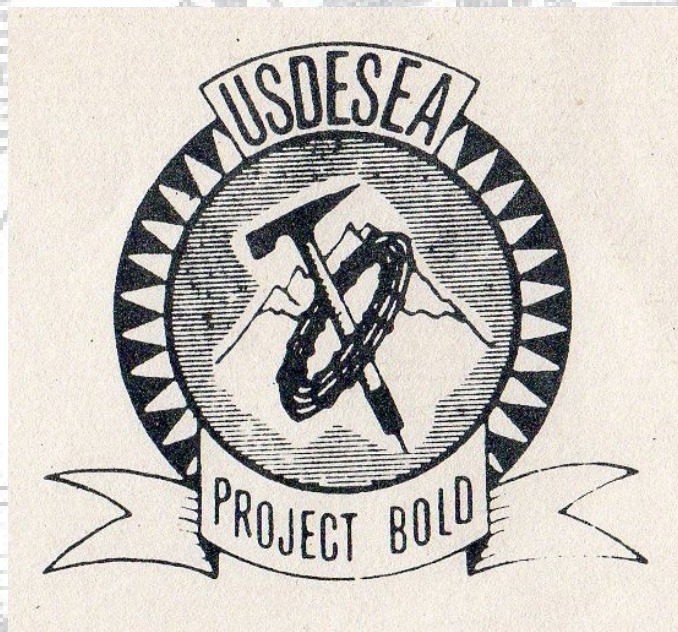


# Project Bold & Hinterbrand Lodge “The Beginning Early Years 1970-73”



By H. C. Woody Woodward  
Founding Executive Director 1970-1973

It ALL began when my wife Jeanette (Guidance Director at Bitburg High School) came home one day (1969) while we were there in Bitburg with a communication from Dr. Joe Mason (Superintendent of Schools United States Dependent Schools European Area (USDESEA) that he was looking to see if anyone of his 5,000 employees knew anything about Outward Bound.

Several days later I made a quick call to his office (I got the number from Bitburg High School Asst. Principal Dr. Joel Kuhn) in Karlsruhe and got Dr. Richard Wing (USDESEA R&D) and we set up a meeting for the next day. I drove to Karlsruhe (3 hours) and met with Dr. Mason, Dr. Gustafson, Dr. Wing, Ole Olson and Phil Young.

After a very long meeting early that morning (I left the house at 6:00am so that I could meet at 9:00am, did the 3 hour drive in just under 2 ½ hours). Dr. Mason wanted me to meet with General Polk the Commanding General (CG) of United States Army Europe (USAREUR) in Heidelberg. So after lunch we drove to Heidelberg in Dr. Mason's staff car to meet the General.

The meeting with the general went quite well and he wanted me to find a location where I could pilot a program for USDESEA military high school dependents. I told him and Dr. Mason that I had grown up in Berlin, Mittenwald, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Baumholder, Bad Toelz and Munich and that I thought the area around Bad Toelz would be ideal and that having been a Special Forces Green Beret SGT 12B3S myself "C" Company 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (C/7<sup>th</sup>) and "A" Company 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group (A/1<sup>st</sup> SFG). I knew that "A" Company 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (A/10<sup>th</sup> SFG) was based there in Bad Toelz at Flint Kaserne. A/10<sup>th</sup> SFG also had a Field Training Exercise Area (FTX) not far from Flint Kaserne.

Phil Young (Sud-Bayern Area Superintendent) also thought that working out of the Bad Toelz Elem/Middle School would also work. He also began the process to get Jeanette transferred from Bitburg to Bad Toelz to work with Ms. Baker as her guidance counselor (Jeanette also covered Berchtesgaden, Bad Aibling, Oberammergau and Garmisch schools).

I then thought that since I had worked for North Carolina Outward Bound School (NCOBS) and wanted to make this an Outward Bound type program that I would need to bring in some additional resources to sell the concept. I reached out to my former Director at NCOBS Murray Durst and his Outward Bound contacts, Joe Nold, Josh Miner, Willie Unsoeld and Paul Petzoldt for assistance. I brought them ALL over to Karlsruhe to meet with Dr. Mason and his staff and we then again ALL met with General Polk. The General was very impressed with all of the credentials that these gentlemen had and thought that this would be a great program for high school aged dependents. He also thought that I should work with A/10<sup>th</sup> SFG to offer X-Country skiing and Ice climbing to their training cycle.

General Polk gave me written permission to go to the USAREUR Quartermaster complex in Mainz and draw any equipment and supplies that I needed. I then later on went with Phil Young and we traveled down to Bad Toelz and met with Col. Ludwig Faistenhammer, his SGM

and staff to discuss the FTX location and their support of what became USDESEA Project Bold (we couldn't call it Outward Bound so it became an OB Adaptive Program, Project Bold).

The site we settled on was a portion of the FTX Area that A/10<sup>th</sup> SFG used for training. We had General Purpose (GP) Medium Tents on wooden platforms, an old trailer, a jeep, 2-2 ½ ton trucks and ALL kinds of military gear (sleeping bags, c-rations, ponchos, packs, pup tents, canteens, cots, blankets, pillows, water buffaloes, cooking stoves, tables, chairs, ice axes, rope, steel carabiners, pitons, etc. and what the U.S. Army couldn't get I bought at Sporthaus Schuster in Munich that was 1970. Everything was shipped and stored on base at Flint Kaserne until such time I moved from Base Housing in Bitburg to Base Housing in Bad Toelz.

Jeanette and I moved from Bitburg to Bad Toelz in the fall of 1970 and had Base Housing (61-C). Once we were settled in I began the process of pulling together ALL of the documents needed to have high school dependents secure travel plans to attend the first of two all-males courses in Bad Toelz. At the same time I set up a number of presentations at USDESEA high schools to recruit students. I was able to at the time in 1970 when there were some 25 High Schools from Scotland to Turkey travel to most of them and make presentations and provide posters. My goals were to recruit some 12 students per crew for a total of 24 students and 2 crews (PB-1 & 2)

In the summer of 1971 we ran the first of two all-male courses at the FTX Area near Flint Kaserne in Bad Toelz. I had recruited several of my former NCOBS colleagues to come to Germany to make this happen. Later that Fall and early Winter I began the search for a much more suitable permanent site.

In later 1971 after I had been looking for a much better and permanent location for months the Hinterbrand Lodge came to mind since I had been there as a kid in the 1950's as a Boy Scout. There was the Lodge (for staff, offices, meetings, equipment storage, kitchen, restrooms/showers and dining room) and a very old one story building just down from the parking lot (I had an U.S. Army Engineer Company with ALL their equipment) come and tear it down and build the wooden GP Medium Tent platforms that became the CREW tents. We also built the ropes course and had a hand made 25' cargo net climb right by the stairs that lead from the Crew Tents to the Lodge.

We were sent 5,000 cases of C-Rations (that is 60,000 meals) to be used while CREWS were out in the field. Because a case of C-Ration has a 4 packet of cigarettes in them we had to go through and remove them into bags of 100 packs to be used by instructors to barter at different Deutscher Alpen Verein (DAV) Alpine Huts in the area. That is 60,000 packs of cigarettes (600 bags). The managers of the DAV Alpine Huts were extremely receptive to the bartering for lodging and a meal for a Crew passing through, because they were going to have real American cigarettes.

We had lots of GREAT memories from those early years. Yes to have been in business for some 30+ years gives credit to what it was able to do for some 35,000 student by a STAFF of



dedicated educators. Those early educators and instructors were Joe Beckham (wife Margo), Paul Osher, Steve Gault, D.K.Halling, Donald Eismann, Paula Eismann, Bill Noland, Sam Tryon, Don Torrey, Prudy Bickle, Carol Stevers, Dave Sonnen, Larry LaRocco (wife Chris), John Champagne, Al Kamps (wife Cher) and Everett Hatcher (wife Mary Jane). Some of those early PB Students were Edward Nino (71), Doug Turrell (71), Mike Hall (72), Guy Jager (72), Kim Medders (72), Carlton Hughes (72), Phil Hoge (73), Steve Winslow (73) and others. In year's later educators like Gary Kelb, Bud Foutz, Mark Scanlon, Vince Bachert and Brant Tryon were part of the Hinterbrand Staff.

**Thirty four years of Project Bold and Hinterbrand Lodge Directors**

**H.C. Woody Woodward (Founder and 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director) 1970-73**

**Steve Gault 1973-1974**

**D.K. Halling 1974-79**

**Richard Gordon 1979-84**

**Jimmie Jeffcoat 1984-90**

**Jim Cox 1990-2000**

**Jan Williams 2000-03**

**Bud Foutz 2003 to closing in 2004**



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**Project Bold**  
Berchtesgaden, Germany

**This Certificate**  
is presented to

**Philip Hoge**

Who has completed Project Bold Course Number **PB-5**  
from **1 July 73** to **21 July 73**

*H.C. Woodward*  
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*J.A. Mason*  
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**CAN OPENER DIRECTIONS**  
Open blade. Place opener as shown in diagram. Twist down to puncture slot in can top inside rim. Cut top by advancing opener with rocking motion. Take small bites.

**STERILIZE BEFORE RE-USE**  
Tie string through hole in opener to wash and sterilize with mess gear if possible. When boiling water is unavailable, clean opener as thoroughly as possible and hold cutting blade over a match flame a few seconds immediately before use.

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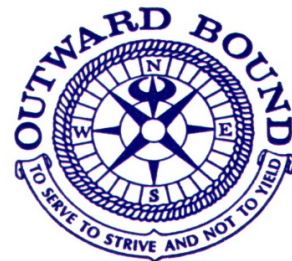








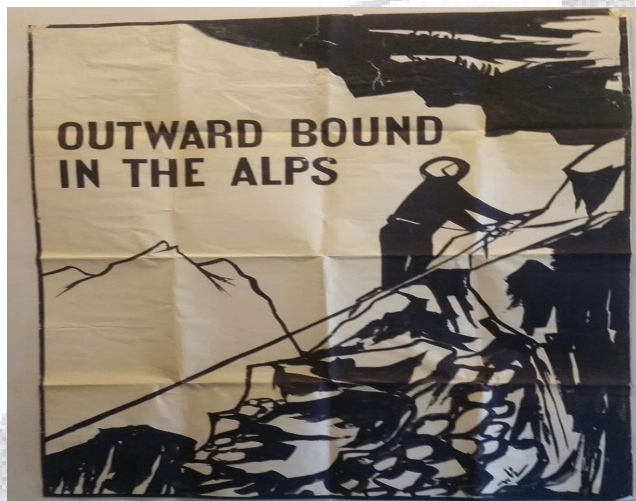
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