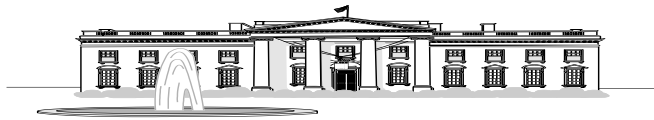


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The Society of White House Military Aides

Summer 2019



Chairman's Report – Summer of 2019

June 14, 2019

Dear Members, we had another good year. It went well!

Christmas Tour. The Christmas reception held at the Metropolitan Club with speaker Shelby Scarbrough, who served as Presidential Advance for President Reagan and in the State Department's Protocol Office, was one of our very best Christmas events. The Metropolitan is an old school, elegant meeting place and Shelby did a great job of explaining how we can and should be more civil with each other. See her article about Mrs. Reagan "Six Lessons in Civility from a First Rate First Lady – Mrs. Nancy Reagan" which explains this very well. We must be more civil to each other and that has been a hallmark of this Society's efforts during the last 29 years. That happy picture of me which follows represents 29 years of determination to first build and keep the Society together thru two wars and Washington's current state, and we have succeeded!



Nats vs. Cubs! Our spring event was one we have done twice before and it was a Washington Nationals' game against the Chicago Cubs, selling all our tickets for great seats on the 3rd base side of the stadium. Many awards were presented by event coordinator Dave Pitcher as assisted by Rusty Johnson and judging by the call from Sid Rodgers, it was an exciting game!

Taps. We are sad to report the passing of **Nixon Aide Mike Bohn**, a gifted writer and active member, who wrote such a superb article about our Social Aides for "The Washington Post Magazine" in 2014. We also lost **Major General (Ret) Marcy Harris (Carter)** who was a Trustee, an Air Force Sr. Service Director, and personal friend. Just recently **Steve Bain's (Reagan)** lovely wife Denise was lost. Steve and Denise graced many of our events to include our first Trustee meeting and have been with us since the beginning.

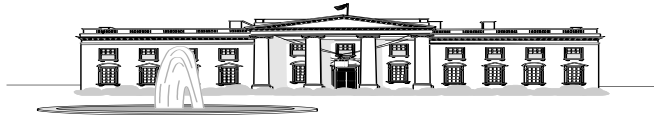


L-R: The Honorable Ann Stock; Christmas Reception Speaker and Reagan Presidential Advance Shelby Scarbrough; Victoria Clark, starlet friend of Kenn Riordan, Kenn

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Our Advisors at the Christmas Event

New Director and Advisor. We have asked Brig Gen (Ret) Philip Drew (Nixon), to step forward as the successor to Marcy Harris, and he has agreed, attending the Christmas event. Phil is a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, awarded three Silver Stars for Valor. Also noteworthy is the selection by the Advisors of Marine Aide Mr. James Barry (Bush '43 /



Reagan) as our newest Advisor, joining the board this Fall, a veteran of the first Iraq War. Jim is President of Passeur Aerospace, a world leading company in global aviation intelligence and air traffic software. Welcome Phil and Jim, see their picture at our Christmas reception which follows. Phil's wife, Mimi Drew, is our Navy Sr. Service Director and they are the first married Social Aides and the first General Officer marriage to put knowledge worldwide!



Retirement. COL (Ret) Roger McNamara (Johnson) has volunteered to resign at age 80 to give a younger person a chance to participate. This will become effective June 1st, and a new Advisor is on the agenda for our Fall meeting. Roger's contributions are significant, having written our Rules and Ethics documents, and fully prosecuted all those who seek money, women, and fame in a manner not acceptable to the residents of Foggy Bottom. Roger was recognized at our Christmas event and subsequently received a Large and Small Decoupage Johnson State Service Plate. A picture of the McNamara's follows.



White House Historical Association Podcast in January 2019. We were honored that members Lynda Bird Johnson; Governor Chuck Robb (Johnson); Brian Lamb (Johnson), CSPAN founder; Ann Stock, Clinton Social Secretary; and Kenn Riordan (Reagan), Society Founder, were interviewed by WHHA President Stewart McLaurin . We related our unique experiences and memories serving as Social Aides and Social Secretary. It is definitely worth the time to take a few minutes to listen to it at the WHHA website, you will enjoy this.

Facebook & LinkedIn. It was brought to our attention by an Obama aide that there was a second Facebook page which he had confused with ours. Upon investigation we learned that Bush '43 Sr. Army Aide Katherine Ireland had created a page for Max Doebler's retirement as WH Military Office Social Aide Coordinator and was not aware of our page. So we have combined the 2 pages under her banner. To join the active Facebook group, please search "White House Military and Social Aides" or use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/923613964355467/> and ask to "Join" the group (if you are not already a member). The administrator, Kathy Ireland, will receive a list of all members from our SWHMA Facebook group/database so individuals can be approved to the new group. The Facebook group currently has 217 members, a record for us. Thank you, Kathy!

To access our LinkedIn group, please go to www.linkedin.com and either sign up for an account or log on. Once you are logged on, go to www.linkedin.com/groups/Society-White-House-Military-Aides-8432756 or search The Society of White House Military Aides. Once you access the group page, select "Ask to Join". Once confirmed, you will be added to the group. The LinkedIn group currently has 93 members.

The Morning Mind. I believe you will find Dr. Robert Carter's (Obama) book an interesting read "The Morning Mind". I did and I hope you find many interesting stories and pictures about our members. Rob is an US Army officer and expert in biomedical sciences who was an inaugural Gates millennium Scholar.

We are starting to see Trump Aides join and as our newest Lifetime Member USCG LCDR David Smith, now in Yuba City, CA wrote:

"No matter where I go though, I will continue to share the rich tradition of the White House. Please keep in touch and informed of any way I can contribute to this wonderful group".

And so, I end as no higher praise or better words could I add to describe our 29 years of efforts!

God Bless and Keep our Great Country!

Kenn Riordan, Jr.

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Tribute to President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush

By Carol Hattrup (Bush 41'/Clinton)



When former President Bush passed away this year and joined his life partner, soulmate and devoted wife of seventy-three years, Barbara, the world lost two great patriots who spent their lives in selfless service to their nation. To use President Obama's words, they were "two points of light than never dimmed."

The Bushes hold a special place in the hearts of all the White House Military Aides who had the privilege to serve during his Presidency. President Bush made it a point to get to know all the aides by name and was always expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the men and women who supported the many diplomatic, social, and military events hosted by the White House first couple. Most importantly, he was kind and showed grace to all. He was an unflappable diplomat and gracious host, and he never expected anyone to do anything he would not do himself. He and Mrs. Bush took the time out of their busy schedules to thank the members of not only the aide-de-camp staff, but the members of the Honor Guard, wait staff, and social office staff, at any given event. He would do this personally, with a pat on the back, handshake, or personally written note. He gave people his time and his attention.

They were a joy to be around as a couple, their respect and love for each other and anything to do with their family obvious in every moment seen together. This was most evident just seeing him in the long receiving lines that occurred at the many State Dinners they hosted....what we remember most about him was his laugh; it was genuine and kind and he shared that part of himself with all of his guests, as well as the social aides, at those functions. Their love for their family extended to all families. The Easter Egg rolls and other events that involved children were always the most beloved and well-attended of any event, and they made those events available and accessible to all children and paid special attention to military families.

The military social aides in the class that supported President and Mrs. Bush are all better military officers, citizens, husbands, wives, daughters or sons, partners, or family members because of our knowing and having had the opportunity to serve this great couple in support of this great Nation. On behalf of the entire social aide family, we want the Bush family to know how much we learned from them, and truly appreciate their Service to our country. With their light, we have one thousand and two points of light to guide the next generation. Thank you, members of the Bush family, for giving us your father and mother and the opportunity to serve these two great people.



White House Christmas Tour 2018

By Kenn Riordan Jr (Reagan)

The annual Christmas tour on December 4th proved to be quite extraordinary, beginning with the reception at the elite Metropolitan Club, strictly coat and tie, and cell phone use prohibited, we learned. The decor was elegant with our Advisor Board meeting socially at 10 AM, and main registration for the tour beginning at 1030, followed by a lunch buffet at 1130. Our head table was joined by Clinton Social Secretary Ann Stock, and Nixon married aides Brig Gen (Ret) Phil Drew and RADM (Ret) Mimi Drew. Phil is our newly appointed Air Force Service Director and Mimi our standing Navy Service Director. Also recognized was Marine Aide Jim Barry (Bush '43 /Reagan), confirmed as our newest Advisor.

A Kennedy aide, John Paul was senior; Obama aide Stephanie Young was the junior aide; and Rick Kjellberg travelled the furthest from California of those attending. We also had four couples or spouses present who had married other White House military aides: two (2) Nixon and two (2) Clinton, but Mimi and Phil were the first.

Our speaker Shelby Scarbrough, Presidential Advance for President Reagan, a former member of State Department Protocol, and motivational speaker talked to us about "The Power of Civility", also the title of a book she contributed to. She explored the importance of articulating our views in a respectful manner, how this at the core of how we live and govern ourselves, and why we need to work at this every day, especially now, given the state of our national discourse. It was a remarkable speech. She received a portrait of Ronald Reagan, a replica of the Reagan State service plate, not to mention a long applause.

We then hiked to the White House in three (3) groups 30 minutes apart, and were treated to many beautiful decorations, beginning with a long row of striking red Christmas trees on the first floor, and a full display of a State Dinner table in the China Room, a choir singing, followed by many pictures with family and friends on the State Floor! The Red Room was particularly beautiful. See the pictures attached.

All of us were touched by the black draped portrait of President George H. W. Bush, our dignified 41st President who we paid tribute to as Joe Guzowski (Bush '41) shared a great story about his selflessness. He was an American hero in WWII, to the American people, and to his family. God Bless President Bush!

All in all, one of our finest efforts or so I was told by many. For me to have Ann Stock relating her observations as Social Secretary about the Walter Annenberg donation of the Benjamin Franklin portrait to the White House, and Speaker Tom Foley not attending a State dinner where he was to be seated between Jane Fonda and Barbara Streisand, is my personal highlight. What a day! I would also like to especially thank Mary Heitman, friend of Shelby, for filling in for Veronica Richardson who was with her mother and saving the day for us with the Metropolitan. She's a keeper!

Here is what some people had to say:

"I'm sorry I didn't see and personally "Thank" each member of the Team, but PLEASE KNOW that my family and I truly, truly appreciate your time, efforts, and your amazing results for this event and others—"THANK YOU"! Air Force Aide

"Thanks for all of your work coordinating the WH Visit. I had a great timeI'm sorry I was unable to speak more with each of you, but between entertaining my guests and speaking with so many other attendees, the time passed quickly. I really appreciate all of your work putting together this event and the rest of the work that you do on behalf of the association. this was the first time I attended an Association event. I had such a great time that I will be encouraging my other friends who were aides to attend next year, so you could have a particularly large Coast Guard presence." Coast Guard Aide

"Kenn, Thanks again for setting up a wonderful White House function. It was great visiting the Nixon aides which I had not seen for so many years. In particular seeing Mimi and Phil Drew along with Hal Amerau brought back many fond memories. The speaker was great and location tremendous. "Army Aide

"Hi Kenn, As always, it was great to see you and catch up. You did a magnificent job of creating yet another special luncheon and tour for us." White House Staff







SIX LESSONS IN CIVILITY FROM A FIRST RATE FIRST LADY – **Mrs. Nancy Reagan**

By Shelby Scarbrough (Reagan)

My Dear Mrs. Reagan,

March 11, 2016 – Today is your funeral. Strange, I am not sure why we are inspired to write tributes only once someone has passed rather than celebrating a life being well lived. I wish I had thought to do this while you were here so you could have enjoyed the accolades.

Back in 1984, when I began my first grown up job working in Presidential Advance at the White House, little did I know what an incredible impact you and your husband would make on each step of my life. As I prepare to go up to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library with my fellow administration colleagues for the celebration of your life, I reflect on all I learned from you and thought I would dedicate to “paper” what I saw as your civility in action.



LIVING A DIGNIFIED LIFE

In my time working for you and President Reagan, and every year since, you served as a continuous beacon of civilized behavior in an increasingly uncivil society. The remembrances in the media about you over the last few days repeatedly reference your grace, elegance and civility. As photos of your laudable life flash across the television screen, I can't help but feel we are looking at impressions of a rare bird gone extinct.

Are both civility and you but a memory only accessible in the pages of history? You lived your life with quiet and steadfast strength of character, not loudly or boastfully. You were dignity incarnate — Perhaps I mourn the loss of such decorum and grace as much as I mourn the loss of you, strong woman and first rate First Lady. I am compelled to let you know what lessons I learned from you.

HONOR AND INTEGRITY REIGN

In the White House, we knew that our behavior was a reflection of you and President Reagan and we had respect for you and for the Office of the Presidency. How we carried ourselves inside and outside the walls of the White House mattered. We aspired to honor you both by behaving modestly and with integrity in all we did.

Heck, President Reagan would not even swear in my presence! He deliberately covered his mouth and then apologized when a “damn” started to slip out while walking with him to an event. Already it seems like a simpler time to me. It was a time when gentlemen roamed the earth. But you knew that. You knew him, and you knew he rightfully credited you for helping him be the best President, the best man he could.

EARNEST, HONEST & STRAIGHT FORWARD

I learned early on that although it is tempting to want to sugarcoat bad news, it was far better to just tell you the truth and move on from there even if the news itself was not what you might want to hear. I noticed that those who tried to buffalo you, perhaps to cover a mistake, or just not to disappoint you, lost your trust for good.

In one moment of truth, I happened to be visiting the Oval Office Suite delivering final details for a trip to Ottawa, Canada. The Oval Office was empty with neither the President's secretary nor personal aide nearby. The phone rang. What does one do? Answer it! “One moment” the operator said, “Mrs. Reagan would like to speak to you.”

I probably immediately broke out in a cold sweat. What had I done? I was young, and new, and suddenly fearful I would say the wrong thing. I prayed I had the answer to whatever you were about to ask. But, maybe you knew better than I. You asked me a simple question. “What's the weather expected to be in Ottawa?” Although I had the answer, I knew it was not the answer you would want to hear. I also knew that telling you the truth was far better than trying to dance around it all. You taught me that civility does not mean that you do not ask for, or in a sense demand a high standard of behavior from others. Those who were not straight with you lost your respect for good.

CLASSY IN CONFLICT

Oh, how you carried yourself. I imagine there were many times you wanted to throw the remote at the television, or send out a media missive in response to ungracious commentary, but I also know you judiciously chose your moments to speak up. And when you did, you did it from the perspective of keeping true to your values. You did not tear others down, or make it personal and you respected others viewpoints. Your husband protected our freedoms including freedom of speech, but you only spoke publicly when doing so would contribute to a greater good.

In the 30 plus years since I first met you and President Reagan, I have truly tried to emulate how you carried yourselves. As each year past I grew ever more appreciative for the gifts you gave me. I owe you both a great debt for setting a standard that would inform my career at each step.

You know more than most what a dirty business politics can be. Your husband deflected rather than derided and you stood firm on your views without calling those who disagreed with you names. The world will be a better place if we can find that sense of civility again and move from the political to the presidential. Watch over us as we tread through deep currents and help us stay connected to our better selves.

LIFE LONG LOYALTIES

Mrs. Reagan, your very dedicated staff and friends were people who came from all walks of life. You did not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or gender. Where you were discerning was on the important character traits of loyalty, honor and integrity. And certainly it is well known how you demonstrated the ultimate in loyalty through your dedication to your husband. Through your constancy and caring you were partner to his every success.

HUMILITY TRUMPS HAUGHTY

Finally, perhaps your humility ranks highest on my list of your admirable qualities. For it is no easy task to willingly stand in the shadow of another. Yet, you did so with a clear and vast sense of purpose. You pursued your own noble agendas such as “Just Say No” to drugs. But, I think you might be happiest to know that you are recognized for your most significant achievement as protector of the President. There could be those who do not appreciate the role you chose to take.

But, you knew what your best and highest purpose was and you focused your efforts on the success of President Reagan’s presidency and legacy and in turn earned a great and lasting legacy of your own. To me, you embodied the phrase President Reagan kept prominently displayed on his desk. “There is no limit to what a man can do or how far he can go if he does not care who gets the credit.”

I credit you with all this and more. Thank you. May you rest in peace with the knowledge that your personal legacy will remain a force of good and grace and distinction forever.

With humble appreciation,

Shelby Scarbrough

Founder, Practical Protocol (www.practicalprotocol.com)

Contributing author, *The Power of Civility*

Contributing author, *The Crisis of Disengagement* (Fall 2016 release)

Shelby served in President Reagan’s Administration in the Office of Presidential Advance and as a Protocol Officer at the US Department of State.

SWHMA Spring Event - Washington Nationals Game

By Mary Heitman

The annual spring SWHMA event was held on May 17 at the Washington Nationals home opener against the Chicago Cubs at Nats Stadium in Washington DC. The group met prior to the game at a reception hosted by Dave Pitcher and Rusty Johnson.

Although the teams traded the lead through the 7th inning, the Cubs dominated the final innings and the game ended with the Nationals losing to the Cubs, 14-6. Our thanks to Dave and Rusty for organizing a fabulous evening!

“It was such a pleasure to meet you all on Friday night — and I can’t believe I won a prize! So cool :)”

I wanted to say thank you very much for including me and I look forward to participating in events with the group in the future. You are a really fun and impressive bunch to be associated with; what a privilege to join!

- Hayley Hartstein (Trump)”

Awards presented by Dave Pitcher who coordinated the event with assistance from Rusty Johnson were:

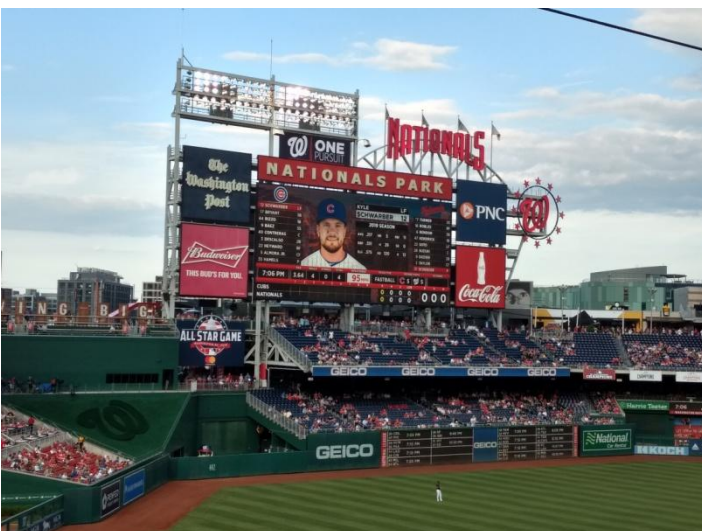
First Award--Nats Trea Turner autographed baseball to Veronica Richardson (for her long-time support of Society events and in particular for this Spring event having brought the most guests/friends to this spring Nats game event.

Second Award---a NATS baseball hat to Jay Chapman for having brought the next most guests/friends to this spring Nats game event.

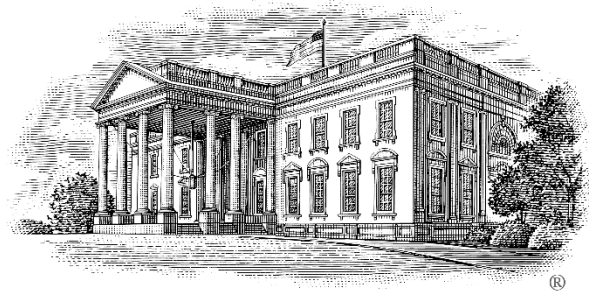
Another Award---a NATS baseball hat to Hayley Hartstein for representing the Society member serving with the most current Administration (Trump).

Another Award (announced but NOT awarded)--a NATS baseball hat to the Society member serving with the earliest Administration (Nixon) which was Frank Ford, and I was going to give it to his attending daughter Marlene Hall but she did NOT show.

Another Follow-up Award--a NATS baseball hat to Jocelyn Loftus-Williams, a Society member representing the most Society administration attendees (from the Obama Administration), for patiently being on our temporary wait list for attending, and in particular being a U.S. Navy JAGC officer (who Dave was partial to since he was a U.S. Navy JAGC officer as well).







THE WHITE HOUSE
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NEW Podcast Episode Released Focuses on White House Military Social Aides

*Featuring former White House Social Secretary Ann Stock, and former Military Social Aides:
Governor Charles S. Robb, Brian Lamb, Kenn Riordan, Jr.*

January 30, 2019 (Washington, D.C.) — The latest episode of *The 1600 Sessions* podcast, “[White House Military Social Aides](#),” was released today by The White House Historical Association (WHHA). Association President Stewart McLaurin speaks with former White House Social Secretary **Ann Stock**, and three former Military Social Aides: former U.S. Senator and Governor **Charles “Chuck” S. Robb**, former Chairman and CEO of C-SPAN, **Brian Lamb**, and **Kenn Riordan, Jr.**, who leads The Society of White House Military Social Aides. The four guests reflect on their time in the White House.

Military Social Aides are men and women from the Armed Forces who assist the Social Secretary, President, and First Lady to ensure the smooth operation of White House events. Part of their role is to welcome guests, engage them in conversation, and help put them at ease. The role they play is essential -- they execute all official events at the White House seamlessly.

“Part of my duties as a White House Social Aide, and most occasions, I was the person that was assigned to introduce all of the guests. I would introduce, Mr. President, I would give the title and the name. And then he would introduce them to the visiting king, president, or prime minister, whoever it was as they came through,” recalled former Senator and Governor Charles S. Robb.

Military Social Aides serve as the right-hand person of the President and First Lady at important events, such as state dinners, and the positions are incredibly selective.

“I’ve often thought, for people like myself, interested in politics, and all that stuff, that it was one of the greatest shows on earth to be able to stand kind of anonymously next to the President of the United States,” said Brian Lamb, founder of C-SPAN, who served as a Military Social Aide alongside Governor Charles S. Robb.

Coming from one of the five services of our Armed Forces, the way that Military Social Aides execute events at the Executive Mansion appears as if it is done effortlessly. In fact, they keep very busy in their role, and remain calm under pressure.

“I worked for President and Mrs. Clinton who believed the White House was the People’s house and wanted to include as many as humanly possible in their events, and during my five years as social secretary, to give you some

sense of the scope of what the aides do, we hosted over half a million people and the aides were really, really busy,” said former White House Social Secretary and WHHA Board Member Ann Stock.

In the White House, it is common to host heads of state and a wide variety of celebrities. Military Social Aides have to remain poised, and make all guests feel comfortable.



“It’s really quite an amazing experience because you have a movie star for instance that’s nervous because they want to do well, they might even be sitting at the same table with the president. So they’re quite dependent on you and you want to be friendly and see if they have any questions and talk to them. And I think just the fact that you’re at ease and you’re talking to them and you’re answering all their questions and you say you know you’re just going to do great,” said Kenn Riordan, Jr.

The 1600 Sessions

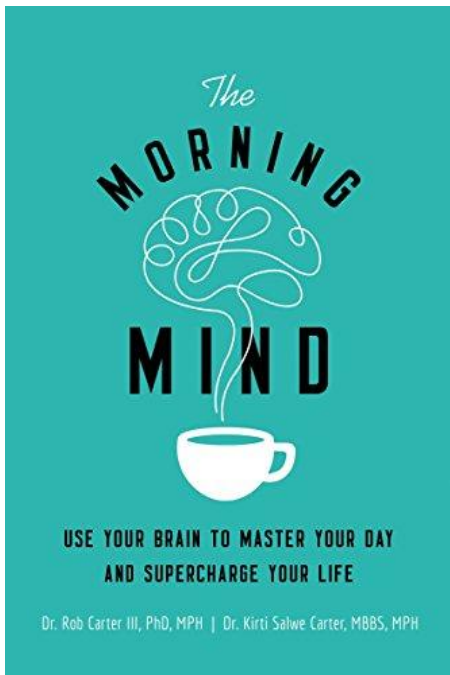
In this podcast series, White House Historical Association President Stewart McLaurin interviews luminaries, historians, and eyewitnesses to history about America’s most famous residence and office—the White House. Each episode includes a prominent guest or guests to discuss varying facets of White House history, including insights from former staff and many other topical issues.

The 1600 Sessions is available on iTunes, Google Play, and Stitcher. To hear the full episode, visit The1600Sessions.org.

For media inquiries, please contact press@whha.org.

About The White House Historical Association

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion’s legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association’s mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than \$47 million in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit www.whitehousehistory.org.



The Morning Mind: Use Your Brain to Master Your Day and Supercharge Your Life

By Dr. Rob Carter III, PhD, MPH

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Carter III, an Obama social aide, on the publication of his book. [The Morning Mind: Use Your Brain to Master Your Day and Supercharge Your Life](#) helps readers “Unleash positive thinking and productive imagination, and flip negative thoughts and behaviors into a lifetime to improve every aspect of your life—each morning, one day at a time.”

It has been already highlighted as a 10 Top Book for 2019 by Psychology Today and one of 5 Leadership Books for 2019.

“Based on findings from neuroscience and medicine, the book helps you tamp down on the fear-driven reptile brain and tap into the part linked to thinking and imagination. With topics ranging from diet and hydration to exercise and meditation, you’ll find ideas for activating your brain—and improving every aspect of your life”

Dr. Rob Carter III, PhD, MPH, is a US Army officer, an adjunct professor of emergency medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center, and an expert on human physiology and performance. Dr. Carter has a doctorate in biomedical sciences and medical physiology, and a master of public health in chronic disease epidemiology. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, abstracts, and technical reports, and his research has been covered in news outlets such as The Washington Post, Fox News and USA Today.

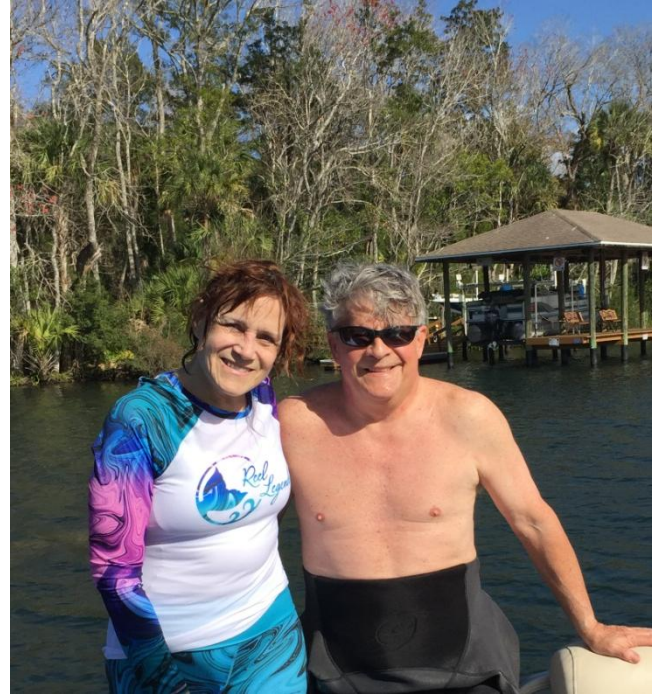
Our Webmaster James Becomes A Concertmaster!



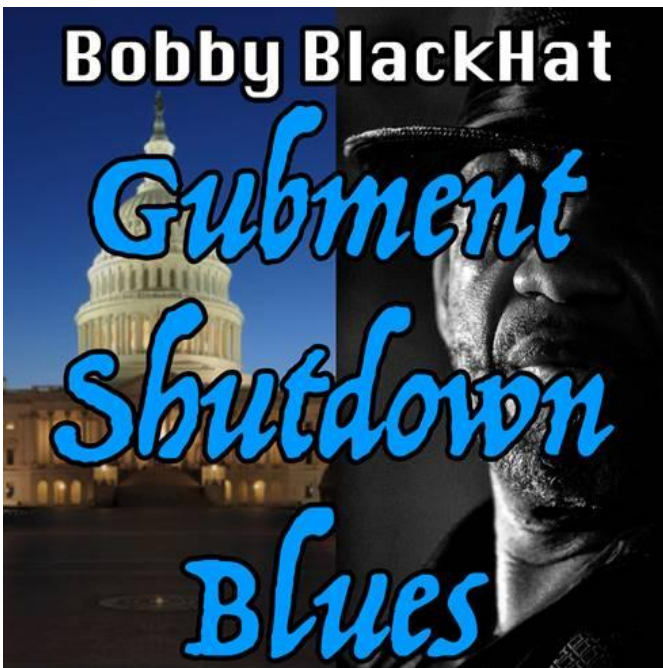
Our webmaster, James Koehn, had the opportunity to conduct the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra over the past Christmas holiday.

Check it out [here](#).

Steve Wolf, USCG (Reagan) Before & After on The Homosassa River, Florida



USCG Social (Reagan and Presidential (Clinton) Aide Bobby “Blackhat” Walters Is A Performing Artist

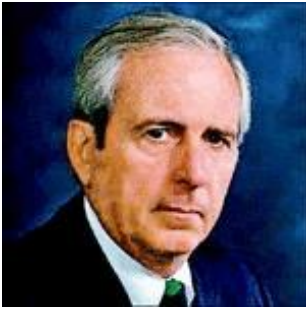


Listen [here](#). The song is available on iTunes and Amazon. All proceeds will be donated to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. <http://www.cgmahq.org/>

Obituary of Michael Bohn (The Washington Post)

"We were sorry to hear of Nixon Aide Mike Bohn's passing in June 2018 just after we released the 2018 newsletter. He was an active Society member and did a fantastic job writing about Social Sides for "The Washington Post Magazine" in 2014 entitled "White House Aides Have a Front Seat to History". Thank you, Mike, and God Bless you, your wife Elin and your family."

– Kenn Riordan



MICHAEL BOHN Passed away on June 1, 2018. Born in Houston, Texas, in 1943, Mike graduated Texas Tech in 1965 and subsequently served in the [U.S. Navy](#) as an intelligence officer for more than 20 years. His career included a tour in Vietnam, multiple tours at sea, and two positions in the White House as both a White House Social Aide during the Nixon Administration and Director of the White House Situation Room during the Reagan Administration.

After retiring from the Navy in 1988, Mike worked as a defense contractor and later built a successful residential construction business. Beginning in the early 2000's, Mike began a new career as an author, writing a number of nonfiction books that reflected his interest in politics, history and sports. His first book, *Nerve Center - Inside the White House Situation Room*, was inspired by his experience running the President's intelligence and alert center in the mid-1980s. As a freelance writer, Mike contributed regular sports features to McClatchy-Tribune News Service and wrote local interest stories for the Connection newspaper group in Virginia; he also authored several feature articles for the Washington Post Magazine, including a story about White House social aides and a history of the Washington-Moscow hotline in the Oval Office. He was a longtime and active member of Mount Vernon Country Club and the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Mike is survived by his wife Elin; sons Carter Bohn of Fairfax, Virginia, and Erik Bohn of Chevy Chase, Maryland; and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Patricia Bohn Jacobs, of Marysville, California. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to United Community Ministries (UCM) at www.ucmagency.org

Funeral Service Announcement - Major General Marcelite Jordan Harris

First African-American Female Major General in US Military



"Major General (Ret) Marcy Harris was a dear friend of the Society and me personally. She served as a Society Trustee and also Sr. Service Director. Two years ago she travelled to Washington from Atlanta to participate on our Spring Sr. Aide's Luncheon with four other awesome women who had achieved greatly to include Clinton Social Secretary Ann Stock. She was one of the most upbeat persons I have ever encountered and very quick on her feet, always had a good word to say about people. I am sure her star is shining bright in Heaven!"

- Kenn Riordan"

The family of Major General Marcelite Jordan Harris, USAF (Ret.) has announced that full military funeral honors will be held at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel on Joint Base Myer Henderson-Hall, Arlington, VA. General Harris will be laid to rest February 7, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Arlington National Cemetery alongside her husband, Lt. Col. Maurice Harris, USAF (Ret.).

General Harris passed away September 7, 2018 at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL, where she was taken while on a Caribbean vacation with her companion, Lt. Col. David Branch USA (Ret). Though her death was sudden and unexpected, she was surrounded by loved ones.

A native of Houston, TX, General Harris was born January 16, 1943 to Cecil Oneal Jordan and Marcelite Terrell Jordan, both deceased. General Harris was married to Lt. Col. Maurice Harris (deceased) and is survived by her children, Lt. Col. Steven Harris, USAF and his wife, Sherri of Omaha, NE, and daughter, Tenecia Harris of New York City; her sister, Elizabeth Johnson and her husband, Dr. Richard S. Johnson, of Palm Beach County, FL; grandchildren, Sydnee and Samuel Harris; nephew Richard ONeal Johnson; grand-nephew Daquoin Johnson; her longtime companion, Lt. Col. David Branch; and a host of relatives and close friends. Memorial contributions may be made to Spelman College, Major General Marcelite Jordan Harris, C '64, Memorial Endowed Scholarship, 350 Spelman Lane, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314.

6 Women Who Fought In Direct Combat In Iraq And Afghanistan

Source: Task & Purpose by Michael Lane Smith

The 2016 deadline set by the Pentagon for top military leaders to review gender restrictions on combat roles is quickly approaching. Now, even the famed basic underwater demolition/SEAL training may be open to women as soon as next year.

While on Aug. 21, two women graduated Ranger school for the first time in history, it is important to recognize the other women in the armed services who have helped pave the way for servicewomen in combat roles by fighting through combat themselves. This is only a snapshot. According to the Washington Post, 160 women have been killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan; countless more have seen direct combat.

Here are six women who faced fire in Iraq and Afghanistan:



Marine 1st Lt. Rebecca Turpin

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Alesha R. Guard

During a six-month deployment to Afghanistan from late 2008 to mid 2009, then-2nd Lt. Rebecca Turpin led supply convoys, reported Stars and Stripes in 2012. One particular mission earned her the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a valor device, one of the few women to ever receive it.

The convoy of 18 vehicles departed around 4 a.m. for a mission expected to take only a day. They wouldn't finish until more than two days later. After hitting multiple improvised explosive devices, Turpin would keep the mission going by managing the vehicle losses and keeping her men alive. When Turpin's convoy came under heavy fire in a small village as they proceeded with the objective, she called in a pair of Cobra helicopters and directed the air support to protect the convoy, eliminating or dispersing the threats. As things quieted down, the convoy began to leave the village, but the insurgents reappeared, beginning to fire again. Turpin, directing the machine gunners and Cobras, skillfully escaped with her convoy and completed the mission.



Army Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester

U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp

On March 20, 2005, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester led a counterattack against insurgents who had ambushed her convoy while serving in Iraq. She became the first of two women to earn a Silver Star since World War II.

Hester stopped her vehicle as the squad came under heavy machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire while on a routine patrol. Directing her gunner to fire, she left the vehicle to engage the insurgents on foot with her squad leader. They crossed over a berm and into the trenches from where the insurgents were firing. Hester and her fellow soldier eliminated them one by one using grenades and assault rifles. Once the trench was cleared, Hester secured the ambush site. At the end of the engagement, 27 insurgents were killed, six wounded, and one captured.



Army 1st Lt. Ashley White

Photo by U.S. Special Operations Command

White was attached to a Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan as part of the cultural support teams developed to better reach the populace. The subject of the New York Times best-seller, "Ashley's War," by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, White was one of the first women to serve in a combat role in the U.S. armed forces. She was reportedly known to be "the heart of the team."

When the assault force she was attached to was ambushed on Oct. 22, 2011, White was killed in action. She posthumously received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.



Army Pfc. Monica Lin Brown

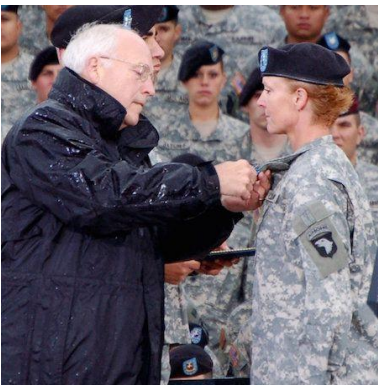
U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Scott Davis

Brown was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as a combat medic in Afghanistan's southeastern Paktika province in late April 2007. She would become the first woman to earn the Silver Star in Afghanistan, and just the second since World War II, after Hester.

Brown's unit was in a convoy headed to a leader engagement with local village elders when the last Humvee in the convoy hit a pressure-plate IED and came under complex ambush, according to Brown's Silver Star citation. Brown quickly reached wounded soldiers from the burning Humvee and applied crucial medical aid while more than a dozen mortar strikes landed all around her and the men she was trying to save.

The platoon sergeant used one of the Afghan National Army's trucks to take Brown and the wounded soldiers to a more secure location, missing a mortar explosion that spit shrapnel all around where they had previously been. "There was small arms coming in from two different machine-gun positions, mortars falling ... a burning Humvee with 16 mortar rounds in it, chunks of aluminum the size of softballs flying all around," Brown's platoon leader, Martin Robbins, told the Washington Post. "It was about as hairy as it gets."

Brown was later pulled from her assignment due to the combat ban on women in combat.



Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lori Hill

U.S. Army photo

In March 2006, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lori Hill engaged a determined enemy while piloting her OH-58 Kiowa helicopter in Iraq and became the first woman to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, reported Time Magazine.

According to an Army press release, Hill drew fire away from the lead chopper while also providing suppressive fire for the ground troops below. A rocket-propelled grenade hit and damaged her helicopter, yet she continued to provide support to the troops on the ground until they reached safety.

After getting shot in one of her ankles, Hill then piloted her damaged aircraft back to the forward operating base, saving her crew and aircraft. Reflecting on the events, Hill told the Army, "I was actually just glad I didn't pass out and very happy I was able to help the ground guys out, and get our helicopter down safely on the ground."



Capt. Jennifer M. Moreno

Photo by U.S. Special Operations Command

Then-1st Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno, an Army nurse, was assigned to a U.S. Army Ranger unit when on the evening of Oct. 5, 2013, she was killed in action during a patrol that would take the lives of two additional Rangers, according to the San Diego Union Tribune.

She received conflicting orders to both help a soldier wounded and trapped at an Afghanistan bomb-making compound, and hold her position to avoid setting off another bomb in the mine-ridden area, reported Army Times in 2014. Choosing to help her fallen comrades, Moreno moved forward, but detonated a mine that took her life.

Capt. Amanda King, commander of Moreno's cultural support team, later wrote in a eulogy: "None of us would have done what you did, running into hell to save your wounded brothers, knowing full well you probably wouldn't make it back." Moreno was posthumously promoted to captain and awarded the Combat Action Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.

U.S.S. Hornet Leaving For Tokyo: April 2, 1942

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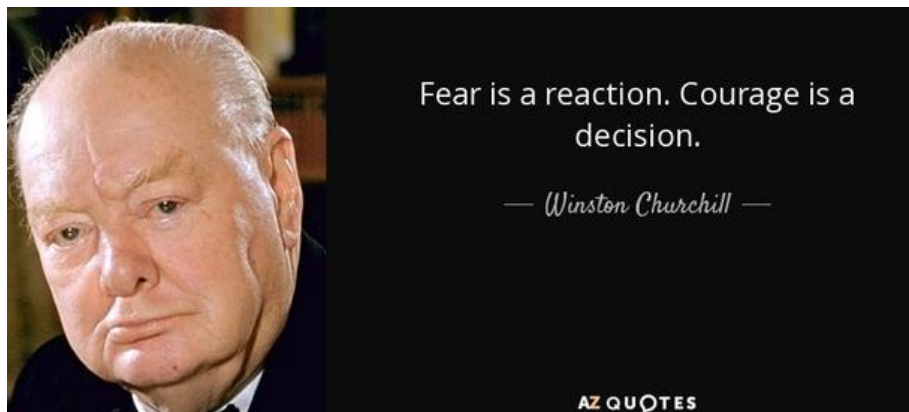
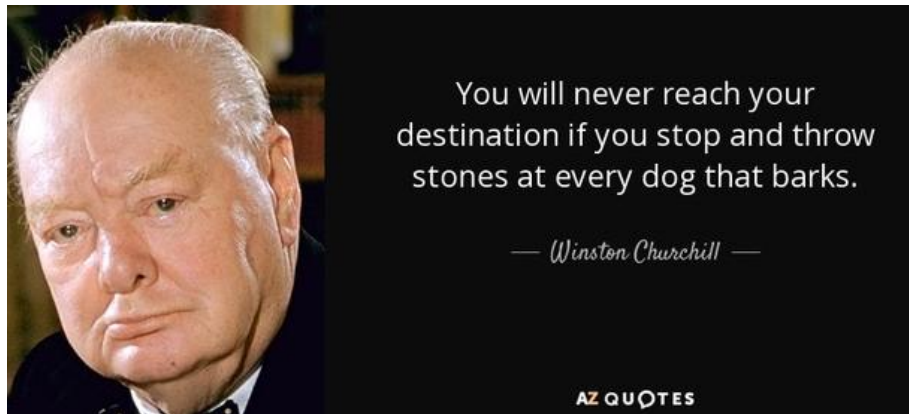
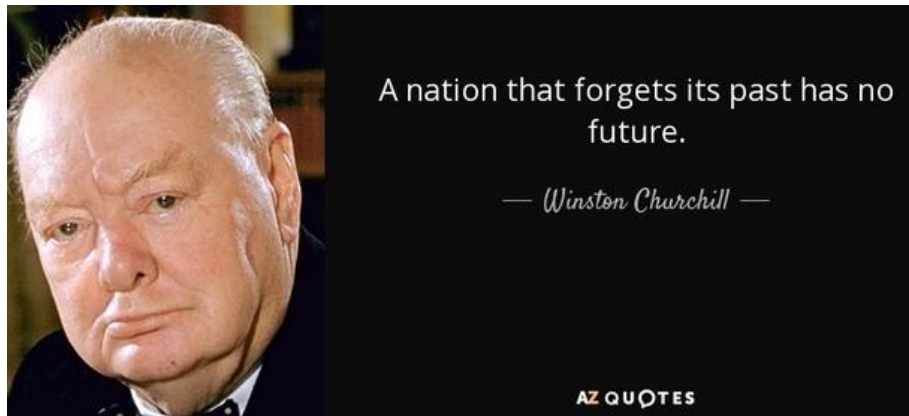
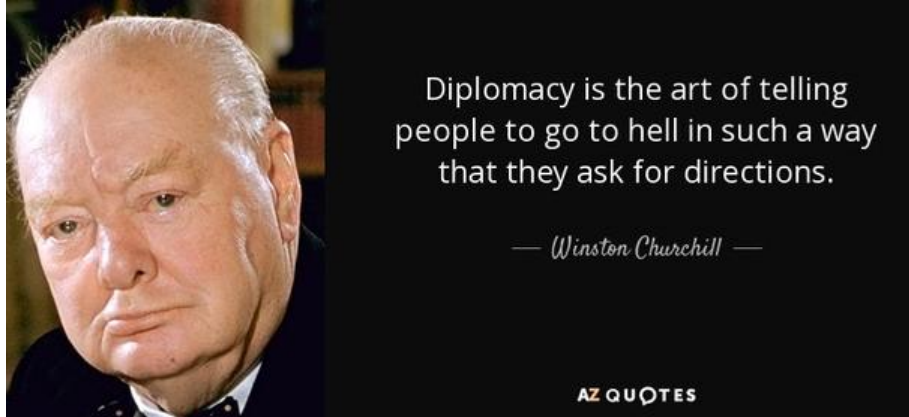
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