



WELCOME

AOSHS ANNUAL MEETING
July 16, 2025

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**
- **Build relationships** with military-connected museums & make items from our collections available for **physical displays**
- Share website and links to digitized items for the **public viewing**
- **Grow our membership** and generate sustainable **revenue**



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Membership & Development

AOSHS Quarterly Publication

Scholarships

Military Liaison

DoDEA Liaison

Committee Chairs

Rebecca Dunn

Chris Kyrios

Doug Kelsey

Historian

BRAT Representative

Yearbook Initiative



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



Staff and Contractors

Kevin Frutiger
*Contracted Digitization
& Webmaster*



Adam Gossman
Contracted Curator

Elizabeth Brace
Archival Photographer

Jaime Zajac
Office Manager

Approval of 2024 Minutes



Membership Report

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Regular members	408	456	647	698	729
Life members*	504	496	495	492	487
Complimentary	54	77	101	114	114
Total members	966	1029	1,243	1,304	1,330

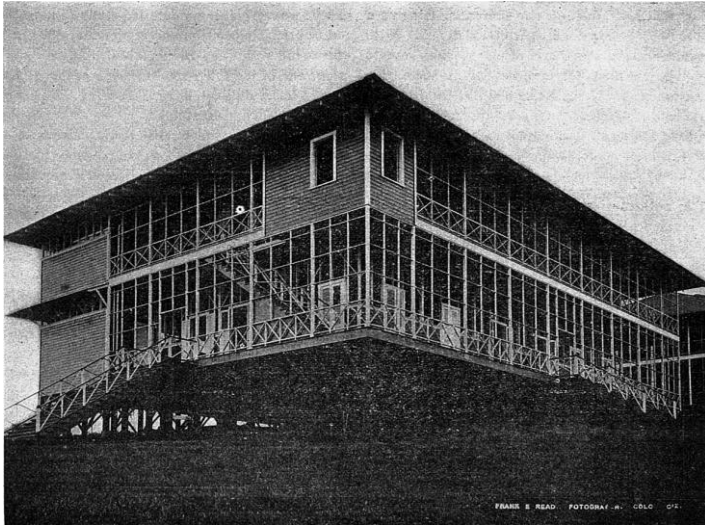
** No longer offered*

AOSHS Financial Summary

	5/31/2023	5/31/2024	5/31/2025
Reserved Operating Funds	588,828	770,092	891,733
Available Cash Assets	131,561	115,453	125,584
AOSHS Total Cash Assets	720,389	885,545	1,013,845

History and Memories

School Histories Status / Memories



Balboa High School

Panama Canal Zone, 1910 - 1999

Vogelweh Elementary School
Kaiserslautern, Germany, 2019 to Present



Virtual Remembrances

Memorial

Honor a colleague

Commemorative

Recognize an Event

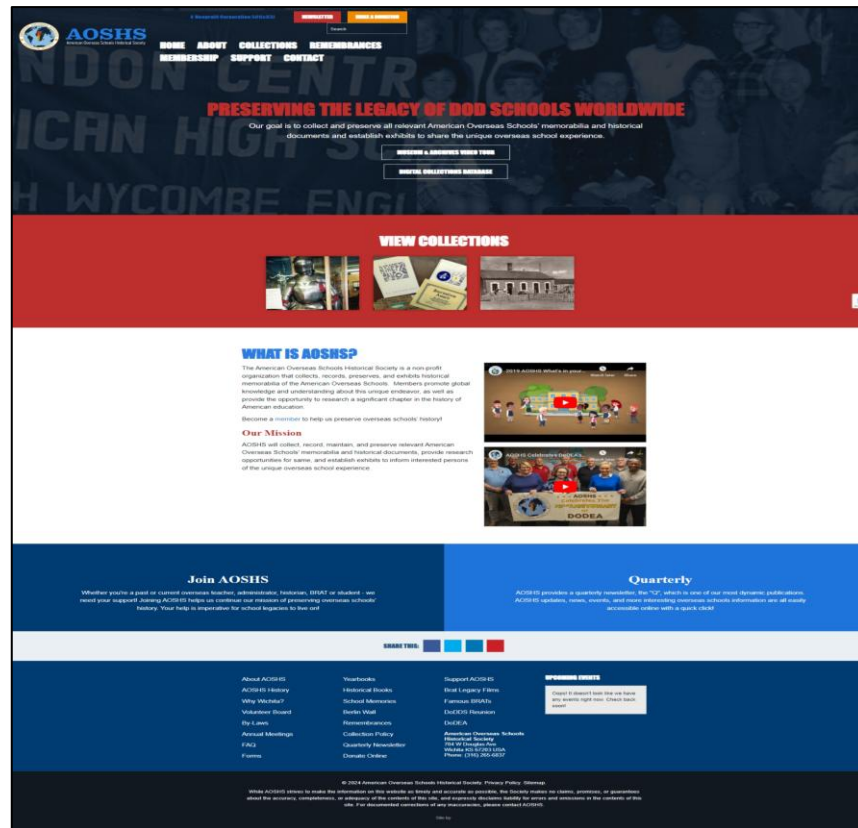
Online now!

Go to aoshs.org and select “Remembrances” to view or open an account.

Website Update

- Historical Books
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Remembrances
- Memories
- Online Archives
 - ❑ 5,036+ Yearbooks (5983)
 - ❑ 120,000+ Digital Images
- Membership Information
- Donation Protocols

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Yearbooks

Initiatives

- Existing High Schools (Complete)
- Existing Elementary/Middle Schools (71% complete)
- 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

FB Public Group

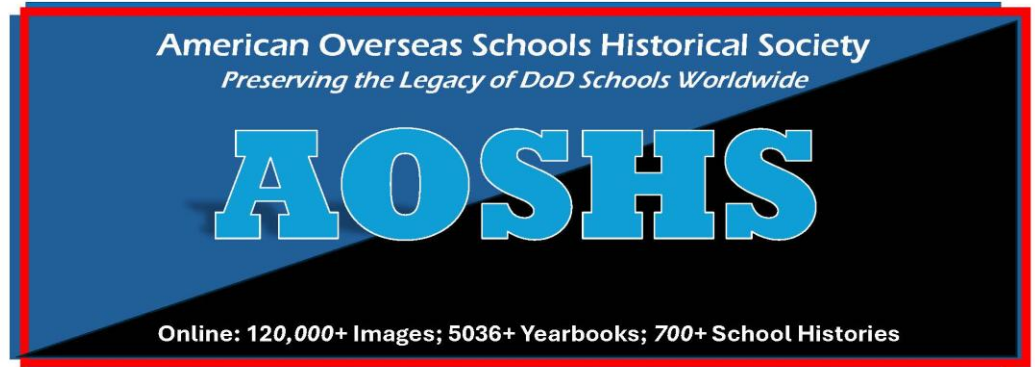
Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post

- 11.3K Members

FB Page

Followers can comment on our posts but cannot create their own posts.

- 2,419 Followers



Drysdale Scholarship

Due to personnel issues, no AOSHS or school alumni organizations scholarships were offered this year.

- Focus on smaller schools
- Funded 5 scholarships
- \$50,000 awarded in ten years since 2015



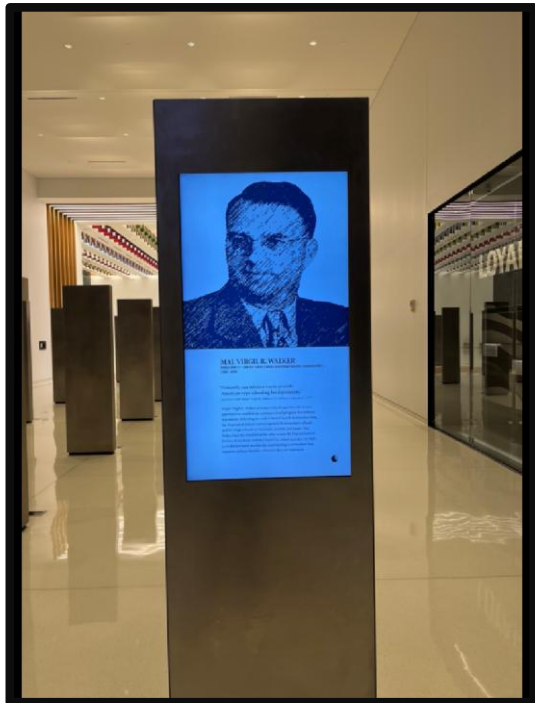
Tom & Norma Drysdale
1998 Minneapolis Reunion

National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) Fort Belvoir, Virginia

AOSHS is proud to announce that WE ARE IN!

The beginning of the DoD Overseas Schools story is now on display as one of more than 50 free-standing pylons, in formation, with a photo and short story of the individual etched on a block of stainless-steel measuring approximately seven feet high by two feet wide. It is an extremely impressive entry point to the massive museum. It has been a two-year plus imitative to get our foot in the door! AOSHS is working with the museum staff to have a larger presence to document the schools from their beginnings.

In 1945, **Major Virgil R. Walker** was the individual chosen, through the direction of Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower, to start up a school system that operated in occupied countries following World War II.





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Thank You!



WALL MAP



