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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LINDA CONNELLY

The end of another school year is quickly approaching and speaking only for myself, I still tend to measure time in terms of the “school year”. I truly enjoy retirement, but still look forward to seeing all the kids in my urban neighborhood enjoying the parks and the beaches that **Hawaii** has to offer. It’s also great to see more school-aged employees behind the counters at local eateries, shops, and other places that they find employment. Of course, I am truly excited for the professional staffs and support employees who also enjoy the great time **summer** provides to rest, regroup, and...gear up for **August**!

Keeping all these types of things in mind, what else is there for **AOSHS** members to look forward to this summer:

DODDS REUNION

Are you attending the **Reunion** this summer in **Kansas City**? I really hope so, as there is just nothing better than getting together with former colleagues and making new friends who share the wonderful overseas experiences that DoDDS provided us. The Reunion this summer is **13-17 July**. If you

haven’t signed up, there is still time to visit the DoDDS Reunion website and get enrolled. Be sure to stop by the **Hospitality Room** at the Reunion to join or “re-up” your membership in AOSHS and to participate in the one-of-a-kind raffle that AOSHS sponsors.

AOSHS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES VISIT

If you’re driving to Kansas City, Wichita isn’t too far away. You may ask, “Why **Wichita**?” Well, that’s where you’ll find the outstanding AOSHS Museum and Archives, located at **704 W. Douglas Avenue**. The Museum has a wonderful permanent exhibit of items available for view. If you wish to research a particular school, the staff is ready and able to assist you in finding items from that school. Additionally, there are close to **4,000 yearbooks** available for you to peruse. Visit the website at: **www.aoshs.org** to get a solid overview of what AOSHS has to offer.

AOSHS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While there are too many accomplishments to list here, be advised there are several which stand out this year:

The **AOSHS Business Plan** is reaching completion. This has been an on-going project, and the plan will guide the direction of the organization forward over the foreseeable future.

Over **300 histories** have been written for DoDDS schools to date. The number grows weekly and the effort is on-going. The goal is a written history of each school.

Within the next several weeks, this year’s AOSHS scholarship winners will be announced. These scholarships are awarded annually with this year’s focus on students in smaller DoDDS schools.

Cooperation between AOSHS and the military is moving forward regarding AOSHS displays off-site from our museum. Both groups are hopeful of establishing travelling displays of memorabilia.

For more on what’s happening with AOSHS... keep reading! You’ll find great information in this issue of the *Q* about the hard work our volunteers are doing to help “collect, record, maintain, and preserve” items that tell the story we are all so proud of!

See you in Kansas City!!!



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RON HARRISON

AOSHS FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT	
	30-April-2022
AOSHS Assets (Not including building and furnishings)	747,865
Fenced Operating Funds (Fenced for contractors, 80% of non-personnel costs, scholarship fund and Endowment Fund)	576,736
Non-Fenced Assets (Available for operations & unpaid obligations)	171,129
Unpaid Obligations (fire gas replacement)	15,000
Non-Fenced Assets (After obligations are paid)	156,129
Projected Expenses to 12/31/22 (Office Manager & 20% of operations)	40,500
Projected Non-Fenced Assets (As of 1/31/2022)	115,629

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

AOSHS will hold its annual raffle at the **DoDDS Reunion** in **Kansas City** in **July**. While at the reunion, don't forget to stop by the **hospitality room** and buy a few tickets for a chance to win your favorite items.

We depend on YOU to make this money-maker a success. We will have the items for the raffle only if reunion attendees donate them. With your help, we will have lots of items to tempt buyers. Previously we have had treasures from around the world and special raffles for items like a handmade quilt and the use of a villa in **Italy**. We had a very successful raffle last year and hope to make this year's even better.

We ask that you bring the items you will donate to the **AOSHS** table in the hospitality room, and we will do

everything else for you. Please drop off your donated items no later than **Thursday morning, July 14, 2022**.

Remember when selecting the items to donate they need to be easy to transport and in great condition.

The money raised will be used to help AOSHS achieve its mission of preserving the legacy of our schools. With your help, we will be able to achieve this goal.

When you pack your bags for the reunion, don't forget your raffle items. Thanks for your continued support of this AOSHS fundraiser. If you have any questions, please contact **Rebecca Dunn** at **simplydunn@comcast.net**.

ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA, PUBLICATIONS, YEARBOOKS & PHOTOGRAPHS

DOUG KELSEY

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK INITIATIVE

AOSHS has access to over **4,400 school yearbooks** or publications. Over **3,400** of these can be viewed online through the **AOSHS website**. We are continuing to scan these resources and expect to have the additional **1,000** yearbooks online by 2024.

The initiative to obtain yearbooks from existing high schools began almost **18 months ago**. As a result, of the **40 high schools** that exist today, we have received yearbooks from **27** of them. We hope to obtain **200 to 300** more yearbooks by the **end of the summer** when the push for this initiative will end.

Beginning this **fall**, **DoDEA** and AOSHS will begin a similar initiative to obtain and place yearbooks or publications online from existing **elementary and middle schools**. Today there are **95 DoDEA** elementary and middle schools throughout the world. We expect to receive more than **2,000** yearbooks/publications from these schools for this initiative.

With the current inventory of **4,400** yearbooks, the additional **300** from the current initiative and the

projected success of the elementary/middle school initiative, AOSHS should be nearing **8,000** publications online within the next two to three years.

These two initiatives focus on existing schools. We are still missing yearbooks or publications from **hundreds** of schools that have closed. Dating back to **1946**, there have been more than **725 DoDEA** schools. There are currently **135** schools. This means there are almost **600** schools that have closed.

THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOU (STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS) TO PROVIDE AOSHS MATERIALS FROM THESE 600 SCHOOLS. The window is quickly closing on the opportunity to obtain materials from the late **40's** and the **50's**. With your support, it is possible to make the AOSHS collection more complete.

If you can help in this endeavor, please contact **Doug Kelsey** via email at **dskelsey@hotmail.com** or via text at **404-664-9128**. He will be more than happy to assist you.

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WANTED



AOSHS wants your **CLASSROOM PHOTOGRAPHS** from elementary and middle schools for our Archives. They may be donated or loaned to our archives. Whether donated or loaned, they will be scanned and available for viewing through the AOSHS website. If donated, they will be scanned, placed online and placed in the archives. If loaned, they will also be scanned, placed online and returned to you.

AOSHS WANTS YOUR PHOTOS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF DoD SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD!!!!

Please send your photographs to:

AOSHS
704 W. Douglas Ave.
Wichita, KS 67203

For further information, please contact **Doug Kelsey** by text at **404-664-9128** or by email at **dskelsey@hotmail.com**.

SAMPLE OF YEARBOOKS STILL NEEDED			
HIGH SCHOOL	COUNTRY	YEARS OPENED	YEARBOOKS MISSING
Kaiserslautern HS	Germany	1951 - Present	1952 to 1960, 1965, 1997, 1999, 2002 to 2009, 2011 to 2014, 2016 to 2020
Ulm HS	Germany	1981 - 1991	1982 to 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989 to 1991
Vilsek HS	Germany	1983 - Present	1990
Weisbaden HS (H.H. Arnold)	Germany	1947 - Present	1993, 1995
Augsburg MS/HS	Germany	1955 - 1998	1956 to 1961, 1963 to 1967, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1993
Chateauroux HS	France	1950 - 1966	1951 to 1955
Brindisi HS	Italy	1973 - 1994	1974, 1980, 1981, 1985 to 1992
Croughton HS	United Kingdom	1982 - 1997	1996, 1997
Bahrain HS	Bahrain	1968 - Present	1969 to 1973, 1975, 1976, 1986, 1991, 1992
Goose Bay (Labrador) HS	Canada	1957 - 1976	1961, 1962, 1974, 1976
Ashiya HS	Japan	1953 - 1960	1954 to 1958
Matthew C. Perry HS	Japan	1952 - Present	1953 to 1962, 1964 to 1968, 1979 to 1972, 1976, 1981 to 1985, 1990, 1993, 1996 to 2006, 2008 to 2012, 2014, 2016 to 2020
Pusan HS	Korea	1967 - 2006	1969, 1982, 1989, 1992 to 1998, 2002
Kenitra T. M. Mack HS	Morocco	1955 - 1976	1956, 1958





Dr. Thomas Drysdale Scholarship Fund

PLEASE SUPPORT BRAT SCHOLARSHIPS

CHRIS KYRIOS

In **2022**, AOSHS is again awarding scholarships to **overseas brats**. This year, seniors at **Brussels, Belgium; Osan, South Korea; and WT Sampson, (Gitmo) Cuba**, are competing for three or four **\$1,500** scholarships.

Funding for the scholarships, named in honor of **Dr. Tom Drysdale**, initial visionary of AOSHS, was started by Brats at an **Overseas Brats Gathering**. The fund has since slowly grown and been supported by former brats and educators. AOSHS, as a non-profit, has managed this scholarship program from the beginning. AOSHS began offering scholarships in **2015** with a focus on small schools with limited community support.

In **2021**, AOSHS awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to seniors from **Misawa, Sasebo, Alconbury, and Lakenheath**. Recent other winners were from **Ansbach, Guam, Vicenza, Daegu, Hohenfels, Ramey, and Antilles**.

We are striving to continue to award these scholarships annually, so developing ongoing funding is critical.

Please help us in this endeavor by making a tax-deductible donation to the **Dr. Thomas Drysdale Scholarship Fund**. Checks can be mailed, payable to "AOSHS", to the address below, or you can call the AOSHS office at **316-265-6837** and speak with **Emma** to make a donation with a credit card. Thank you for your consideration.

Attn: Scholarship Fund
AOSHS
704 W Douglas Ave
Wichita KS 67203

For further information, please contact **AOSHS Board Member Chris Kyrios** at kyriosc@yahoo.com. AOSHS looks forward to hearing about any fundraising ideas you or your school may have. Thank you for preserving the memory of Dr. Drysdale. AOSHS' mission is to collect and preserve the historical archival memorabilia of the entire **American overseas school system**, a unique chapter in the history of American education. Visit AOSHS at www.aoshs.org.

LAST YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES



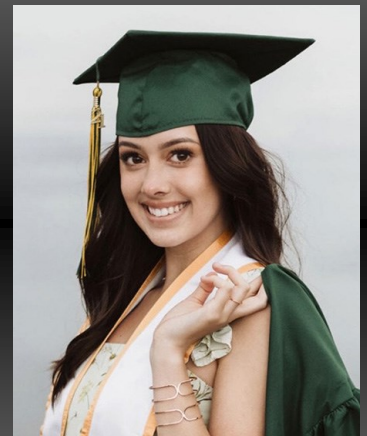
Caleb Andersen
EJ King-Sasebo High School



Alyssa Beighle
Alconbury High School



Anthony DuPio
Lakenheath High School



Maya Smith
Edgren-Misawa High School

AOSHS

SCHOOL HISTORY

QUIZ

PART 4

REBECCA DUNN

Many of the schools featured in the following questions are located in the United Kingdom, Greece, and Italy. The school histories for these countries have been placed online since the last newsletter or will be posted soon.

Please take a moment to review the online histories. We need you help to add unique events to the histories of our schools or to provide information about schools that have been closed for many years and for which we have no information in the archives or our resources.

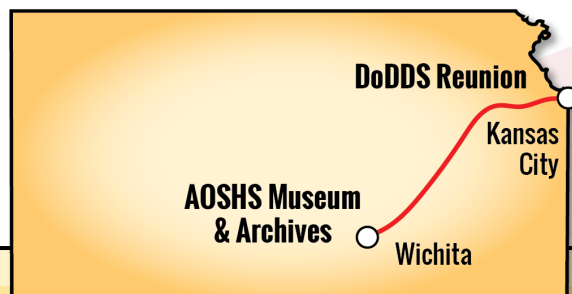
As your current AOSHS historian, I am discovering lots of facts and unique features of our overseas schools. If you find information about a school that is incorrect, please let me know. Also contact me if you have any details that you think should be added to a school's history. You can contact me at simplydunn@comcast.net. AOSHS wants to have the best possible picture of every overseas school.

1. Which five high schools sent students to Darmstadt Career Center to obtain Certificates of Proficiencies in areas such as medical and dental assistance, automotive and collision repair, cosmetology, business lab, computers, electronics, electricity, small engine repair, typewriter machine repair, and welding?
2. Which school in Greece was a hotel before it was used as an elementary school?

3. The Norman Knight was the mascot for which school in France?
4. Which school in England that is still open has the Hedgehog as its mascot?
5. Which school was created when students from Villefranche's Joshua Barney School in France were transferred to the new location in Italy?
6. Which school had students and their buses transported on a ferry to attend the school?
7. Which school in the Mediterranean District was named after a teacher?
8. Which school that is currently open and at a new location was originally located in the coastal resort of Villaggio Coppola Pinetamare?
9. What were the names of the two elementary schools that were opened in August 1994 to accommodate the increased enrollment in the Aviano community?
10. What school in the United Kingdom was named for an admiral?

Hope you enjoy these questions and it piqued your interest to read a few of our school histories online at www.aoshs.org.

You can find the answers to these questions on page 10.



Are you driving to the reunion in Kansas City in July?

Don't forget to include a side trip to **Wichita** and the **AOSHS Museum & Archives**. See Chris Limes' article later in this issue for other things to see and do while you're here.

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO

DONATE

TO AOSHS

AOSHS wishes to recognize this quarter's donors who support the Museum and Archives and our operating fund. While membership fees are definitely the backbone of our funding, member donations are vital to carrying out and expanding the work of the Society.

The annual recognition program runs from the current **DoDDS Reunion** (Reunion XXXIII in Jacksonville, July 14, 2021) to the beginning of the DoDDS Reunion the following year (Reunion XXXIV in Kansas City).

Donors within the Support Levels have their names published in the *AOSHS Quarterly* the quarter that their donation was received, or if missed, the following newsletter. Please let us know if we missed including your donation so we can correct that error. **All donors for the year will be recognized for the final time in each Fall issue**, and to all of you who found it in your hearts and pocketbooks to support the AOSHS mission, ***WE THANK YOU!***

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IN MEMORIAM

CHRIS LIMES



SARAH TODD MILNER

April 14, 1949 – March 5, 2022

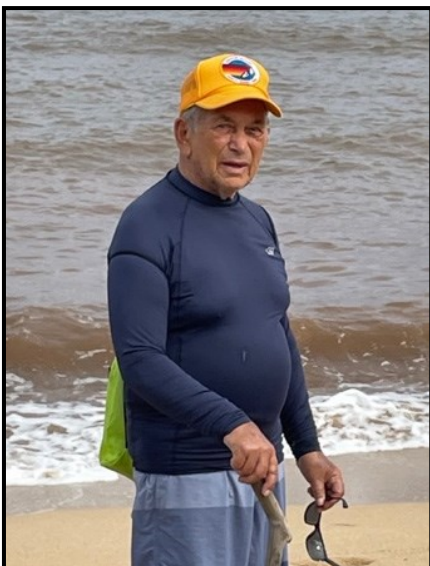


Mrs. Sarah Todd Milner, age 72, of Barnesville, Georgia, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Brightmoor Hospice in Griffin. Sarah was born on Thursday, April 14, 1949, in Spyro, Oklahoma to the late Wilbur Todd and Reba Hassell Todd. She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Peter Todd, Chris Ceretti, and Michael Todd; and nephew Scott Ceretti. Sarah was a teacher for Butts County Schools and spent some time teaching overseas. She always had an interest in other cultures, which sparked her undergraduate work in Anthropology and Sociology. While studying about different cultures, Sarah was very interested in the diverse cuisine that they ate. She loved to watch things grow in her garden. In her spare time, Sarah loved to travel and crochet. Sarah is survived by her husband of 34 years, Aubrey Milner; nephew Jerrod Ceretti; and great-nephew Jaxon Ceretti; and a number of precious friends around the world.



GILBERT FOOKS

February 15, 1930 – January 9, 2022



Gilbert Fooks, 91, of Waialua, Hawaii, died on January 9, 2022. Born in Somerville, Massachusetts, he uprooted himself to attend the University of Hawaii, graduating in 1953. Eloping with his wife, Bessie Ibrao, they stopped briefly in San Francisco to get married before traveling on to New London, Connecticut, where he completed his graduate work in psychology at Connecticut College as one of the first three male students admitted to the college. Gilbert and Bessie returned to make Hawaii home in 1959. They joined the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and worked and traveled around the world. Throughout his life Gilbert took every opportunity to travel, visiting new places and connecting with family and friends. Many of his trips were to assist Bessie at Ikebana exhibitions around the world, something he continued with his oldest daughter at her Ikebana exhibitions in Florida. His favorite trip remained the short walk he took to the beach for his daily swim in Hawaii's ocean water. He was active in efforts to protect Kaiaka Bay and the beach in front of his house, earning a Telly award for the documentary he appeared in documenting his and others' efforts. He was the reigning Kiapoko Place ping pong champion and Qwinkle King. He is survived by his children, Laurel, Maureen, Karl, Karen, and Joyce; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; sister Pauline Medoff, brother Marvin Fooks; and nieces and nephews.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lawrence (Larry) Philpot's fund was opened in January 2022 by Dana Pope who is the sponsor. Rebecca Dunn has also contributed to the fund. It now totals \$50.00.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Fava's fund was opened in September 2021 by Jackie Kelly who is the sponsor. Additional donors include Chris Fava and Anne Jones. The fund now totals \$475.

Dr. Arlyn Sweeney's fund was opened in September 2021 by Dr. Gayle Vaughan-Wiles who is the sponsor. James Lenz has also contributed to the fund. It now totals \$350

Although this is the final announcement, AOSHS will continue to accept donations to the Memorial Virtual Remembrance fund(s) in their honor.

Below are the latest notices we have received of those recently deceased. While we are pleased to provide this service to our membership, we realize that we may not know of other colleagues who have passed. You can help us by informing the AOSHS office when you learn of the passing of others. If you would like to purchase a Commemorative Tile or Memorial Virtual Remembrance in honor of one of these or other colleagues, a Tile Order/Inscription Form and a Memorial Virtual Remembrance Form are located at the end of this newsletter.

In Memory

ELIZABETH A. ("BETTY") BAAB

July 7, 1938 – March 3, 2022

DR. KELLY BENNING

_____ – April, 2022

**EMANUEL BRYANT (E.B.)
STANFORD**

November 30, 1940 – September 17, 2021

REX C. BURGETT

November 30, 1939 – March 22, 2022

BRUCE DERR

February 28, 1944 – May 6, 2022

THERESE FITZGERALD

_____ – April 21, 2022

BERT KROON

_____ – February 12, 2022

BOB KNYCH

_____ – May 8, 2022

ANN NOLLNER

August 21, 1926 – October 27, 2021

GARY PALMER

January 8, 1942 – March 23, 2022

MICHAEL JOSEPH REILLY

February 23, 1953 – April 23, 2022

**"SUNNY" FRANCIS ANNETTE
LYNCH WILLIS**

October 22, 1942 – April 10, 2022

*A few Commemorative Tiles are also still available.
Order one while they last!*

Commemorative Tiles may be purchased to recognize an individual or to celebrate an event. There is one 12" x 12" Black Granite tile, seven 4"x 8" Red Quarry tiles and two 8" x 8" Beige Quarry tiles available for purchase. Tile order and Inscription forms are located at the end of this issue.

1 remaining

**DR. DEAN C. WILES
DODDS EDUCATOR
1959 - 1996
TEACHER, PRINCIPAL,
SUPERINTENDENT,
CHIEF OF EDUCATION
DODDS - EUROPE
WOW! WHAT A MAN!**

12"x 12" Black Granite

2 remaining

**CAROLYN L. WILBER
1938-2014

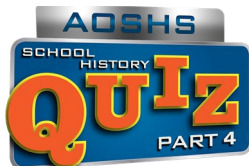
PHILIPPINES, GERMANY
OKINAWA, HOLLAND
1969-1993**

8"x 8" Beige Quarry Tile

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**WILLIAM J. COANE
8/31/1934
9/7/2002**

4"x 8" Red Quarry Tile



From page 6.

ANSWERS: 1. Heidelberg, Mannheim, Hanau, Frankfurt, and Wiesbaden high school students attended the Darmstadt Career Center in the morning or afternoon. **2.** Ekali Elementary School outside Athens, Greece was located in a building that was formerly a hotel. The lower grades were on the ground floor in an open classroom style in the various former lobbies and nooks and crannies of the hotel. There were lots of windows and an elevator. The middle grades were on the upper floor and stretched through the various hotel rooms where the dividing walls had been removed. The lockers were in the hallways. The playground was in the ravine on the backside of the building. **3.** Evreux-Fauville American Family School had the Norman Knight as its mascot. Evreux-Fauville American Family School was originally located in a barracks. The NCO Club was downstairs, the base library was upstairs, and the airmen's quarters were down the hall. The school opened in 1954 with just two teachers for the twenty students in grades one through eight. **4.** Feltwell Elementary is located on Royal Air Force Base Feltwell right in the middle of the Norfolk fens, a flat agricultural wetland area in East Anglia, United Kingdom. RAF Feltwell is a small communications base established in 1938. Feltwell Elementary opened in 1972 and recently celebrated its fortieth anniversary, Ruby Jubilee. The school mascot is the Hedgehog. **5.** The Gaeta American School was originally named for Commodore Joshua Barney who was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 6, 1759. The students at the school transferred from Villefranche's Joshua Barney School located in Nice, France when the American troops withdrew from France. The school in Gaeta was originally housed in an Italian school before moving to the Naval Detachment's facility on Corso Italia, next to the Rock Garden Hotel. **6.** Many students who attended La Maddalena School in Italy lived on the larger island of Sardinia and rode the bus which was ferried to the island of La Maddalena where the school was located. **7.** The Iraklion Elementary/Junior High School was renamed Jack R. Kearns School in honor of a teacher who died at the school in 1977. In DoDDS publications the school was always referred to as Iraklion Elementary/Junior High School; however, the local community used the J. R. Kearns American School name. **8.** Naples Elementary School at Pinetamare was located approximately seventeen miles north of Naples, Italy in the coastal resort of Villaggio Coppola Pinetamare. **9.** Vajont Elementary and Pordenone Elementary schools were opened in August 1994 to accomodate the increased enrollment in the Aviano community. The schools were closed when the new school in Aviano was completed. **10.** The W. F. Halsey American Elementary School, a.k.a. Edzell Elementary School, was located at the edge of the base housing at RAF Edzell, Scotland. The base was leased to the U.S. Navy in 1960, and the Americans left the facility in 1996.

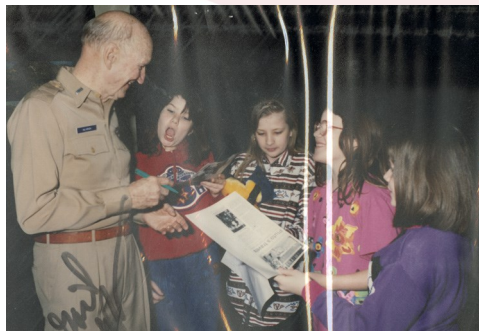
Remembering the Candy Bomber, Uncle Wiggly Wings

MARTHA BROWN

The world lost a hero on **February 16, 2022**. **Col. Gail Halvorsen**, affectionately known both as the **Candy Bomber** and **Uncle Wiggly Wings**, passed away at age **101** in **Provo, Utah**. While a pilot during the **Berlin Airlift**, Col. Halvorsen began dropping candy in small handkerchief parachutes to children below who were watching planes land at **Tempelhof Airport**.

The idea came from a chance encounter Col. Halvorsen had with a group of German children while he was out shooting film. Seeing that they had so little, he knew he had to do something for them. He told the children to watch for his plane because he would drop gum and candy for them the next day. When they asked how they would recognize his plane, he told them he would wiggle the wings, hence the nickname **Uncle Wiggly Wings**.

What began as weekly candy drops, quickly ballooned into **Operation Little Vittles**. Support spread through the squadron and eventually reached the **U.S.** where it became such a nation-wide effort that help had to be recruited to keep up with the donations of candy, gum, and handkerchiefs. Estimates show that over **23 tons** of candy and gum were dropped during the



operation. Many believe that the candy drops had a positive impact on the postwar perception of Americans by the German public.

Col. Halvorsen and **AOSHS** have a direct connection. **Halvorsen Elementary School**, later named **Halvorsen-Tunner Elementary Middle school**, was originally named after Col. Halvorsen. He made several visits to the school and always enjoyed interacting with the students. **AOSHS** currently has artifacts on loan to the **Museum of World Treasures** for their display



highlighting the **Berlin Airlift** and the **Candy Bomber**.

AOSHS was fortunate to host an impromptu visit by Col. Halvorsen when he was in **Wichita** for the **annual reunion** of the **Berlin Airlift Veterans Association**. Although the museum was not yet open, **Ron Harrison** led Col. Halvorsen through the facility sharing artifacts and stories about the collection. Ron reports that Col. Halvorsen enjoyed the visit and was impressed with our work and our mission.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE AOSHS BOARD?

Does serving on the **AOSHS Board of Directors** appeal to you? If you are interested, contact **Martha Brown** at martha@aoshsboard.org to learn more about Board responsibilities and commitments.

Adam Hildenbrand

GLENNA HARRISON

Faculty, Berlin American High School, 1970-72

Adam Hildenbrand, math teacher at Berlin American High School from 1969 until the closing of the school in 1994, has quite an international personal history.

Two generations before Adam, his German ancestors relocated to Yugoslavia as there was more farmland available for the family than where they lived in Germany. His parents benefited from this move and were farmers in Yugoslavia. They lived on the edge of a village and worked in their fields near the town. They had horses, cows, geese, pigs, ducks, and chickens. They were self-sufficient with the farm.

After WWII, 11-year-old Adam experienced being a refugee because President Tito, backed by the Russians, absconded houses and farmland from German families and gave them to his partisan followers after the war. Yugoslavian Government authorities came to the Hildenbrand home and took his father away to a labor camp. The remaining family members were allowed five minutes to gather items they wanted to take with them in a baby carriage and they were

taken to a concentration camp. They had to leave their house furnishings, clothes, animals, pets including dogs and cats, as well as a supply of smoked hams and sausages. A German village had been taken over to be this concentration camp, complete with guards. This was to be the accommodation for Adam, his older brother, his younger sister, and his mother for the next three years.

The Hildenbrand family members slept on straw with total strangers. They were usually fed a noon meal consisting of lentil soup (sometimes the soup had bugs in it) and a saltless cornbread that was coarsely made even including some corn husks. The latrine was an open pit outside.

One of the saddest events of this time was watching his grandparents beg for food and eventually starve to death. Daily a wagon came to pick up the dead bodies to be buried in shallow pits. The numbers of Germans in the area dwindled drastically. One year the Danube flooded and many bodies were exposed from the shallow graves. An international peace group observed this and put pressure

on Tito to stop the work camps and the concentration camps. Adam's father was then freed from the labor camp and joined the family. The family left the area on foot when they were released. A farmer offered to take them in his wagon to Hungary. The family crossed the border into Hungary and then crossed into the Russian sector of Austria. Eventually they walked by night in the rain into the British sector of Austria. Here they stayed from 1947–1952. The refugees lived in a camp that Hitler had used for his labor camp. Each family got two rooms with a community bathroom. The Hildenbrand children attended school while in Austria.

In 1952, the Hildenbrand Family emigrated to the United States, with a church host family in Peoria, Illinois to sponsor them. The Baer family operated carnation green houses, and Adam, his brother, and his dad worked in the green houses. His sister cleaned houses. Some people from the church rented a house to them. The church supplied furniture and household goods.

Adam was 17 years old and couldn't speak English in

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1952. Mrs. Baer taught elementary school and obtained some reading texts for the family to use to learn English. Two teachers at the high school helped Adam in terms of enrollment and they made a plan for taking the required English, government, and other classes in order to graduate as soon as he could since he was already 17. The plan included summer school classes. Adam graduated from high school in 1956 and had two main options for his future; local persons encouraged him to work at The Caterpillar Company headquartered in Peoria while others encouraged him to attend Bradley University.

Adam chose to attend Bradley University majoring in math and education. He still was dealing with learning English. Math classes weren't difficult, but essay questions on exams were difficult; true/false questions weren't so bad.

While attending the university, Adam lived at home his first year. When their church sponsor Mr. Baer died, Adam's parents decided to move to New Jersey where there were several German communities. For his second year at Bradley, Adam rented a room from a lady in the church. The last two years of college, Adam lived in the church and tended the furnace with coal. He had a

room to sleep in and he could cook in the church kitchen. He ate a lot of omelets, fried potatoes, and onions.

After graduating from Bradley University, Adam taught math for a year in Lake Zurich High School in the Chicago area. His college deferment from the army expired and he was drafted into the army. As a conscientious objector through the church, he completed basic training, except for weapons training. He was trained as a Medic and sent to Ft. Belvoir near Alexandria, Virginia, where he worked in the hospital finance office.

Adam was then sent to Korea where he worked in the base finance and accounting office. He posted entries and balanced five ledgers but had quite a bit of free time. He read books during his free time at work.

The high school in the area needed a math teacher, so he was assigned to the DoDDS high school. He eventually was given an appropriate room in a men's dorm where he had some peace and quiet not found in the military barracks. He requested not to have to be in uniform to teach and that was granted. In the summer he taught review classes in math and algebra.

Eventually he was hired by DoDDS to teach math. He

completed his tour in Korea where he enjoyed traveling to the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan, and Vietnam. He taught in Nuremberg in 1965, France in 1966 until they closed the schools, 1967 in Upper Heyford, England, and 1969-1994 in Berlin, Germany.

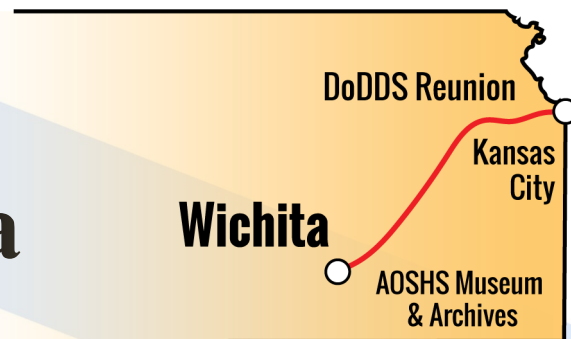
All of these experiences served as a background for Adam's outlook on life. He is a patient, helpful, and loving man with a positive attitude and a strong faith.

REMEMBER,
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Interesting Sights In and Around Wichita

CHRIS LIMES



As summer approaches, I know that many of us will be traveling to **Kansas City, Missouri**, for the **annual DoDDS Reunion** taking place **July 13–17**. Having been to several reunions, it is well worth the trip to see our friends and colleagues who shared our experiences working for the **Department of Defense Dependents Schools**. If you are driving to the reunion, I hope you will consider stopping in **Wichita, Kansas**, home to **AOSHS**. Less than three hours from Kansas City, Missouri, and located at **704 W. Douglas Avenue**, our facility is home to over **100,000** items that have been donated by schools, former students, staff, and administrators. A sample of these items are on display in our gallery.

After visiting the **AOSHS** museum, be sure to check out additional interesting sites. Begin by following the scenic **Arkansas River's** walkway through the center of Wichita. Here you will encounter four museums on the river.

Browse through one of our state's largest art museums at the **Wichita Art Museum**. Permanent collections include masterpieces by **Cassatt, Hopper, Russell** and **Chihuly** among others (wichitaartmuseum.org).

Continuing along the river you will encounter **Botanica** with its 30 themed gardens, sculptures, and waterfalls (botanica.org).

Step back in time at the **Old Cowtown Museum** which will take you back to a Midwestern cattle town. You can experience staged gunfights, a working blacksmith, a saloon, and even an old-time schoolhouse (www.oldcowtown.org).

At the **Mid-America All-Indian Museum** you will see traditional Native American artifacts and artwork (www.theindiancenter.org).

While strolling along the river, feel free to hop in a canoe or a paddle boat. Next, take in the outdoor **Veteran's Memorial Park** and end your day with the lighting of the **Ring of Fire** at the **Keeper of the Plains** at **9 PM**.

Beyond the city center there are many more places of interest.

Wichita has a world class zoo containing everyone's favorite animals. Feed the giraffes, observe the chimpanzees and orangutans, and visit the big cats that make their home at the **Sedgwick County Zoo** (scz.org).

Maybe you'd like to experience animals in a different kind of setting. The **Tanganyika Wildlife Park** is the only park in the USA with 10 interactive encounters where you can touch, feed, and even ride unique species. The encounters could include lemurs, lorikeets, giraffes, pygmy hippos, and rhinos! (twpark.com).

Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House features more than 30 pieces of Wright-designed furniture, original art glass, and even a wall hung water closet! The Allen house is located in the historic **College Hill Neighborhood** (flwrightwichita.org).

Don't forget to stop by the **Museum of World Treasures**, where you'll find several items on loan from **AOSHS**. They include a **section of the Berlin Wall**, **Clarence the Bonn Knight**, and a **Nazi flag from the Nurnberg Trials** (worldtreasures.org).

Other noteworthy sites to visit in Wichita include: The **Kansas African American Museum**, the **Kansas Aviation Museum**, and the **Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum**.

Forty-five minutes from Wichita in **Hutchinson, Kansas**, are two very interesting places to visit: At the **Cosmosphere**, visitors are able to take in a full-scale model of a space shuttle and a flown **SR-71** along with many interactive displays describing the history of the **United States** space program (cosmo.org).

Also in Hutchinson, Kansas, check out the **Strataca Kansas Underground Salt Museum** where you will descend 650 feet below ground and become familiar with the geology of the area and mining practices from long ago (underkansas.org).

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INTERESTING SITES IN AND AROUND WICHITA -continued

A visit to our city would not be complete without experiencing these uniquely Wichita restaurants:

CASUAL DINING

The Doo-Dah Diner
(doodahdiner.com)

Home Grown
(homegrownkitchen.com)

The Old Mill Tasty Shop
(www.facebook.com/OMTSWichita)

Prost
(prostwichita.com)

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The Sweet Spot
(www.wichitasweetspot.com)

The Larkspur Bistro and Bar
Wichita's favorite Old Town restaurant (larkspuronline.com)

Georges French Bistro
(georgesfrenchbistro.com)

Vora Restaurant
(vorawichita.com)

These destinations are just a sample of what Wichita, Kansas has to offer. We hope you will stop by and see us this summer!

Is Your School History Online?

REBECCA DUNN AND ALLEN HAYMON

Is your school history on the **AOSHS** website, www.aoshs.org? Check out the “School Histories” section under the “Collections” tab to see if your school’s history has been posted.

We have now posted a history for over half of the **DoDDS** schools. But, we still have a long way to go. We plan to have histories of **400** schools posted by **July 2022**.

While we are able to use school yearbooks to write the histories of our high schools, we have few resources to help us compile information about our elementary and middle schools. We have either very little or no information for many of these schools. We need your help in compiling these histories and in assuring that they accurately reflect the unique characteristics of the schools.

How can you help? You can write a few paragraphs about each school where you either worked or attended. Tell us about the configuration of the grades, class size, number of faculty and staff, years you were at the

school, special annual events, or field trips. Did you have any host nation or local programs that you will always remember? Were the arts a major part of your school? What made your school special?

You may send the information you compile now to **Rebecca Dunn**, simplydunn@comcast.net. If you attend the **Reunion** in **July**, you can pick up a form you can fill out to capture your memories of your school. They will be available in the **hospitality room** at the AOSHS table.

If a history of your school has been posted, please let us know what we need to add to enhance the information and make it truly reflect the outstanding features of attending or working there.

Please help us with this worthwhile project. Many of our schools were closed in the fifties and sixties, and we do not want to lose their histories. Our goal is to make sure that **ALL** of our schools are remembered.



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To establish or donate to a Virtual Remembrance MEMORIAL Fund, complete the form below and send it with your payment and required information to:

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- ___ 3. Enclosed is a photo of the honoree (cannot be returned).
- ___ 4. I will submit a photo of the honoree when the memorial fund is closed.
- ___ 5. I do not intend to include a photo.

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This **AOSHS Quarterly** is published four times a year by the Society to enhance public understanding of the human effort, service, reward, and sacrifice in educating our American children and youth abroad.

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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,
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