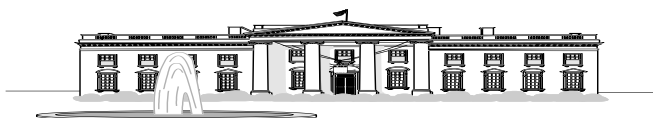


"The Aiguillette"

The Society of White House Military Aides

Summer 2014



May 15, 2014

Chairman's Report – Summer of 2014

"Standing Tall and Looking Good, We Ought to be in Hollywood"

Year 24 and Counting. This year, our 24th, will prove to be the capstone for 25 years of service to former and current military aides. That will become clearer in the Fall when we announce our, "Next 25 Years" initiative. The Society grew during that time from a list of 40 aides to over 500 aides who have paid dues at one time or another, 151 Lifetime Members, with 39 of those the last 3 years, and 37 Obama and Bush '43 Aides. We are definitely attracting younger members. The Christmas event was sold out again, featuring a really great tour of the Decatur House on 10 December, an address by noted White House Historian William Seale, and a Candlelight Tour on 22 December. See the wonderful pictures, compliment of Matthew Paul D'Agostino, M.A, White House Historical Association, thank you Dag. During that 24 years we have escorted privately over 3000 people through the Christmas White House, and over 5000 have attended our many events. **We are very proud of that accomplishment and I should thank Bill Sinnott (Carter/Reagan), Veronica Richardson (Clinton), Tim Milbrath (Reagan/Clinton) who have served us unselfishly for many years, and Paul Crissy (Reagan) who helped us in the 1990's to get things moving in the right direction. Also Andy Lawrence (Johnson/Nixon) and Mary Stuart Price for the vision to create this Society. Many others, too many to mention, have also helped along the way!**

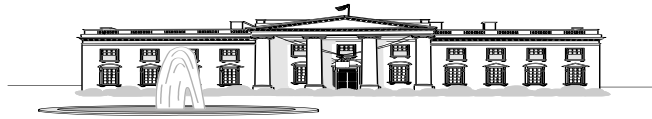


"Michelle Obama Presents At 85th Annual Academy Awards" Photo by: The White House. Military Aides from left to right: Captain Chris Biello (USMC), Captain Paige Young (USAF), Captain Nick Schroback (USMC), Captain Laura Keenan (USA), Lieutenant Kent McLaughlin (USN), Lieutenant Stephanie Young (USCG), Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Kristin Bakotic (USAF)

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***"You, you and you...Panic. The rest of you, come with me."
U.S. Marine Corp Gunnery Sgt.***

Media. It is truly appropriate that we should feature our Obama Aides on the front page as this is the Society's first appearance in media events, one of four (4) this year. Second is the "WP Magazine" article by (Nixon) Mike Bohn (enclosed), who the Society assisted for over a year to make the right contacts. Third is BGEN David Henley article which follows. (David Henley was a world acclaimed Foreign Correspondent and Nixon Social Aide and he did a great job on this article.) Our most exciting and meaningful media project is underway and we will report out on that in the Fall. This is all quite a remarkable experience as we described how military aides support the President and First Lady in very special and extraordinary ways.

Extra Ordinary Interviews. We bring back our interviews with extraordinary members, in this case CAPT Melissa Bert (Clinton), Chief, Coast Guard Officer, Maritime and International Law, and Lifetime Member of the Council of Foreign Relations. We thank future Colonel, LTC (P) Kelly Brown (Clinton/Bush '43) for conducting the interview.

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As Always, God Bless America and Our Soldiers at War!

Kenn Riordan, Jr.

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Pre-Party Nov 23rd 2013 at the Army Navy Club



We would like to thank Nixon Aide Dave Pitcher for hosting a party for our working Directors at the castle like Army Navy Club. This is part of the six figure compensation package earned by our officers (not quite) who give so much of their free time for Society events over many years. Joining us were Dave and Ainslie Pitcher, Veronica Richardson, Jen and Rusty Johnson, Avis and Lonnie McAlister, Bill and Jude Sinnott, my guest Maggie Fitzgerald, and Sally and Roger McNamara. The star winner of our talent contest even if he forgot his trumpet (he plays a mean trumpet) was Steve Wolf joined by his wife Barbara, as Steve sang the U.S. Coast Guard Hymn in alto voice. One person said it was the best party they ever attended, must have been Bill Sinnott's card tricks learned in his native Las Vegas (this is where the name "Wild Bill" comes from). Good job Dave!

White House Xmas Tour 2013

Photos were taken by the White House Historical Association Videophotographer, Matthew Paul D'Agostino



Speaker William Seale



AMB Abelardo Valdez (Johnson)
Chief of Protocol for President Carter



Furthest Aide

Kenn with LTC Charlie
Carlton (Clinton) who
travelled from Kazakhstan.



The Gangs All Here at the Decatur House, note the 6" of snow!



Kenn with Veronica Richardson (Clinton) and guest



Mike McGrail (Obama) with attractive Mom



Beautiful Decatur House, built by Commodore Stephen Decatur, Jr., in 1818, mortally wounded in a duel 1820.



White House Candlelight Tour Group

“Too Many to Mention”



“Candlelight Tour – 22 Dec ‘13



White House Christmas Tour 22 Dec, Decatur House Tour 10 Dec '13

What began on shaky footing which was our tour of the Decatur House, one of the oldest buildings in Washington DC, just a block for the White House (WH), and then the tour of the Christmas White House ended well. The tour was cancelled when the government closed due to 2" of snow (not quite) in Washington DC. By noon, there was hardly a puddle of water to be seen, and then the sun came out, with driving conditions messy but ideal for quick travel into DC.

December 10th

The White House Historical Association, up at 0515 and on the phone to me at 0720 valiantly pressed on when they could have easily cancelled, providing us with a most interesting and splendid tour of the Decatur House, built when Commodore Stephen Decatur, Jr., and his wife, Susan, moved to the new federal city in 1816. Already a celebrity from his conquests in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, Stephen Decatur became one of Washington's most celebrated figures, and the couple advanced their position by throwing a number of lavish parties in their new house. He was later killed in a duel by another Navy Commodore. You could imagine the parties to be had when you could say, "Oh yes, we're just across from the White House," to an invited guest. GEN Grant and his staff also frequented this home during the Civil War which was in part a slave quarters. Added to this was a splendid address by prolific WH author William Seale who described his latest book and the chapter which addressed the formation of White House Military and Social aides (the first one served in both capacities as did our Honorary Chairmen, Roosevelt aide George Elsey). Food and logistics, handled superbly and precisely by LTC (Ret) "Mild" (used to be "Wild") Bill Sinnott, were done very well also. Fifty brave souls joined us and yes, the first five were all Army officers, Haaa!!! We had members from Kazakhstan (Special Forces Officer Charlie Carlton), California (Johnson Aide Brian Smith), N. Carolina (LTC Frank Hood), Boston (LT Mike McGrail's mom), and AMB Abelardo Valdez in attendance.

December 22nd

We brought together another 80 for the make-up Xmas tour 22 December in the Marriott Hotel, who provided a room at no charge thanks to Capt (Ret) Jeff and Joan Greene. We were the remnant. Wendy Cooper flew in for a second time from Wisconsin and won the award for most distance traveled, as did COL (Ret) Roger McNamara for senior aide and Nicole Fish for junior aide. All received Mr. Seale's book, our new Society fountain pen, and a proudly worn lapel pin. Will "The Voice" Rosser who has handled many functions for the White House called us all to attention since Mike "Iron Mike" McGowan was AWOL!

I think Michelle Obama has done a splendid job as First lady as she proves it every Christmas. The WH was as beautiful as we have seen it in 21 visits, with the East Entrance **resplendent** in gold ribbon and trumpets, and then a spectacular entrance area which looked like speckled red and green plaid columns leading to the long hallway on the 1st floor. The trees were as densely packed with ornaments as we have seen and must have taken several people many hours to decorate. The Blue Room tree was as usual to the roof, and the Italian Crèche as beautiful as ever. An additional benefit was individual and group pictures taken by Matt D'Agostino at no cost to the Society representing the WHHA. Thank you Matt for being there and the Decatur House for his presence. You can see these splendid pictures attached.

Finally, thanks to Leslie Jones, William Bushong, William Seale and Matt D'Agostino of the WHHA, Kelly Brown and Bill Sinnott for the Decatur set-up, Jeff and Joan Greene, Dave Pitcher, and Will "The Voice" Rosser for the WH tour operation. And finally we thank Mr. Max in the WHMO for all of these tours, he is our hero. Promote him and give him greater responsibilities immediately!

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Dear Sir,

I would like to thank and commend Mr. William Bushong, Ms. Leslie Jones, and Ms. Arioth Harrison of the White House Historical Association for the tremendous and extraordinary effort they made to accommodate the Society of White House Military Aides on December 10th. As you know, the government closed Tuesday due to the 3" of snow which fell upon DC, creating hardships for so many. When I received Leslie Jones' call at 0720, then somewhat later an email from the WH Military Office, I had to make a tough decisions of walking away from our 5-6 weeks of planning and work, and the many wonderful members who support us, or not.

That a Special Forces officer had travelled from Kazakhstan, a Johnson Social and Presidential Aide from California, a member with two grandchildren from N. Carolina, and a mom from Boston, I felt we had an obligation to do our best. The WHHA, however, could easily have found a way to not offer us the lecture, an elegant reception room, and animated tours which were provided to us gratis, but they did not. It is one of the most exceptional displays of good character and keeping your word I have seen in Washington, virtues which we simple military people admire. The same can be said for Mr. Seale as he was there very early and our aides really enjoyed his description of military aides supporting ambassadors worldwide.

Thank you for this great effort. As I have said to several of our aides, when you are working with the WHHA staff, it is like working with the White House permanent staff, they are that good. If we can return the favor in any way, please let us know. We are at your service!

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“Member Spotlight”
Captain Melissa Bert, USCG (Bush ’41 / Clinton)
Interview by - LTC Kelly Brown (Clinton / Bush ’43)



Welcome to the Member Spotlight corner! In each edition of the Society newsletter, we will spotlight one or more SWHMA members. This month I was privileged to speak with USCG Captain Melissa Bert who continues to pave the way for those who will follow by breaking new ground, serving as a role model, and capitalizing on skills she refined while serving as a White House Military Social Aide (WHMSA).

Capt Bert, a New York native, followed her father's footsteps both into the USCG when she graduated from the USCG Academy in 1987 and later into the legal profession when she graduated from George Washington Law School in 1994. It was during her time as a law school student that then LT Bert joined the long line of WHMSAs. "Serving as a WHMSA was my only military duty while attending law school. It gave me a rare opportunity to stay connected to the Coast Guard while interacting for the first time with members of the other services. Before that, I had limited exposure to the other services. It was a great learning opportunity and a privilege to witness history in the making," Capt Bert recalls.

When asked about her most memorable White House moments, Capt Bert recalls the time President George H.W. Bush asked her and others to dance. "The President and the First Lady had just concluded a family event and returned to the State floor where the Social Aides were gathered. President Bush asked the band to continue playing and then asked me to dance! It was surreal – we danced to New York, NY!" During the Clinton Administration, Capt Bert was present for the historic Arafat-Rabin handshake. "The tension and fear in the audience was real while Arafat and Rabin were onstage. There was a lot of uncertainty. Clinton pulled them together and made the handshake happen. It was an emotional experience!"

Capt Bert describes herself as one of the shier Social Aides who watched and learned. "My fellow aides were the best of their services. They were inspiring and presented alternate perspectives. The experience also helped build my confidence."

Capt Bert's confidence and ability to interact with celebrities, heads of State, and the nation's most powerful has served her well over the past 20 years and is evident in the ease with which Capt Bert maneuvers between operational and legal assignments. In May, Capt Bert will conclude her assignment as the USCG Chief of Maritime and International Law in Washington, DC and will transition to Miami, FL where she will serve as the USCG Seventh District Chief of Staff. She is also a former Fellow to the Council of Foreign Relations and now Lifetime Member, a rare distinction for someone her age and active duty status.

While Capt Bert is looking forward to the challenges and responsibilities she will face in the Seventh District, she will miss the camaraderie and events offered by the Society. "Since moving back to the DC area I have been fortunate to become more involved with the Society. The events are educational and a great opportunity to meet those who are doing amazing things both in and out of the military. I look forward to staying involved as much as possible."

Washington Post Magazine

From the Washington Post article “*Glitter and Gaffes*” February 9, 2014

Photos courtesy of Mike Bohn



In 2003, Air Force social aide Maj. Terri “TJ” McGrath performed the marriage ceremony for two fellow social aides in the Blue Room of the White House. The groom is Coast Guard Lt. Cdr. Chris Hollingshead and the bride is Air Force Maj. Bebe Duggan. They couple met while working as social aides.

We would like to provide you the link to Mike Bohn's article about the Social Aides, it is very well written. You may be familiar with Mike from his books like "Nerve Center", a description of the workings of the White House Situation Room, which we have given to members at several of our events. Nice to see so many of our members profiled, including Lifetime Members Julia Dean, John Gaughan, Alan Merten, and Edward Mathias. Here is the link, you may need to paste the link in your browser:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/white-house-social-aides-have-front-seat-to-history/2014/02/06/d4a70374-68f0-11e3-ae56-22de072140a2_story.html

I would like to highlight the way in which Mike collaborated with the Society, offering to assist our Mt. Vernon event 2 summers ago which he did greatly, and then preparing the newsletter "bio's" which describes member's current assignments. Then beginning almost a year ago, I assisted Mike to search for details on social aide history, then a dinner to three of the current senior aides, and later an introduction to Johnson Social Secretary Bess Abell, who in turn introduced Mike to Lynda Johnson Robb and Senator Chuck Robb. It is a fine example to all our members of what can be done in a cooperative manner. It is to Mike's credit though, that the article was even published, in addition to his skillful writing, and not mine or ours. What Mike said to me was, “You have been very helpful.”



Four Johnson aides gathered in front of the White House in November 2013. From left, Alan Merten, Chuck Robb, Ed Mathias, and Brian Lamb. At center is Bess Abell, Johnson's social secretary and social aide den mother.



Clinton and Bush '43 aide Christian Hoff, far right, and mates dining in the Mess during a black-tie dinner. Is that Kelly Brown 3rd from left?

Real Bullets

Will Rodgers said, "It isn't the things that we don't know that give us trouble; it's the things we do know that just ain't so." The Paragon Foundation

"MIA Located"

Buzzell, Captain Brian, USN (RET), (Johnson). Lynda Robb called me last summer about CAPT Buzzell, this is what I learned: "He was a butler in the WH before he joined the Navy, was a Johnson Social Aide, and almost a Reagan Presidential Aide, selected but not assigned due to the current aide's scheduled re-assignment, and retired as a Navy CAPT. Phone is 703-304-0721 and email brian.buzzell@comcast.net , stated he was present when President Johnson was picking targets to bomb in N Vietnam."

Williams, Captain Pat, USN, (Clinton) is very excited about orders to return to the U.S. Naval Academy as Chief Diversity Officer. Albeit not a graduate, she served a very rewarding tour from 2007-2010 as the Naval Academy's Director of Admission, reaching out to all of America's youth about the unique education opportunity. It is an honor and privilege to be asked to return in May 2014 to the Naval Academy, this time with an *inward* focus."



Norman, Captain William S., USN (RET), (Johnson/Nixon) is the former President and CEO of the U.S. Travel Association (1994-2005) the national, umbrella association that represents all segments of the \$750 billion U.S. travel and tourism industry, and retired Lead Director of the Board of Ingredion Incorporated (NYSE listing "INGR"), a leading provider of agriculturally based ingredients with operations in 16 countries and net sales of over \$6.0 billion, and as Chairman of the Board (serving a year as interim president & CEO) of LMI, a \$300 million strategic consulting firm with over 1,000 researchers and consultants dedicated to advancing the management of the Federal Government.

Mr. Norman began his professional career in 1961 as a mathematics teacher in Norfolk, VA and a year later was commissioned a U.S. Navy officer, serving 11 years on active duty and 15 years as a Navy Reservist. While on Active duty, he was deployed thrice to Southeast Asia as a Navy Flight Officer, performed at-sea assignments in aircraft squadrons and carriers, taught at the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a White House Social Aide, served in the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations and commanded several Navy Reserve Units. Mr. Norman holds the U.S. Navy rank of Captain (Retired) and earned numerous military decorations including the *Legion of Merit*, 2 *Air Medals*, and 3 *Navy Commendation Medals*.



Colbert, Lieutenant Colonel Rolanda D., USA, (Bush '43), served in the White House Social Aide Program under President George W. Bush (Bush 43) from 2003-2005. She currently holds dual responsibilities as commander of the 705th Military Police Battalion (Internment/ Resettlement) and as facility commander of the Mid-West Joint Regional Correctional Facility (MWJRCF), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The mission of the 705th MP Battalion is to provide custody and control functions in support of U.S. Military Corrections and to train and develop individuals and units for deployment in support of detention operations missions worldwide.

As commander of the MWJRCF, she provides pretrial confinement and post-trial incarceration for U.S. Military inmates sentenced for up to ten years of confinement. In addition, the MWJRCF staff conducts correctional and treatment programs which maintain good order and discipline and assist in returning productive Soldiers/citizens upon their release to military or civilian environments. LTC Colbert recently completed her professional certification as an executive level corrections professional through the American Corrections Association. A twenty year Military Police (MP) Corps Officer, LTC Colbert has served in a multitude of MP assignments from platoon leader in a combat support military police company (Daegu, Korea) to operations officer (S3) within Criminal Investigation Command (CID)(Yongsan, Korea and Iraq). This is her first assignment within Army Corrections Command.

Gazzola, Colonel Robert, USAF (Ret), (Johnson/Nixon), is enjoying his Trusts, Estates and Fiduciary law practice in the DC Metro Area while keeping up with his favorite past times of squash, smallmouth bass fishing and monitoring his wife, Marge's ascent of the duplicate bridge life master ladder. Bob also serves on the Board of the DC Churchill Society and recently attended the Churchill Center's Annual International Conference in New Orleans which included events at the World War II Museum which he highly recommends.



Cairns, Commander William (Bill), USCG, (Reagan also), Senior Technical Advisor, USCG Headquarters, Office of Navigation Systems. They are responsible for visual and electronic aids to navigation and the navigation rules. The best part of his job is being the Chairman of the e-Navigation Committee of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA, www.iala-aism.org). IALA is headquartered in St. Germain-en-Laye, France, a 20 minute train ride from the Arc du Triomphe in Paris. Bill has chaired the ENAV Committee of 100+ IALA National, Industrial, and Associate Members for the past 8 years and have just been approved by the IALA Council to continue for the next 4. During semi-annual meetings, the committee develops recommendations and guidelines on a variety of areas related to electronic navigation, including data modeling, communications, radio navigation, and other maritime services. As a chairman, he also participates in the IALA Policy Advisory Panel which meets semiannually and plots the course for the organization. The culmination of the 4-year session is the quadrennial IALA conference, which meets this May in A Coruna, Spain.

In Memoriam

Lewis, Captain John C., USN (Ret), (Eisenhower).

Cheri Lewis, his daughter, notified me of his loss October 22, 2013 with burial at Arlington National Cemetery. John C. Lewis was a high school all-state football and basketball player in Kansas which took him to Baker University. He then joined the U.S. Navy Supply Corps where he served for 23 years culminating as the Head Supply Officer at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. He met his future wife, Ruth Ann Nicolis, while serving as an Eisenhower Social Aide. He also served on the Presidential Transition Team for President-elect Ronald Reagan, evaluating the effectiveness of the GSA. He paid his dues each year and wrote me a letter in February 2013 where he said, "Your willingness to be the focal point and organize the diverse activities is most commendable." He also commented later that month on the picture of the Military Aides with Michelle Obama at the Oscars. God speed CAPT Lewis!

Baker, Colonel Warren, USMC (Ret), (Truman and Eisenhower).

From his daughter Jane E. Baker:

"I wanted to let you know of the death of my father, Warren Baker on August 8. He served as White House Military Aide for Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and told many stories of his experiences during those days. I have many interesting photos from the period. Although not a Marine, I also spent time working at the White House for several administrations at the National Security Council and President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board." Rest in Peace COL Baker.

Pratt, Colonel Andrew "Nick", USMC (Ret), (Nixon/Ford). We lost Nick on Dec 28, 2013, buried at Arlington Cemetery. He passed away peacefully, and with tremendous courage and dignity. He was a USNA graduate and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism for saving two Lebanese civilians. He also served with the CIA Special Operations Group, was BN CDR of the 1/9, and Director of the Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA. He taught a course on terrorism for many years at the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch, Germany; and was also the U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security in Jerusalem. He was a man for all seasons and loyal member, providing us a very interesting article for the Newsletter, some years ago. God Bless Nick!

"The average soldier...found in the Army a vastly more spacious life, with many of the privileges of a chartered libertine...if he did a little stealing, it was one of his privileges as a savior of humanity. If he was rough and brutal, it was a sign of his fighting spirit. Moreover, he could look forward to distinction and respect for the rest of his life, with a long list of special privileges. In every community in America, however small, there are local notables whose notability rests wholly on the fact that they were once drafted into some war or other."

A Mencken Chrestomathy, 1949, p.90

“The Hall of Mertens”

By Michele McDonald

George Mason University will rename University Hall after the university's former president and first lady, changing the name to Alan and Sally Merten Hall. Ángel Cabrera, George Mason's sixth president, proposed naming the soon-to-be home of the senior administrative offices Alan and Sally Merten Hall. The Board of Visitors approved the name change at their May 7 meeting, and a dedication ceremony is planned for Monday, June 23, at 11:30 a.m. at University Hall.

Alan Merten became Mason's fifth president in 1996. He retired in 2012 after serving for 16 years and continues to teach and be active in the Mason community. Former first lady Sally Merten is well known for being a member of university advisory boards and for her pivotal role in bringing Mason and the surrounding community closer together.

The Mertens continue to play active roles as “ambassadors” of the university. They created four endowed scholarships: The G. Louise and Anthony J. Otto Endowed Scholarship in Creative Writing; the Eric G. and Melissa H. Merten Endowed Scholarship; The Ruth A. and Gilbert E. Merten Endowed Scholarship; and the Kathleen A. Lieder and Lloyd C. Fell Scholarship Endowment in Music Performance/Vocal Studies.

Cabrera and the senior administrative offices are expected to move to the soon-to-be renamed University Hall early this summer.



"Kelly Brown invites Kenn Riordan to dinner last Fall, chaperoned by her mother "Mrs. Brown, you have a lovely daughter", and a tall but otherwise friendly Secret Service agent. Kenn was careful and respectful, no marriage plans discussed, no way!"



'Kenn, "Mild Bill" Sinnott, and Veronica (you knew here as Sandra) Richardson, Her Honor, in the SECAF's Mess, Pentagon to discuss the future of the Society, of certain members, of the world, and whether Bill should have dessert (he did!).'

Bios

“Loyalty in the world of the cowboy is often referred to as “Riding for the Brand.” I like that; I think it sums up the essence of what loyalty means. In good times and bad, true loyalty exemplified character, faithfulness and commitment to the ranch, the home, the family, the country. It is a trait to be cherished by any who receive it. Loyalty can’t be bought. Oh, I suppose that could be argued, but true loyalty really shows up when things are going wrong, when times are tough. It’s easy to be loyal in good times! Martin Luther King once said: ‘The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.’”

From “The Cowboy Way” Winter 2011

Social Secretaries

Burt, Gahl was Social Secretary to President Reagan. Our Honorary Chairwoman, Gahl emailed me from Berlin where she is enroute to Paris where her husband, AMB Martin Indyk, continues as U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations. Gahl is also travelling to the Ukraine for her 3rd tour as Election Observer! As a veteran of Ukrainian business, I say stay safe and God Bless.

Stock, Ann was Social Secretary to President Clinton. She served as VP of Institutional Affairs at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, and is currently U.S. Asst Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Truman

Koser, Colonel Jack D., USAF, is retired in Sarasota, Florida and lives with his children and near his grandchildren.

Kennedy

Paul, Captain John, USA, (Johnson also), is a retired judge.

Johnson

Beall, Colonel Ernest, USMC, Retirement Income Planner.

Cooney, Captain James P., USMC, Executive Coach.

Leonard, Lieutenant Commander Tim, USN, U.S. District Court Judge.

McNamara, Colonel Roger, USMA 62, USAF, retired 06 flier/lawyer.

Nichol, Mr. Robert, USN, (Nixon also) currently is Vice President - Investments, UBS Financial.

Phenner, Captain Michael E., USA (JAGC), has retired from being a lawyer.

Richman, Captain Gerald F., USA, is an Attorney and Pres. of Richman Greer, P.A. of West Palm Beach and Miami. He is also on the Board of Directors of American Board of Trial Advocates and Chair International Issues Committee.

Smith, Captain Brian, USN, Executive Recruiter.

Teorey, Captain Toby J., USAF, Professor Emeritus, Computer Science and Engineering, at the University of Michigan.

Nixon

Brignon, Lieutenant Colonel William, USMC, is retired in Sheridan, IL.

Gesell, Lieutenant Colonel Perry H, USMC (Ret), is retired in St Helena Island, SC.

Henley, Brigadier General David, NVARNG (Ret), was a Nixon Inaugural and Social Aide, and later worked in VP’s Nixon Pres Office when he sought to be Governor of California. He is an internationally recognized Foreign Correspondent and Honorary Consul of Uruguay. David has authored a new book “From Moscow to Beirut: The Adventures of a Foreign Correspondent” which is his memoir and will be listed under our member’s books for sale. He and his wife Ludie live in Newport Beach, Ca.

Nixon (cont.)

Larson, Admiral Charles, USN (Ret), Presidential Aide to Nixon, was CINCPAC, Commander of all Naval and Marine Forces Pacific, the 2nd most important command in the world, but perhaps now due to China, the most important. He was also the Supt. of the US Naval Academy twice.

Neubauer, Lieutenant Colonel Ronald S., USMC, Executive Director with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Ford

Bullock, Lieutenant James L. (Jim), USN, (Carter also), is semi-retired, adjunct professor (Media and Foreign Policy) at George Washington University.

Gaughan, Captain John, USCG, (Carter also), retired, currently is involved with the Bethany Beach, DE Planning Commission Montgomery CO, and Citizens' Commission on Compensation of Elected Officials.

Page, Captain Robert, USMC, (Carter also), is Supervisory Security Specialist.

Carter

Brown, Captain Ray, USCG (Ret), (Reagan also), Principal, Privateer OPSEC and Security and Investigations Specialist.

Canfield, Captain Susan, USN, is retired in Arnold, MD.

Harp, Commander Tim USN (Ret), (Reagan also), Director, Armaments, Communications and Electronics at US Mission NATP in Mons, Belgium. Tim was formerly a Dep Secretary of Defense, and was very helpful in the formation of this Society.

Latour, Colonel Ken, USAF, is now retired from various senior management airline positions. He is involved with investment real estate.

Reagan

Bergeron, Lieutenant Colonel Lonnie, USMC, Civil Servant, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Brower, Brigadier General Charles F., USA (Ret), is involved with the Henry King Burgwyn Choir in Military History, VM1.

Chong, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret), Business Development Executive.

Collins, Mr. Roy, USCG, (Bush '41 also), Principal/Owner at Velo Enterprises.

Davis, Captain Nelson, USN, is a retired dentist in Alexandria, VA.

Durnan, Commander Jaymie, USN (Ret), is a lawyer and Sr. Advisor to the Asst. Sec. of Defense (Acting) Research and Engineering. He is a USNA and Georgetown law graduate.

Gearhard, Lieutenant Colonel Glenn, USMC (Ret), Director of Operations – Navy/Marine Corps Programs at Engineering Solutions & Products.

Gorman, Lieutenant Colonel Arthur V. (Art), USMC, is Chief Operating Officer for Public Finance / Municipal Markets at Bank of America / Merrill Lynch. Art joined Merrill Lynch in 1997 via the MBA Associate Training Program. He began his financial services career as a NASDAQ Trader.

Holland, Captain Dennis, USCG, Federal Employee in Stafford, VA.

Hurlbut, Colonel L. E., USAF (Ret), Deputy Commandant for cadet Life, VMI" in Lexington, VA.

Jones, Dr. Vernon Dale, USAF, Vice President, Hampden-Sydney College.

Kendall, Major Dr. Marilyn J., USA (Ret), has recently retired from 14 years as an elementary school principal in her hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania. She now enjoys traveling.

McDonald, Mr. Mark, USMC, DoD, Pentagon.

Monnier, Major Jan, USA (Ret), Operations, Studio Twist LLC in Golden, CO.

Riordan, Major Kenn, USA (Ret), has been promoted to the position of Vice President and given a regional responsibility for his firm LTCR which is the #1 general agency in the country for writing Long-Term Care insurance and related financial products.

Roemer, Commander Robert, USCG (Ret), Chief Financial Officer at Silver Spring Foods, Inc.

Sullivan, Lieutenant Commander Kelly, USCG, (Bush also), COO at Warrior Gateway.

Whitehouse, Captain John, USCG (Ret), Director of Emergency Management, Navy Region Hawaii.

Bush 41

Bert, Captain Melissa, USCG, Chief, Coast Guard Office of Maritime and International Law.

Byrne, Major General Sean, USA, Asst Administrator for Human Capital, Transportation Service Administration.

Desport, Colonel Nicholas, USAF, (Clinton also), Society of American Military Engineers.

Dundas, Lieutenant Colonel John, USA, (Clinton also), Discovery Patterns capturing real-time trends as they emerge, change and reconnect over time.

Hattrup, Colonel Carol, USAF (Clinton also) is an attorney.

Hood, Lieutenant Colonel Frank, USAF (Ret), (Clinton also) is semi-retired in Liberty, MO.

Lockey, Command Master Chief Petty Officer Russell, USCG, is an attorney and Reserve Command Master Chief 13th Coast Guard District Seattle, Washington.

Lynch, Lieutenant Colonel Mike, USMC (Ret), Senior Analyst with Marstel-Day, LLC. He is the USA Dance Amateur American Ballroom National Champions 2009 – Present.

Nesel, Commander Stephen, USCG, Management Analyst / USCG HQ.

Clinton

Aga, Captain Glenn, USAF, Chief Operating Officer and EVP at Red Five Security, Orange County.

Berk, Colonel Rodney K., USAF, USAF/AFRICA FM Comptroller.

Brown, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly, USA, (Bush 43 also), Commander, Mission Training Complex – Leavenworth.

Chapman, Colonel Jay, USA, (Bush 43 also), Commander at 106th Signal Brigade.

Dickey, Lieutenant Commander William, USA, (Bush 43 also), Independent Consultant.

Dzentis, Lieutenant Daniel, USN, COO at Logicstudio Corp.

Feril, Captain Ben, USN (Ret), retired from the Navy after 34 years. His last duty station was the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-4/Health Services Support Division) serving as Director for the Joint Medical Planners Course at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Ben is a full-time graduate student pursuing a Master's in Theology at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD.

Foster, Captain Kirk A., USN, is an assistant judge advocate general (civil law).

Greiner, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC, (Bush 43 also), currently is the Deputy Director, Capstone, National Defense University.

Harrington, Brigadier General Joe, USA, was promoted in the summer of 2013 and assigned as DCG, 1st Armored Division.

Hibbeln, Lieutenant Brian Brian, USAF, is currently an engineer.

Hoff, Major Christian, USAR, (Bush 43 also) Principal at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Hollingshead, Lieutenant Colonel Bebe, USAF, (Bush 43 also) is a systems engineer.

Jones, Mr. Ed, USAF, is an Assistant Project Leader at VisionT.

Jordan, Lieutenant Mickey, USN, Commander, 354th Communications Squadron.

Kindt, Mr. David, USCG, Project Manager at The Hartford.

Kulinski, Captain Karin, USN, is a pilot.

Motherway, Lieutenant Commander Mara, USN, Director at BAE Systems.

Oberholzer, Lieutenant David, USN, Director, Energy Products and Business Development at Earth Networks.

Olsen, Lieutenant John, USN, President and CEO at Delta Career Education Corporation.

Pilant, Lieutenant Commander, Andrew, USN, Senior Counsel at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc.

Rabin, Lieutenant John, USN, National Preparedness Assessment Division.

Sandoval, Commander Andres F., USN, is Vice President, Flight Operations, JetBlue Airways.

Singleton, Major Sean, USAF, (Bush 43 also), Principal at NewCap Partners.

Travis, Lieutenant Matthew, USN, Co-Founder of Obsidian Analysis, Inc.

Bush 43

Ceralde, Lieutenant Colonel Ray, USA, and his wife will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary this month. They met in Alexandria, Virginia and were married in Falls Church, Virginia in 2009. They moved to Wiesbaden, Germany shortly after their wedding and then two years later moved to Stuttgart, Germany where they have been living for the last three years.

Hays, Jr., Captain Michael, USMC, Territory Manager, Boston Scientific Neuromodulation.

Kjellberg, Captain Rick, USAF, Process Manager, Business Development at Ogin Energy.

Lynch, Lieutenant Andrew, USN, is currently in sales, Ridgewood, NJ.

McAllister, Lieutenant Colonel Avis, USAF, is an attorney, Upper Marlboro, MD.

McGeorge, Lieutenant Andrew, USN, Director at Monday Properties.

Naylor, Major Kathy, USAF, Deputy Command Surgeon/Chief, Med Plans and Ops at U.S. Special Operations Command.

Nevitt, Lieutenant Commander, USN (JAG), Environmental Law Counsel at U.S. Navy.

Savini, Lieutenant Commander Gina, USN (Ret), Strategy & business transformation; healthcare executive management, Global private and public sector experience; FACHE.

Sebo, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony, USA, presently is in Kyiv, Ukraine and is the Army Attaché at the US Embassy. As you can tell by the news, it's been exciting times here. He and his wife are scheduled to leave this summer and go to Armenia where Tony will be the Senior Defense official and Defense Attaché for the USA.

Verducci, Lieutenant Frank, USN, is currently in commodities.

Walborn, Commander Amy Kingston, USN, is an attorney at U.S. Navy office of General Counsel.

Wardwell, Captain Sandra, USAF, is a Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner.

Obama

Blain, GS15, Dorothy, DoD (previously USA), is in information technology.

Keenan, Captain Laura, USA, Legislative Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army.

McGrail, Lieutenant Mike, USCG, is an Enforcement Officer, USCG Sector Baltimore at U.S. C.G.

McLaughlin, Lieutenant Kent, USN, is the Navy Congressional and White House Liaison Officer.

Smith, Captain Collin A., USA, is currently at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School in Charlottesville, VA going through the Officer Basic Course. He'll be returning from TDY to Fort Jackson, South Carolina where he'll be working in client services throughout the rest of the year.

Young, Captain Paige, USAF, Mission Operations Commander, 8th Intel Squadron, Hickam, AFB, recently cross-trained from the Contracting career field to become an Intelligence Officer. She graduated Air Force Intelligence Technical Training in January 2014 and was assigned to Hickam AFB Hawaii, and is enjoying learning her new job, being a beach bum, and exploring Hawaii.

"I knew personally the celebrated Quaker Potts who saw Gen'l Washington alone in the woods at prayer. I got it from himself, myself. Weems mentioned it in his history of Washington, but I got it from the man myself, as follows: "I went home & told my wife, I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before, and just related to her what I had seen & heard & observed. We never thought a man c'd be a soldier & a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. She was also astonished. We thought it was the cause of God, & America could prevail."

Diarist Nathaniel Randolph Snowden

Carrying the Presidential Football

Lahontan Valley News Article

By David C. Henley, Publisher Emeritus

Who will be the next U.S. president?

It's too early to even make a guess. The next presidential election won't be held for two-and-a-half years, and potential candidates galore are polishing their resumes and making nationwide appearances to burnish their images.

I was recently discussing with a friend Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 victories (he won Nevada in both contests) and our conversation turned to Obama's and Mitt Romney's vote-gathering trips to Carson City, Reno, Elko and Las Vegas before the 2012 election was held.

Nevada media, of course, thoroughly carried the pair's visits to the state, and I remember watching a Reno TV news broadcast that showed Obama greeting dignitaries at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport with a uniformed military aide at his side carrying a rectangular black leather briefcase.

That briefcase is known as the "football," and it contains the nation's top-secret military codes and plans for nuclear war which must be available to the president 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The military aide and his ever-present "football" are never far from the president, whether he is traveling in an airplane, helicopter or car, delivering a speech, attending a reception or visiting with a foreign leader at home or abroad.

Other military aides assigned to the president and White House have a galaxy of further responsibilities, such as coordinating the president's domestic and international travel arrangements by car, on helicopters and Air Force One, supervising a fleet of limousines, cars, trucks and vans, providing medical support for the president and his entourage, and directing White House food services.

A second group of aides, called social aides, which have served the president since Theodore Roosevelt occupied the White House in 1902, helps greet guests at state dinners and lunches, mans the receiving lines at White House functions and shepherds dignitaries at inaugurations and other important events, for example.

Unlike the military aides, who are attached to the White House on two-year, full-time assignments, social aides are volunteers who have "day jobs" at various Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard installations in the Washington, DC area.

Both military and social aides work under the direction of the White House Military Office, and many former and current aides are members of the Society of White House Military Aides founded in 1991 by Kenn Riordan, Jr., a West Point graduate and former Army major, who continues to direct the Society's activities from his office in Northern Virginia.

The Society today has more than 500 members, Kenn told me this week, and I am one of these.

Several of the group's members, following their White House duty, have been promoted to generals and admirals. The membership also includes a married couple (she is a retired Navy rear admiral, he a retired Army brigadier general) who met when they were junior officers serving as military aides.

Probably the most prominent one-time military aide and active Society member is former Marine Capt. Charles "Chuck" Robb, who served under President Lyndon B. Johnson and married Johnson's daughter, Lynda Bird, in a nationally-televised White House East Room ceremony in 1967.

Following his White House duty, Robb served two combat tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. After leaving the Marine Corps, he received a law degree from the University of Virginia and eventually became governor and U.S. senator from Virginia. Today he is 75, Lynda Bird is 70 and they have three children.

I served as a White House social aide for short periods during both of Richard Nixon's administrations.



David C. Henley, Publisher Emeritus

Henley article (cont.)

My old friend, Herb Klein, a former Los Angeles newspaper colleague and fellow USC alum who went on to become Nixon's press secretary and communications director, telephoned me after Nixon was first elected president in 1968 to ask if I would like to be a social aide before and during Nixon's inauguration on Jan. 20, 1969.

Of course I answered "yes" and flew to Washington (at my own expense) in late December 1968, to take up my post. I was an Army Reserve captain at the time.

My responsibilities included meeting distinguished guests at Washington airports, transporting them to their hotels, and assisting with overall inaugural arrangements. I returned to Washington four years later to serve again as a Nixon social aide.

My wife, Ludie, joined me for the 1969 inaugural, and I made sure that we had good seats in the presidential grandstand in front of the White House.

As I helped Nixon's guests to their seats, a forlorn-looking fellow approached me and said, "I don't know where I'm supposed to sit. I don't have an assigned seat."

Thinking he may be a gate-crasher, I asked his name and demanded he show me his driver's license.

He said, "I'm Arthur Nixon, one of the president's brothers." He then produced his driver's license that identified him by name and photo as Arthur Nixon.

I gave the president's brother my own seat next to Ludie, and they chatted throughout the ceremony and thoroughly enjoyed Richard Nixon's swearing-in and the lengthy parade that followed.

Unable to find another seat for myself, I stood for the six-hour swearing-in and parade. My feet still hurt.

About the Author

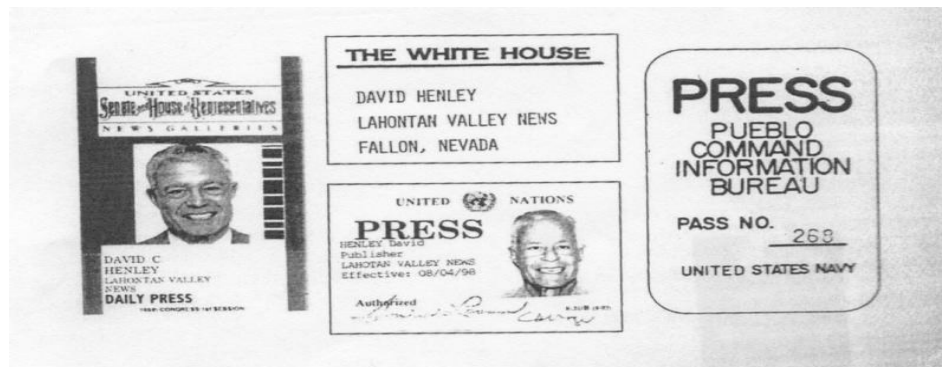
David C. Henley decided at the age of 12 that he wanted to become a foreign correspondent when a magazine published a prize-winning photograph he had taken in Hong Kong.

Henley's wish came true in 1955 when he turned 19 and interrupted his university studies to serve 22 months in East and West Europe, the Middle East and North Africa as a special correspondent for the Ridder (now Knight-Ridder) and Citizen newspaper groups.

Since then, he has covered the White House and Congress for the *Los Angeles Examiner* and the Hearst Newspapers and he has roamed the world for more than a half century, writing for newspapers, magazines and news services ranging from the *Christian Science Monitor*, Associated Press, United Press and *Far Eastern Economic Review* to the *Orange County Register*, *Tulsa World*, *Editor and Publisher Magazine* and the Swift and McCracken newspapers.

From 1977 to 2004, he was owner and publisher of a group of daily and weekly newspapers in rural Northern Nevada. Today, he holds the title "publisher emeritus," continues to write his "My Turn" column and regularly contributes news articles, features, and photographs from abroad.

Henley, who also has had careers as a university journalism professor and U.S. Army officer, lives with his wife, Ludie, in Newport Beach, California, near their three children and three grandchildren.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WW II MOVIE STARS?

Submitted by Nancy Chapman

In contrast to the ideals, opinions and feelings of today's 'Hollywonk' the real actors of yesteryear loved the United States. They had both class and integrity. With the advent of World War II many of our actors went to fight rather than stand and rant against this country we all love.

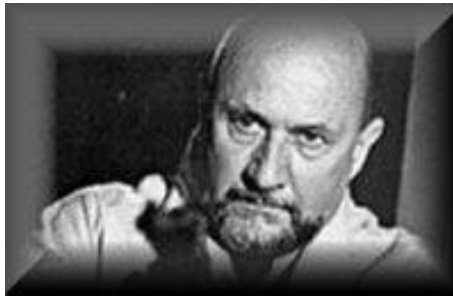
They gave up their wealth, position and fame to become service men & women, many as simple 'enlisted men'.

This page lists but a few, but from this group of only 19 men came over 70 medals in honor of their valor, spanning from Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Distinguish Service Cross', Purple Hearts and one Congressional Medal of Honor.

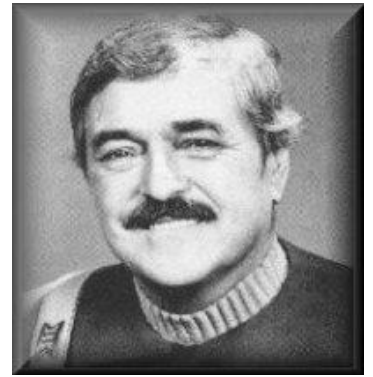
So remember what the entertainers of 1943 were doing, (61 years ago). Most of these brave men have since passed on. Real Hollywood Heroes!



Alec Guinness (Star Wars) operated a British Royal Navy landing craft on D-Day.



Donald Pleasance (The Great Escape) really was an R. A. F. pilot who was shot down, held prisoner and tortured by the Germans.



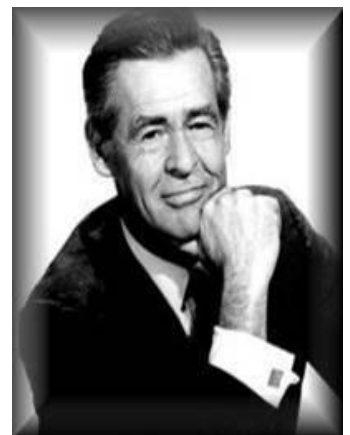
James Doohan ('Scotty' on Star Trek) landed in Normandy with the U. S. Army on D-Day.



David Niven was a Sandhurst graduate and Lt. Colonel of the British Commandos in Normandy.



Charlton Heston was an Army Air Corps Sergeant in Kodiak.



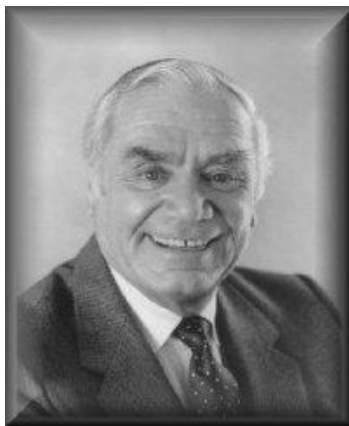
Robert Ryan was a U. S. Marine who served with the O. S. S. in Yugoslavia.

James Stewart entered the Army Air Force as a private and worked his way to the rank of Colonel. During World War II, Stewart served as a bomber pilot, his service record crediting him with leading more than 20 missions over Germany, and taking part in hundreds of air strikes during his tour of duty. Stewart earned the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre, and 7 Battle Stars during World War II. In peace time, Stewart continued to be an active member of the Air Force as a reservist, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before retiring in the late 1950s.



Clark Gable (Mega-Movie Star when war broke out) Although he was beyond the draft age at the time the U.S. entered WW II, Clark Gable enlisted as a private in the AAF on Aug. 12, 1942 at Los Angeles. He attended the Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach , Fla. and graduated as a second lieutenant on Oct. 28, 1942. He then attended aerial gunnery school and in Feb. 1943 he was assigned to the 351st Bomb Group at Polebrook where he flew operational missions over Europe in B-17s. Capt. Gable returned to the U.S. in Oct. 1943 and was relieved from active duty as a major on Jun. 12, 1944 at his own request, since he was over-age for combat.

Glenn Ford was a US Marine during WW II performing missions behind enemy lines for the OSS, and he helped build safe houses in France for those hiding from the Nazis. Mr. Ford also served two tours of duty in Vietnam and is the only actor to have served with both the Green Berets and the French Foreign Legion. Among his numerous medals and commendations are the Medal of Honor, presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the French Legion of Honor Medal for his service in World War II, two commendation medals from the US Navy and the Vietnamese Legion of Merit.



Ernest Borgnine was a U. S. Navy Gunners Mate 1935-1945.



Charles Durning was a U. S. Army Ranger at Normandy earning a Silver Star and awarded the Purple Heart.



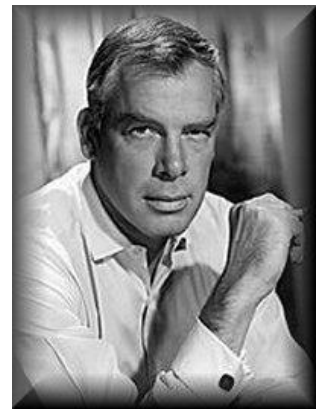
Charles Bronson was a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps, more specifically on B-29's in the 20th Air Force out of Guam, Tinian, and Saipan.



George C. Scott was a decorated U. S. Marine.



Brian Keith served as a U.S. Marine rear gunner in several actions against the Japanese on Rabaul in the Pacific.



Lee Marvin was a U.S. Marine on Saipan during the Marianas campaign when he was wounded earning the Purple Heart.



Eddie Albert (Green Acres TV) was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroic action as a U. S. Naval officer aiding Marines at the horrific battle on the island of Tarawa in the Pacific Nov. 1943.



Tyrone Power (an established movie star when Pearl Harbor was bombed) joined the U.S. Marines, was a pilot flying supplies into, and wounded Marines out of, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.



John Russell: In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he received a battlefield commission and was wounded and highly decorated for valor at Guadalcanal.



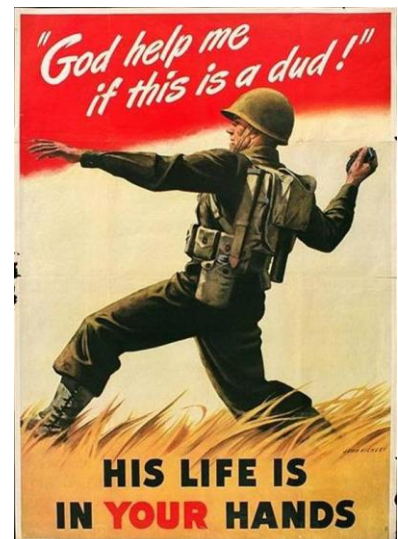
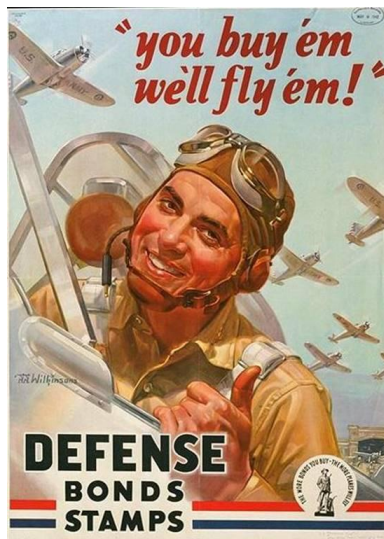
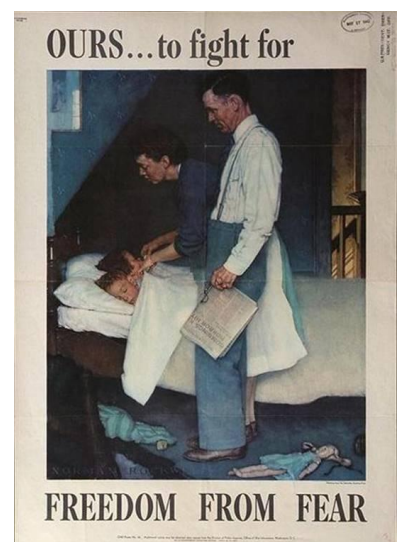
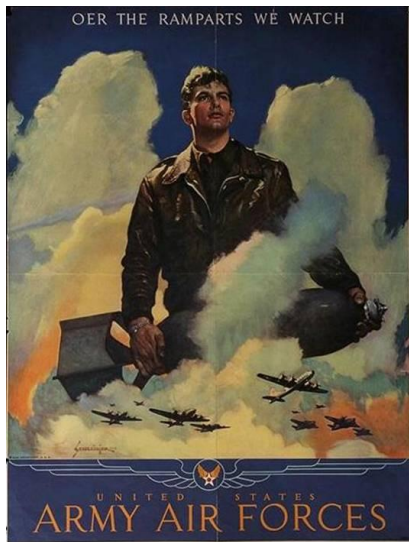
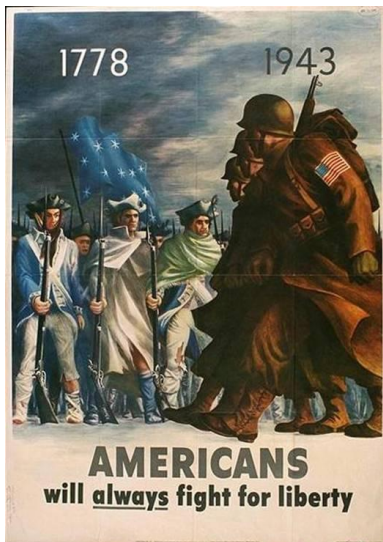
Audie Murphy, little 5'5" tall 110 pound guy from Texas who played cowboy parts :

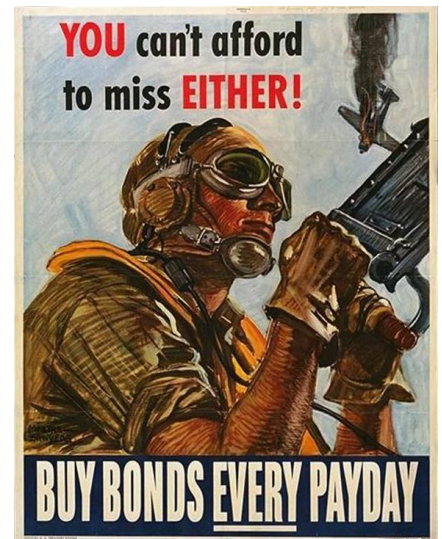
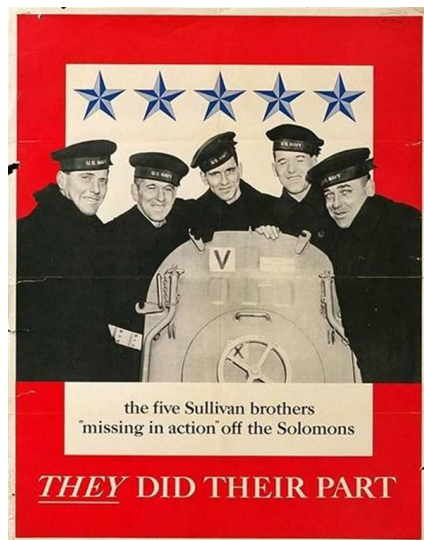
Most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 2 Bronze Star Medals with 'V', 2 Purple Hearts, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Distinguished Unit Emblems, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France) World War II Victory Medal Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar, French Fourragere in Colors of the Croix de Guerre, French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre With Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medal of Liberated France, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.

Can you imagine these stars of yester-year saying they hate our flag, making anti-war speeches, marching in anti-American parades?

World War Two Posters Found!

Submitted by Andy Lawrence





~ These were our parents ~

What in God's name have we let happen?

I guess we are the last generation to see,
Or even remember anything like these!
Whatever happened?

It's called.....

Political correctness (or "re-education") happened,
lack of respect for God's name happened,
lack of personal responsibility happened,
lack of personal integrity and honesty happened,
lack of respect and loyalty to our country happened,
lack of being proud to be an American happened.
Did all of these things die along with common sense?!?

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I, for one, am still proud to be an American!



***“The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.”***

***John F. Kennedy***

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*Submitted by Bobby Chunn*

**Moe Berg:** A second-rate baseball player but a first-rate spy

When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball-crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. The answer was simple: Berg was a US spy. Speaking 15 languages—including Japanese—Moe Berg had two loves: baseball and spying.

In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an American diplomat being treated in St. Luke’s Hospital--the tallest building in the Japanese capital. He never delivered the flowers. The ball-player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc. Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle studied Berg’s films in planning his spectacular raid on Tokyo.



Catcher Moe Berg

Berg’s father, Bernard Berg, a pharmacist in Newark, New Jersey, taught his son Hebrew and Yiddish. Moe, against his wishes, began playing baseball on the street aged four. His father disapproved and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek and French. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton—having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver. During further studies at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and Columbia Law School he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian—15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects.

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*Submitted by Andy Lawrence*



The Montana Department of Employment, Division of Labor Standards claimed a small rancher was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to investigate him.

**GOVT AGENT:** I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them.

**RANCHER:** Well, there's my hired hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. Then there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own

room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.

**GOVT AGENT:** That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one.

**RANCHER:** That would be me.

# **“Nixon Aides Roll Call...1<sup>st</sup> Lt Pace, Lt Rufe, Lt Amerau, Maj Hall, Capt Ortmann!”**

*Submitted by Mike Bohn*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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SUBJECT: Instructions for Social Aides

EVENT: THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR VETERANS

Date/Time: November 26, 1970 (12:00 Noon) No. of Guests: 120

Uniform: Service Dress Parking: North Grounds

In-Place Time for Aides: 10:45 a.m. (Library)

In-Place Time for OIC: 10:30 a.m. (Aide's Office)

Duty Aide: Lt Col Vernon C. Coffey, Jr., USA

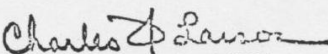
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\* Officer in Charge

Music:  
USMC Orchestra in the Lobby (11:30)

Remarks:  
Staff Mess will feed Aides.

  
 CHARLES R. LARSON  
 Commander, U. S. Navy

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| Brig Gen Hughes<br>Lt Col Coffey<br>Cdr. Larson<br>Maj Brennan | Mrs. Winchester<br>Mrs. Stuart<br>Secret Service<br>Visitor's Office<br>Band | Usher's Office<br>White House Garage<br>Mr. Ron Jackson<br>Mr. Steve Ball<br>White House Police (7) |
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## Social Aides

By Elizabeth Shelton

Mrs. Richard M. Nixon thought it would be “a good idea,” so the White House now has five young women as social aides, representing four military services.

In dress blues and gold aiguillettes, 1st Lt. Linda C. White, U.S.M.C., was the one who stood at the First Lady's side yesterday while Mrs. Nixon received 350 delegates to the Second International Clean Air Congress.

Lt. White, 24, said she did not volunteer for the glamor job. “It just floated down from above,” she explained, gesturing with immaculate white gloves. Her duty was to direct the guests toward a buffet table set with punch-bowls and plates of Christmas cookies after they had met the President's wife.

Previously, Lt. White said, she had been taken on White House tours “to learn where everything is.” Among the aides' duties in making guests comfortable is to explain the Executive Mansion's art and historical furnishings.

Asked whether the military women will be expected to ask unaccompanied male guests to dance with them at White House social events, Lucy Winchester, social secretary to Mrs. Nixon,

said “no.” But they will be expected to dance with stag guests who ask them, she said.

The four others, who made their debuts as social aides at the Nixons' Thanksgiving dinner for wounded servicemen from area hospitals, are:

Capt. Darlene K. Brewer, U.S.A.F., Lt. Linda J. Balink, U.S.N., and Lt. (j.g.) Marianne M. Blackburn, U.S.N., all stationed at the Pentagon; and Maj. Susanne Phillips of the Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Walter Reed General Hospital. Lt. White is stationed at Quantico (Va.) Marine Base.

The five are not the first of their sex to serve with the White House's flexible corps of 20-30 social aides. Mrs. Nixon said that last year the first woman, Capt. Nancy Buzzard, U.S.A.F., “went up the ladder, so I asked when we were going to get some more.”

Constance Stuart, Mrs. Nixon's staff director, said the women's qualifications are the same as those of male social aides. “They must be neat in appearance, poised, able to handle themselves well in conversation, not too aggressive but not shy and retiring,” she said.

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## “John Dundas Lays Down the Hammer”

Submitted by COL (Ret) Don Woolfolk (Carter/Reagan)

### ARMY WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL AIDES

FOLKS,

WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY A WORD OR TWO ABOUT THE ARMY SOCIAL AIDE PROGRAM AND LIST A COUPLE THINGS I BELIEVE TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. YES, THIS IS MY INTENT OR TAKE ON WHAT THE PROGRAM EXPECTS FROM US.

(1) WE REPRESENT THE ARMY AND THE MILITARY TO THE GAP (GREAT AMERICAN PUBLIC) THAT ARE GUESTS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. HOPE THAT PROFESSIONALISM AND SELF-LESS SERVICE IS SECOND NATURE BY NOW-BUT, IF IT IS NOT-JUST REMEMBER WHAT IS EXPECTED.

(2) PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM MEANS-JUST THAT. IF YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE DURING DAY TIME EVENTS (OCCASIONALLY) OR YOU CHOOSE NOT TO DO DIFFERENT EVENTS BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY ARE-PLEASE, RETHINK ABOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION. THIS IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AND I COUNT ON YOU TO:

A. LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ON LEAVE, TDY, NOT IN THE AREA, ETC.

B. IF AN EMERGENCY PREVENTS YOU FROM GOING TO EVENT, PLEASE CALL ME OR IF I AM NOT AVAILABLE-LET SSG WILLIAMS KNOW.

C. PLEASE, GO SAY HI TO BOBBY CHUNN AND SSG WILLIAMS AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE UP TO. HOWEVER, DO NOT CALL THEM ON UPCOMING EVENTS. THEY WILL SAY SORRY-AND THEN TELL ME THAT YOU ARE CALLING. ALSO, IF YOU GET WIND OF AN EVENT THAT YOU WANT TO DO, PLEASE DO NOT CALL ME AND ASK. I AM TASKING BASED ON TWO CRITERIA:

1. EXPERIENCE (TIME IN PROGRAM).
2. RESPONSIVENESS/AVAILABILITY.

(3) 'FAIR-SHARE' DISTRIBUTION OF EVENTS IS ALWAYS A FACTOR-BUT NOT OBLIGATORY. I WILL STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY, JILL LINDSTROM AND SANDRA RICHARDSON GET FIRST CHOICE OF ALL EVENTS. THESE TWO OFFICERS ARE ABSOLUTELY AND ALWAYS, RELIABLE. IF YOU DISAGREE, PLEASE CALL ME!

(4) FINALLY, I AM ALWAYS UP-FRONT ABOUT THE PROGRAM. ONLY JILL CAN REMEMBER IN EARLY 1993, BUT SHE AND I WORKED RELENTLESSLY, BECAUSE SOME FOLKS CHOSE NOT TO BE AVAILABLE (I AM HARPING ON THIS, BUT FOR GOOD REASON). WE WORKED DAY AND NIGHT EVENTS (BASICALLY ALONE) WITH PETE ZOLPER. I AM THANKFUL TO HAVE NINE OFFICERS AND AM EXPECTING 5-10 MORE (SHORTLY) TO GET INTO THE PIPELINE. THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING AND BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER THE EVENTS ARE RELENTLESS. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED ABOUT YOUR STATUS. I WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

(5) ADMIN STUFF: HALLOWEEN PARTY-29 OCT 94  
NEW ROSTERS-WELCOME TO DICK KUEHL & B.G. WRIGHT!  
REMINDER ABOUT DUES-\$15.00/QUARTER TO APRIL CHOI.  
ZOLPER-STILL TRYING TO CORRAL HIM FOR FAREWELL.  
POTUS PHOTO-WIMO IS WORKING IT  
ME-I MOVE TO NEW JOB IN DECEMBER. NEW NUMBER TO FOLLOW.

(6) CLEAN SLATE-I KEEP TRACK STARTING, TODAY, OF RESPONSIVENESS AND AVAILABILITY.

V/R,  
DUNDAS

← Wow!

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“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.” Thomas Jefferson

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.” Thomas Jefferson

“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with blood of patriots and tyrants.” Thomas Jefferson

# **“Al Chong served with Lieutenant Grayling, Aide to President Hoover Is What We Understand.”**

Photo courtesy of Al Chong



*“In the name of the best within you, do not sacrifice this world to those who are its worst. In the name of the values that keep you alive, do not let your vision of man be distorted by the ugly, the cowardly, the mindless, in those who have never achieved his title. Do not lose your knowledge that man’s proper estate is an upright posture, an intransigent mind and a step that travels unlimited roads. Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark, in the hopeless swamps of the approximate, the not-quite, the not-yet, the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish, in lonely frustration for the life you deserved, but have never been able to reach. Check your road & the nature of your battle. The world you desire can be won, it exists, it is real, it is possible, it’s yours.”*

**Ayn Rand**



## ‘The Eagle Couldn't Have Picked a Better Person’

Article by: John Tevlin, Star Tribune

Photo: Frank Glick



It was a crow that first caught Frank Glick's attention. It was flying around erratically, so Glick got out his Nikon camera and followed it. It was around 6 a.m. on a hazy spring day and he was driving through Fort Snelling National Cemetery because he was early for a training meeting at Delta Airlines, where he works.

Glick is an amateur photographer, but he always carries his camera, just in case. So he followed the crow, in some cultures a symbol of good luck and magic, until he saw it: a huge eagle perched on a tombstone, its eyes alert, its head craned, looking for prey. In the foreground, dew glistened on the grass.

Glick got his shot.

He didn't think too much about the photo, until he showed it to a co-worker, Tom Ryan, who e-mailed it to his brother, Paul.

Paul wondered whether a relative of the soldier might want a copy. The tail of the eagle partially covered the man's name, but Paul did some research and looked up the soldier's name in newspaper obituaries. The eagle had landed on the grave of Sgt. Maurice Ruch, who had been a member of the St. Anthony Kiwanis Club, the obituary said.

Paul called the club, and it put him in touch with Jack Kiefner, Ruch's best friend. When Glick took his photo, he never could have guessed how much it was going to mean to Kiefner and Ruch's widow, Vivian.

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**Psalm 91:1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10** says: *“He who dwells in the shelter of the most high, will rest in the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust...You will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the Lord who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.”*



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**Kenn's Family: Slater from Appomattox, VA and Pentese from Boise, ID whose father Redtop Riggs is the 2010 Border Collie National Champion (and she knows it). She is descended from same great dog Dryden Craig as departed Pente. Kenn says: "They never lie to me, don't care about money or power, will defend me against all comers to the death, so how are people better than that? Well, maybe girls! :-) "**