



# WELCOME

**AOSHS Annual Meeting**

**July 14, 2023**

# AOSHS

**AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*PRESERVING AND SHARING THE LEGACY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE*

# Our Focus

- **Expand the presence and awareness of AOSHS** and its mission
- Develop and expand the AOSHS **collections**
- Make items from our collections available for **physical displays in museums** and other sites
- Share website and links to digitized items for the **public viewing**
- **Grow our membership** and generate sustainable **revenue**
- **Build relationships** with military-connected museums



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BG Philip Mattox (Ret)\*

Frank O’Gara\*

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*Vice President*

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*Secretary*

*Membership & Development*

*Historian*

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*Special Projects*

*BRAT Rep, Scholarship Fund*

*Virtual Remembrances*

*Military Liaison*

*DoDEA Liaison*

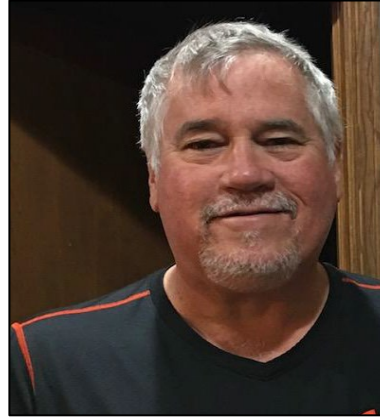


# Staff and Contractors

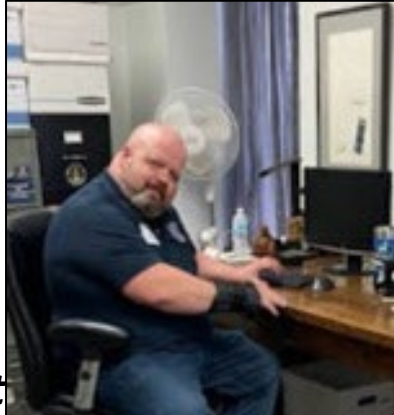
**Jaime Zajac**  
*Office Manager*



**Chris Limes**  
**Facility Manager**



**Adam Gossman**  
*Contracted Archivist*



**Kevin Frutiger**  
*Contracted Digitization & Webmaster*



# Approval of 2022 Minutes





# Membership Report

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Regular members	369	408	456	647
Life members (X)	535	504	495	495
Complimentary	19	54	77	101
Total members	923	966	1028	1249

Subic Bay  
ES Faculty  
Philippines  
(1971-  
1972)



Johnson MS Staff  
Johnson AB, Japan  
(1972-1973)



Heidelberg DSO Staff  
Heidelberg, Germany (2000-2001)

Faculty & Staff  
Thomas A Roberts ES  
Berlin, Germany  
(1987-1988)



Vilseck ES Faculty  
Vilseck ES, Germany  
(1982-1983)

# AOSHS Financial Summary

	5/31/2022	5/31/2023
Reserved Operating Funds	590,010	588,828
Available Cash Assets	151,039	131,561
AOSHS Total Cash Assets	741,049	720,389

# History and Memories

## School Histories Status

## Memories



*Wheelus Dependent School  
Tripoli, Libya*

Verdun American Elem High School  
Verdun, France





# Virtual Remembrances

## Memorial

Honor a colleague

## Commemorative

Recognize an Event

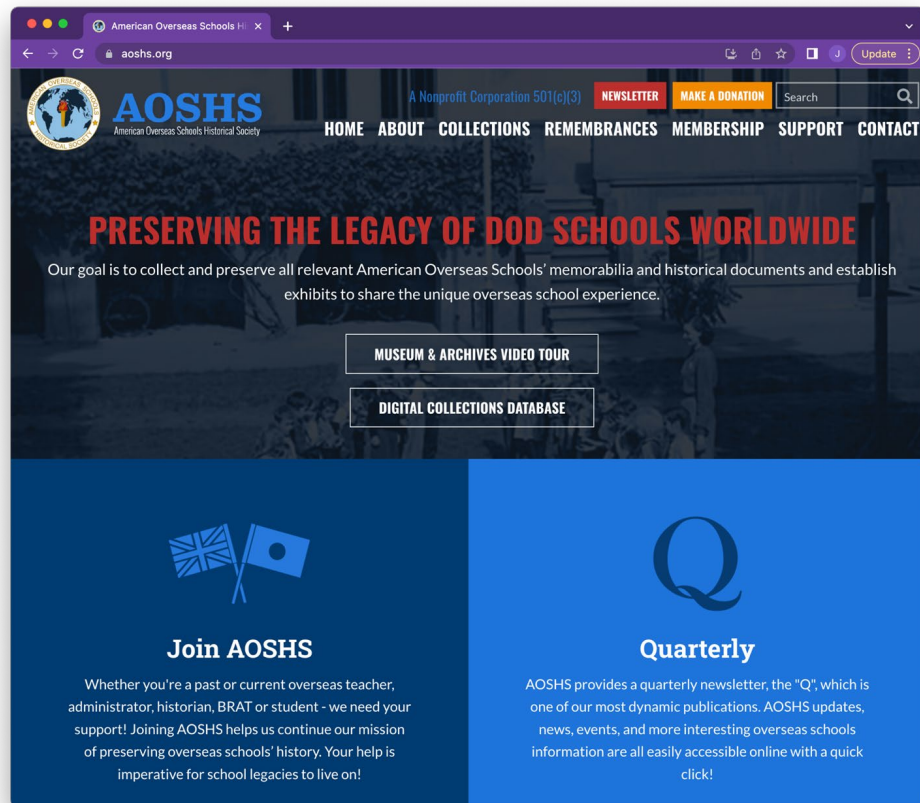
**Online now!**

Go to [aoshs.org](https://aoshs.org) and select “Remembrances” to view or open an account.

# Website Update

[aoshs.org](https://aoshs.org)

- Historical Books
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Remembrances
- Memories
- Online Archives
  - ❑ 4,000+ Yearbooks
  - ❑ 67,000+ Digital Images
- Membership Information
- Donation Protocols
- Redesign pending – Suggestions to Frank Roehl



# Yearbooks

## Initiatives

- Existing High Schools (Complete)
- Existing Elementary/Middle Schools
- Closed Schools (Ongoing)

## Need your Assistance

- Current Schools (159 schools/12 countries)
- Schools Since 1946 (800+ schools/40+ countries)
- Closed schools (641+ schools/40+ countries)

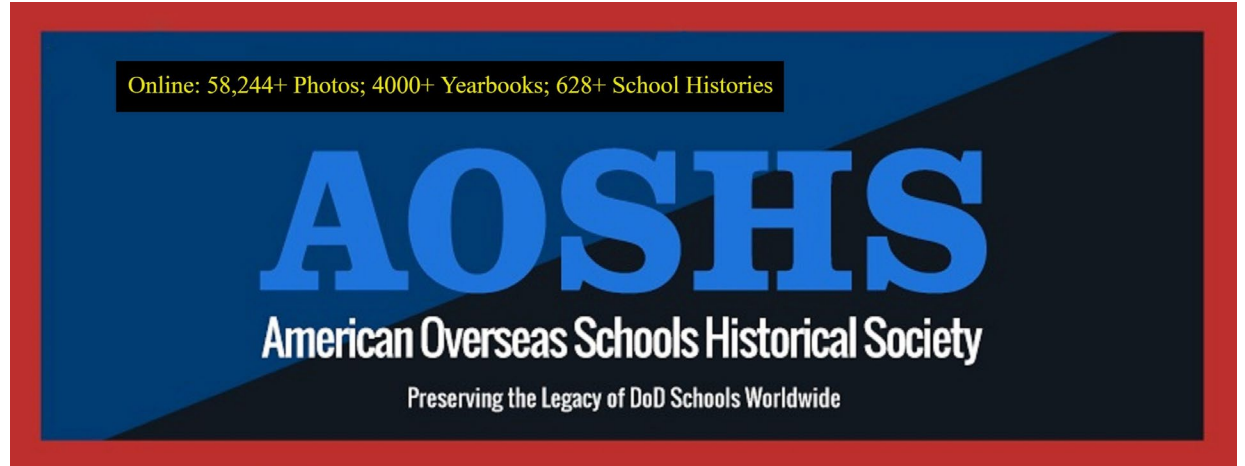


## Options

- Donate
- Take Digital Photographs
- Loan with return

# Facebook Update

- **Public Group**  
Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post
- **8,300+ Members**
- **Followers: 2,341+**



# Drysdale Scholarship

- Originally targeted small schools
- Raised funds for four scholarships
- Total awarded since 2015 is \$39,000



**Tom and Norma Drysdale  
1998 Minneapolis Reunion**



# Drysdale Scholarship



**Fabiola Mercado-Rodriguez**  
**Sigonella, Italy**



**Chloe Bogen**  
**Kinnick, Japan**

# Drysdale Scholarship



**Cathy Rice**  
**Kadena HS, Okinawa**



**Magan Fife**  
**Kadena HS, Okinawa**

# **Alumni Association**

## **AOSHS Scholarships**



**Lily Chekouras**  
**Stuttgart HS, Germany**



**Ariana Polk**  
**Kaiserslautern HS, Germany**



# Bitburg Alumni Reunion at AOSHS Museum (Wichita)



# The AOSHS - Military Museum Connection

- BG Mattox (Ret) July met with Museum Curator
- Project began 18 months ago, and *we have been invited!*
- More info to follow...



National Museum of the U.S. Army, Ft. Belvoir



# Recruiting New Board Members

## AOSHS Needs YOU

- **Qualifications**

- ✓ Sincere commitment to the AOSHS mission
- ✓ Willing to take on an active role
- ✓ Available for 2 face-to-face and 6 ZOOM board meetings
- ✓ Accept the volunteer nature of the position

- **Interested?**

- Speak to a Board member
- Contact the AOSHS office



# Volunteer Emeritus Award

- Active volunteer since 2001
- Identified & recorded thousands of items
- Donated a handmade quilt for many AOSHS raffles
- Dedication and perseverance has enhanced our museum's collection and contributed to AOSHS's growth



**Myrna Margraf**

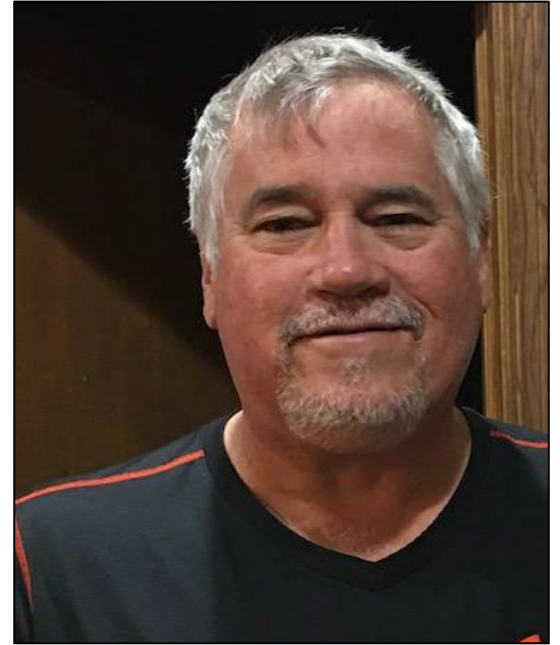
# Departing board members



**Joel Hansen**



**Doug Kelsey**



**Chris Limes**



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# Thank You!





# WALL MAP

