alive that would otherwise be forgotten and lost in this ever-growing digital fast-moving world.

Our searchable online archives allow for overseas teachers, overseas students, BRATs, historians, or those interested in the history of overseas schools to find former classmates, teachers, or school memorabilia and relive their overseas school experience. Browse AOSHS's online overseas school collections including our virtual museum that entails school memorabilia, documentaries, oral histories, and travel books. Other AOSHS online collections include overseas school yearbooks, historical books, memories (written stories), and the Berlin Wall archives.

AOSHS's dedication to converting physical school artifacts to online searchable archives allow visitors from all over the world to conveniently visit the past. As boxes from all over the world arrive weekly full of old school photos, school records, trophies, awards, news clippings, yearbooks, pennants, class rings, written and videotaped histories, and school mascots, AOSHS must catalog them all



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## MEMORIALS

AOSHS is dedicated to preserving history for American overseas schools and their past inhabitants. Your donation will allow individuals who had an impact on the American overseas school history to continue impacting generations to come.

Our commemorative tiles are still currently available and physically located in AOSHS's museum as an in-person remembrance. In addition, AOSHS has established online memorials that keep legacies alive in our virtual world and are easily accessible.

Please [consider donating](#) to our online memorial or by purchasing a commemorative tile while they are still available. Our Memorial Funds collect monies to honor individuals or groups that have been part of our history. With your help, legacies can live on. For more information, email [office@aoshs.org](mailto:office@aoshs.org) about Memorials.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

 **AOSHS Board Meeting in  
Albuquerque**  
July 17-18, 2019 • All Day

 **DoDDS Reunion**  
July 18-21, 2019 • All Day

 **AOSHS ANNUAL Meeting in  
Albuquerque**  
July 19 • 9:00 am-10:00 am

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# How did we accomplish this?

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- **Developing an AOSHS museum and research facility**
- **New website to feature our treasures with worldwide access**
- **DoDEA partnership with AOSHS accomplishes something together that neither could do alone.**
- **DoDEA has provided resources and support for our initiatives.**

Our mission of collecting, recording, maintaining and preserving our memorabilia and historical documents...  
Providing research opportunities and establish exhibits to inform all on the unique overseas school experience.





# Thank you AOSHS Members, Volunteers and DoDEA

- **The nearly 15 million students that have passed through our schools worldwide...**
- **The millions of teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff of those schools...**
- ❖ **We are preserving our legacy from 1946 to the future.**
- ❖ **We will be able to promote global knowledge and help others understand our unique endeavor as well as provide opportunities to research a significant chapter in the history of American education.**



# AOSHS Volunteers Thanks!

**Recognition of all the  
important work done all year  
by our volunteers...**



# AOSHS Recognition of Donors Program

July 2019 reunion-July 1, 2019

- **47 Supporters (\$25-\$99)**
- **41 Friends (\$100-\$249)**
- **7 Pacesetters (\$250-\$499)**
- **10 Sponsors (\$500 - \$999)**
- **2 Patrons (\$1,000-\$1,999)**
- **5 Benefactors (\$2,000 +)**

**Total Donors as of July 2019: 112**



# Volunteers of the Year

**Jan Cropsey**



**Paula Schelhamer**





# AOSHS Flame Award

**This award is being presented to an individual that has helped AOSHS reach a greater level of recognition, allowing AOSHS to take a step closer to our mission and goals.**

**The 2019 AOSHS Flame Award goes to...**





# Frank O'Gara

## 2019 AOSHS Flame Award



# President's Closing Remarks

**What have we done?**

**How did we do it?**

**What does it look like?**

**We still need your support!**



# AOSHS Forum

**Please join us to recognize and  
celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**@ 4:00 pm**

**Pavilion I Room**

**(after mini reunions)**





# Thank you for coming!



## YOUR LEGACY

HELP US PRESERVE IT

American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) is dedicated to the history of DoDEA overseas educators and students. Join your colleagues and friends to help uphold the memories and artifacts of our unique experiences.

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