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- To Our Membership -

This is your newsletter. As such, we encourage your feedback, and comments are always welcomed as to how we can improve.

We would also like to know what you have been up to since you retired. Do you have a favorite, fishing, travel, charity, grandchildren story?

You write the article, and we will publish it! The cutoff for articles is February, May, August, and November. No politics, racial, or slanderous articles accepted.

Thank you

RAFINO Officers

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Asst Secretary
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VP Reunions
John D. Veal, Jr.

VP Surviving Spouses
vacant

The Prez Sez



Greetings to all RAFINO Members and Spouses! First, I would like to thank the organization for confirming my election to president for the 2022-2024 term. And special thanks to Tom Mckenna and his team for a spectacular effort to provide all of us with the grand Reunion that was held in Indianapolis at the beginning of October. The highlight of the event was the Vietnam-era presentations of a Presidential Proclamation and a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin.

Charleston! Charleston! Charleston! During my tenure, I will be laser focused on producing for your camaraderie, enjoyment, and entertainment a 2024 Reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, that offers great venues and events to make our Reunion a destination worthy of your attendance. Our team, headed up by John Veal, the VP for Reunions, will do the heavy lifting and planning for our Reunion. Our working title and theme for the 2024 Reunion is “The Army Finance Corps down through the Years.”

Feedback, Please! Since RAFINO is a virtual organization, member and spouse feedback is even more important as the new Board moves the organization forward on those endeavors that will most benefit our membership. Below, I have provided some of my aspirational goals for the 2022-2024 term. Please provide me with your overall comments and any additions you would want to see in my list of goals. Likewise, any counterpoints to the goals that I have already listed would be greatly appreciated.

Kelly Goals for RAFINO 2023-2024

2024 Reunion: Increase attendance at the 2024 RAFINO Reunion by building on the success of the Fort Harrison 2022 event and gain consensus around the event and venue selection in and around the host city of our 2024 Reunion in Charleston. The Board will also consider a possible change from the October time frame to the May time frame to coincide with the Finance Corps Regimental Ball.

Mike Kelly
COL, Finance Corps (Retired)
President, RAFINO



The Former Prez Sez



What a great Reunion we just had at the “Home of the Army Dollar” in Indianapolis. I want to thank all of you that came to the Reunion and had the opportunity to have some great fellowship and tell some old (for some of us, very old) stories. I think everyone was happy we had such a fantastic hotel, for the opportunities to see the many changes to downtown Indy, and how Lawrence Township has incorporated Fort Ben into the city. It was also great to see how the city has maintained many of the buildings and other sites we all remember so well.

As I leave the RAFINO Presidency, I can honestly tell you RAFINO is in great hands with Mike Kelly as the new President and Rich Rosen as the new Vice President. Additionally, we were briefed by Imre during the business meeting that RAFINO is on great financial footing, and as an organization, we currently are good to go. However, we cannot just sit back on our laurels; we have to continue to work with the schoolhouse and the Finance Corps Association to continue to feed the pipeline with new people. Also, I would like you all to talk to retired Finance friends and let them know the great time we had at the Reunion and the importance of maintaining our Finance Corps legacy.

As I look back on these two years, the team accomplished a few things that will only assist and make the organization better going forward. One thing that will help is bringing in a professional military reunion planner. As Mark Sullivan and Jesse Sablan can attest, planning and conducting a reunion is a lot of hard work. Also, if you ask them, ensuring one is as good as the one we just had is something they probably will not want to do any time soon. For the next Reunion at Charleston, South Carolina, in 2024, we have selected Armed Services Reunion Inc., an organization with a proven track record in planning and conducting military reunions, to do the heavy lifting for our Reunion.

As I close this, I would be remiss if I did not thank the folks who made the past two years and the Reunion a success. First and foremost, I would like to thank my Vice President, Christine Brosius. Her social media posts and sage advice always kept me and the team on point. The CSMs, JT and Mark, you made this Reunion a success and ensured no balls were dropped along the way. The Finance Reunion oracle, Robby Robson, you were the gate- and data-keeper of anything RAFINO Reunion, and your wonderful spouse, Nancy, who jumped in to provide assistance with everything: Without you two, this and other Reunions would not have been nearly as successful. Now, go enjoy your honeymoon and remember to return for future Reunions. Imre the money man, thank you. Smitty has big shoes to fill. Thank you for making sure the books were kept properly with no (at least, no known) discrepancies.

Thank you all for a great two years, and all the best to Mike, Rich, and your team. See you all in Charleston in 2024.

Tom McKenna



**Congratulations
to
Rick Rosen
RAFINO Vice President**

The Trez Sez



As of November 16, 2022, our membership stands at 738, of which 236 are surviving spouses and 340 are Life Members. Of the remaining 162 members, 96 are paid up to date and 66 are overdue. Twenty-seven members were recently dropped from the rolls in accordance with our bylaws.

The following table shows the Reunion transactions over the past four and one-half years:

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| Registration Fees * | \$47,175.95 |
| Refunded Registration Fees | \$23,609.00 |
| Net Registration Fees After Refunds | \$23,566.95 |
| Cash Donations ** | \$1,497.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$25,063.95 |
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| Charleston Deposits Forfeited | \$550.00 |
| Hyatt Food & Beverages | \$15,798.22 |
| Hyatt Audio Equip thru Encore | \$4,268.43 |
| Misc. Admin (Mugs, Programs, Signs) | \$1,010.91 |
| Transportation | \$3,630.00 |
| Returned Check Fee | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$25,267.56 |
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| Net Amount *** | -\$203.61 |

* Includes deducted amounts for PayPal fees totaling \$1,240.87.

** Additional donations of \$3,783.09 are included in net registration fees.

*** Refund for \$325 pending is not included. The \$325.00 in an outstanding refund will have to be paid, as the cancellation was made before the cut-off date.

Additional cancellations for \$1,580.00 are not included. The \$1,580.00 was made after the cut-off date and could not be canceled with the hotel catering service.

A decision about refunding members for the \$1,580 cancellation is forthcoming from the RAFINO Directors. If refunds were to be made for both items, the net loss for the Reunion would be \$2,108.61.

All these numbers are only for Reunion income and expenses. The last approved financial statement for the period October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2020, showed \$118,069.07. We have not been able to finalize our current financial statement because of delays in settling the Reunion income and expense accounts, but we will publish them as soon as they become available. Overall, our net worth as of November 16, 2022, is \$125,974.18. This includes approximately \$10,000 in investment income and over \$8,000 in dues, but it includes about \$11,000 in unrealized losses. Again, these are *unrealized losses*, and are no cause for panic.

The Trez Sez (cont.)

Our portfolio continues to invest only 65 percent of our total assets in conservative mutual and bond funds, with over \$30,000 in money market funds, and \$10,000 in a local checking account to pay bills. The returns have been very good, as we have realized over the last four years a 5 percent annual return on our investments, which amounts to \$20,000 in dividends and capital gains for those four years.

It has been a pleasure serving this great organization, as we have seen our assets grow from \$51,000 to \$126,000 over the last ten years, as we are fast approaching a financial position where we can survive totally on investment income. Your new treasurer, “Smitty” Smith, is extremely well qualified and will be taking over the treasurer duties shortly and “keep the ball rolling.”

Imre Volgyi, Treasurer
thevolgyis@epbfi.com

The Mission of The Retired U.S. Army Finance Organization (RAFINO)

Maintain and periodically distribute a roster to facilitate the continuation of good fellowship among retired members;

Issue a periodic hard copy newsletter to the members;

Maintain a current web page on the Internet to provide current information to the members and facilitate the exchange of information between members, with appropriate links for the convenience of members, prospective members, or legitimate researchers, having access to the internet; and



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| 1 James R. Banks | 16 Harry R. Miller |
| 1 Terry Hiatt | 16 S. Stewart Ridgeway, Jr. |
| 1 John W. Mellon | 17 Frank Fuentes |
| 1 Sandra V. Richardson | 17 Constance B. Jarvis |
| 2 Henry B. Hunt | 17 Marie A. May |
| 3 Carl R. Broadhurst | 18 Merlin L. Evered |
| 3 Patricia J. Emrick | 19 Cindy Beckham |
| 3 George P. Harned | 19 Frank W. Langman |
| 3 Junet A. Vasquez | 20 Jeanie Anderson |
| 4 Jennifer R. Boyd | 20 Armelia R. Davis |
| 4 Willie A. Coleman | 20 Ronald M. Gifford |
| 4 David R. Deel | 21 Stephen M. Mulhall |
| 5 Billy R. Barker | 21 Fred A. Runnels, Jr. |
| 5 Rex Dennis Lasley | 22 Billy Peters |
| 5 Dennis R. Papendick | 23 Gerald L. Bottorff |
| 5 Volker Schwarz | 25 Charles Ayres |
| 5 Miyoko Wilson | 25 Vandrick J. Cepeda |
| 6 Audrey L. Lee | 26 Michael A.B. Blas |
| 7 Larry K. Wolfe | 26 Ernest Crowder, Jr. |
| 8 G. Robert Smith | 26 Larry D. Mann |
| 11 Guilford W. Griffin | 27 Kandra P. Arling |
| 12 George L. Barber | 28 Kathleen R. Bennett |
| 12 Marlene S. Fey | 28 Virgilio D. A. Fortin |
| 12 Ronald F. Monty | 28 Paul R. Stephens |
| 13 Hector L. Colon | 29 Kenneth E. Crowder |
| 13 Kevin J. Kennedy | 29 Bruce F. Kimery |
| 13 Daniel South | 29 Wanda Spaulding |
| 14 James H. Mauldin | 30 Bonnie Bundick |
| 15 Quintin Fulgham, Sr. | 30 Eloy C. Mendiola |
| 15 Milton S. Gilbert | 31 Mark C. Atkinson |
| 15 Joseph L. Olson | 31 John W. Donley |



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| 4 | Kristen Jenkinson | 18 | Elmo C. Harrison, Jr. |
| 5 | Bobby W. Alexander | 19 | Trecia Buster |
| 5 | Kenneth L. Hall, Jr. | 20 | James A. Orcutt, Jr. |
| 8 | James A Enloe | 21 | Michael L. Belter |
| 8 | Michael L. Huston | 21 | Edward W. Maclean |
| 8 | Deb Vanderlinde | 21 | Claire L. Sears |
| 10 | Bradley E. Bergman | 21 | Robert W. Tudor |
| 10 | James H. Dillard | 22 | Wendy Freeman |
| 10 | Sam Friedman | 22 | Kevin E. Gullett |
| 10 | Steven A. Hill | 22 | Steven H Stillwell |
| 10 | Lewis Eugene Williams | 23 | Alan Glaubinger |
| 12 | Gilbert Cody | 23 | Lashaun A. Haley |
| 12 | Kathleen M. Mccleary | 24 | Alan P. Smith |
| 12 | Eric F. Zellars | 24 | Kevin L. Waller, Sr. |
| 13 | Michael H. Greenberg | 25 | Gary L. Comfort |
| 15 | Lawrence A. Anyanwu | 25 | James M. Fay |
| 15 | Allen M. Johannesen | 25 | Frankie L. Matthews |
| 16 | Robert L. Halverson | 27 | Samuel R. Young |
| 16 | Richard H. Patterson | 28 | Sandra Donohue |
| 16 | Michael H. Ponichtera | 28 | Arthur Perry |
| 17 | John W. Null | 28 | Donald Smallwood |
| 18 | Raymond B. Boddie | 30 | Connie J. Johnson |
| 18 | Nancy Carlson | | |

Reunion 2024



Stay Tuned...More details to follow.



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| 1 Roger W. Ahrens | 17 Joseph A. Myrda |
| 1 David A. Eason | 17 Carolyn R. Sharpe |
| 1 Charles R. Green | 17 Dean J. Vinten |
| 1 Robert H. Nakamura | 18 Chester F. Johnson |
| 2 Donald P. King | 18 Donna Preuss Keyes |
| 2 Dennis Martin | 18 Roger W. Searce |
| 2 Harlow C. Powers | 18 Jackie Tillotson |
| 3 John P. Gollnick | 19 Raymond E. Marino |
| 3 Curtis G. Mack | 21 Maxine J. Northcut |
| 4 Shannon H. Clowers | 21 Martin Tom Spainhour |
| 4 William (Wally) H. Wallace | 21 Ellen Stewart |
| 5 Christopher L. Babcock | 21 James M. Vaughn |
| 5 Kenneth W. Fields | 22 Derald E. Emory |
| 7 Marie Joyce E. Dunnigan | 22 Harriet A. Henderson-Timmons |
| 8 Barry S. Baer | 22 Betty A. Lilje |
| 8 Wayne A. Pinkham | 23 Phyllis Goss |
| 9 Thomas J. Brantley | 23 Barry W. Hoffman |
| 9 Chris L. Reynolds | 23 Mary Howes |
| 10 Leslie D. Cleland | 23 John K. Meehan |
| 10 F. Paul Spera | 23 Robert E. Rogers |
| 11 Olga L. Dunning | 25 Richard E. Riley |
| 11 Betty J. Knauff | 27 Victor Carter |
| 11 James F. Kopenhafer | 27 Michael A. Lawson |
| 11 Chad F Samsel | 28 Roger L. Brockney |
| 12 James Leonard | 28 Lester J. Clancy, II |
| 12 Nobel Lugo | 28 Ruth M. Miller |
| 12 Mike R. Massey | 29 John M. Bernhard |
| 12 Mark F. Smith | 29 Robert T. Cansler |
| 13 David Douglas | 29 Verne B. Hanson |
| 13 Earl Nicks | 29 Denis L. Merchant |
| 14 Terrence L. Arndt | 30 Wallace H. Currey |
| 14 Michael E. Belza | 30 Richard F. Hawley |
| 14 Kyle G. Davis | 30 Timothy W. Wagner |
| 14 Richard S. Rosen | 31 Richard K. Rankin |
| 17 Seth R. Knox, Jr. | 31 Rufford Warren |



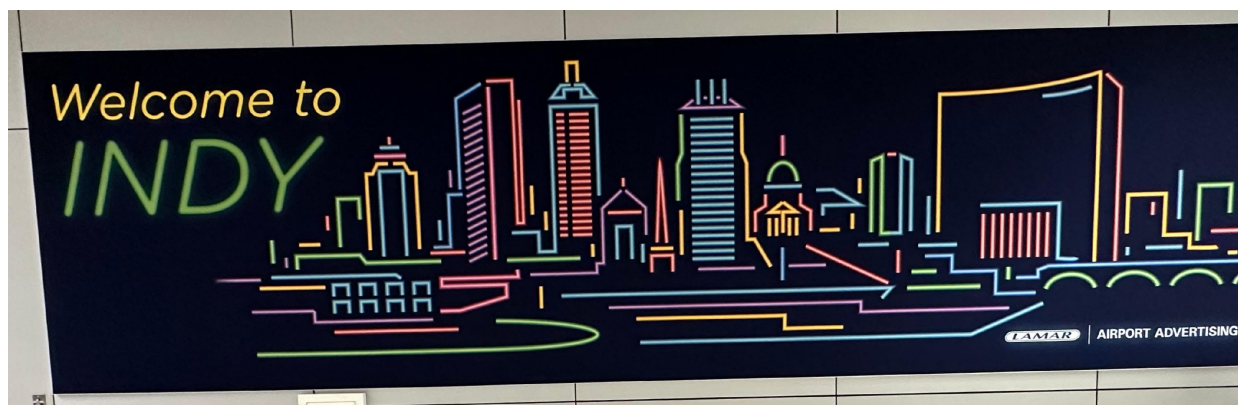
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| 1 | Edward R. McMullin | 13 | Eric J. Boone |
| 1 | Tom Roberts | 13 | Russell H. Dowden, Jr. |
| 1 | Annie L. Walker | 13 | Joseph R. Loftin |
| 1 | William G. Younger | 13 | Paul Morrisette |
| 2 | Reginald A. Gayle | 13 | James J. Watkins |
| 2 | James R. Love | 14 | Hector Perez |
| 3 | Robert L. Gordon | 15 | Thomas F. Morehouse |
| 3 | James R. Martens | 16 | Richard J. Hinton |
| 4 | Harley R. Mohr | 16 | Curt A. Rauhut |
| 4 | Ann Tolbert | 18 | Alexander G. Thomson |
| 5 | Michael S. Lawson | 18 | Joseph L. Watson, Jr. |
| 5 | Gary D. Penn | 19 | Richard M. Hahn |
| 5 | William A. Shirley | 19 | Michael J. West |
| 6 | Joanne C. Lofton | 20 | Marjorie L. Arnold |
| 6 | Kaye A. Taylor | 21 | William L. Crowson |
| 8 | Stevan W. Cady | 22 | Ronald E. Allen |
| 8 | William G. Morgan, Jr. | 23 | Edward L. Davidson |
| 8 | Sally L. Wallace | 24 | Russell J. Delaney |
| 10 | Ky Clark | 25 | Jack L. Lansford |
| 11 | Scott D. Kroeger | 28 | William Earl Daniels |
| 11 | C. Dale Preetorius | 28 | Martin P. Stein |
| 12 | Daisy C. Brown | 31 | Charles J. Costello |
| 12 | Thomas L Brown | 31 | Omuso D. George |
| 12 | Edgar E. Stanton, III | 31 | William E. Keach |

Moments from Reunion 2022





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| 1 Anthony Leo Lorenz | 16 Gary P. Goreth |
| 1 Gary L. Mccourt | 16 Tony A. Sherrod |
| 2 Robert C. Pratt, Jr. | 16 Arthur R. Winans |
| 2 James C. Tourgee, Jr. | 17 Shelton J. Champagne |
| 3 Efrain Medina | 17 Jeremiah P. Griffin |
| 4 Bruce D. Paul | 18 Scott A. Kraak |
| 5 Gene P. Abel | 18 Edward J. Mccaffrey |
| 5 James Agresta | 18 Larry G. Varchetti |
| 6 Marlin D. Erickson | 18 Andrea D. Wright |
| 6 Hans Kennedy | 19 Conrado S. Barranco |
| 7 Michael J. Schroeder | 19 Billie J. Kennedy |
| 8 Max Joseph Jakeman | 20 Carlton E. Davis |
| 9 Gregg L. Hill | 21 George T. Beckett |
| 10 Linden Accurso | 21 Kathy J. Hutchins |
| 10 Larry E. Hicks | 21 Warren R. Neill, Jr. |
| 10 Robert M. Speer | 22 George W. Dawley |
| 10 Marlina O. Walker | 22 Duane G. Ingalsbe |
| 11 Norman B. Kirby, Jr. | 22 Patrick T. Shine |
| 11 Emil J. Kovalchik | 23 Audrey P. Leach |
| 12 James L. Curren | 24 James M. Engoglia |
| 13 Wayne A. Borgmann | 26 Preston Moon |
| 13 Herbert L. Swarts | 26 Mary F. Smith |
| 14 Dianna M. Putnam | 27 Jesse T. Sablan |
| 14 Robert U. Schultz, Jr. | 28 Willis D. T. Darnell |
| 15 Eugene T. Hansen | 28 Scott Redeker |
| 16 L. John Anchor | |





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| 1 | Judith Prosser | 11 | Keith Madison |
| 2 | James R. Littleton | 13 | Valerie Ramos, Mrs. |
| 3 | Clema Jo Ferrell | 14 | Walter M. Swing |
| 3 | Wayne C. Ingle | 16 | Roman L.G. Benavente |
| 3 | Gregory D. Lebeda | 16 | Katherine Ford-Isensee |
| 3 | Harold A. Missimer | 16 | Timothy L. Jones |
| 3 | Roland J. Schwartzkopf | 17 | John W. Lanting |
| 4 | Bill Hunnicut | 18 | Christina Fulcher |
| 4 | Curtis D. Lee | 18 | George W. Weir |
| 4 | Richard R. Robson, Sr. | 20 | Robert J. Kerstetter |
| 5 | Juan Dejesus | 21 | Annette L. Dunham |
| 6 | Danno Svaranowic | 22 | Barbara J. Bearr |
| 7 | Annemarie Delgado | 22 | Delores M. Costello |
| 7 | James W. Whitehead, Jr. | 22 | Geraldine L. Miller |
| 7 | Thacker B. Williams, II | 23 | Richard D. Heroux |
| 8 | Sharon A. Medley | 23 | Donald E. Houston, Jr. |
| 9 | William J. Hanley, Jr. | 26 | Clarence Reed |
| 10 | Janet C. Hannam | 28 | Robert G. Bishoff |
| 10 | Glenn C. Williams | 30 | Joan L. Black |
| 11 | Gary Gabriel | 30 | Roxanne Brittain |
| 11 | Virginia M. Lamm | 31 | Patrick J. Boyd |



TAPS



GEORGE HUNTINGTON BANISTER

COL

JULY 15, 2022

Colonel George H. "Hunt" Banister passed away on July 15, 2022 at his home in Springfield, Virginia surrounded by loved ones. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, his family later moved to Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University (BS) and American University (MBA). Hunt served in the U.S. Army for eight years of active duty, including service in Vietnam, and 30 years of Reserve service, retiring as a full Colonel. Following his active duty service, he had a career with the federal government, retiring as Acting Director of Selective Service System. Upon retirement, Hunt enjoyed playing golf regularly and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda; his two daughters and their husbands, Betsy and Ryan Hannaford, Carly and Geoff Mwaungulu; three grandchildren, Cameron, Henry and Olivia Hunt; brother, Sam Banister and wife Ginny.

MARK SULLIVAN

CSM

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

We are heartbroken to announce to you the passing of Mr. Mark Sullivan, Army Financial Services senior financial manager. Mark was a devout husband, father, friend and professional, and his family asked us to pass along this incredibly sad news.

Mark retired from active duty as a Command Sergeant Major after more than 22 years before joining our civilian ranks for the last 13 years. During that time, he lived out the very best of our motto, "Service to Soldiers." Mark had just finished his most recent professional success as the RAFINO VP for Reunions and the highly successful Reunion in Indianapolis.

Mark is survived by his wife Rosalinda, daughter Annica, his sisters Cindy, Judy and Chris, and brother Anthony.

DELORES LEIGH AKERS EDMONDSON (Wife of COL James)

March 2, 2022

Our loving mother, sister, and wife, Dolores Leigh Akers Edmondson, 85, of Christiansburg, VA accepted the hand of Jesus March 2, 2022, after battling multiple health issues leading to hospice care since Christmas Eve 2021, peacefully in her home in Christiansburg, VA. Dolores Leigh Akers Edmondson was born on September 18, 1936 in Williamson, WV to Corbin W. Akers and Mary Scott Akers of Williamson WV, both deceased.

After graduating from Blacksburg High School, Dolores married her high school sweetheart, James Preston Edmondson from Purcellville, VA, on June 4, 1955. Dolores is survived by her husband as well as five children: Preston Scott Edmondson of Morrisville, NC (Debbie), Lisa Kay Echols of Wichita, KS (Drew), Richard Drew Edmondson of Morehead City, NC (Patti), Teresa Ann Esteves of Christiansburg, VA (Noel), and Dennis Neil Edmondson of Christiansburg, VA, and 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.



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| Douglas McNair | SGM | August 30, 2022 |
| Gladys Love Patty Bowman | (Wife of COL Joseph) | July 15, 2018 |
| William “Bill” Coghill | COL | April 28, 2016 |
| Ms. Gerry Coghill | (Wife of COL Bill) | March 17, 2019 |
| Lindsay W. Cannon | MSG | March 20, 2020 |

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leadeth me besides the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul;
 He guideth me in straight paths for His name sake.
 Yea, through the valley of death, I will fear no evil,
 For Thou art with me;
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Webmaster Opportunity

Your current webmaster, Robby Robson, is finally succumbing to the ravages of old age and advancing senility, to include issues with vision, and has decided it is time to hand over the reins of the website to some younger blood. The website involves two distinct sets of skills.

Using the App that Runs and Updates the Website and Its Associated Database

The first skill set is the day-to-day administration of the website, mostly involving using the pre-programmed features of the website for the following activities:

- Managing logins (and assisting folks who are login-challenged) and website privileges and authorizations using the pre-programmed security management app
- Managing member records for those who are unable or uncomfortable with using the DIY features of the member database to update their own records
- Updating the RAFINO bulletin board on the website
- The most serious—managing the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) rolls and periodically scanning the member records for potential additions to the TAPs rolls; for example, records with no recent activity or extensive delinquency on dues
- Producing targeted email (“E-Blasts”) on request from RAFINO officers and staff
- Assisting the secretary and treasurer in the execution of pre-programmed treasurer secretarial duties
- Providing spreadsheets and other targeted membership reports to RAFINO officers and staff
- Assisting members in using the website

Maintaining the Web App Programs and Web Pages for the Website

The second skill set is the maintenance of the pre-programmed apps on the website. Unlike many websites that are based primarily upon static, hard-coded web pages, the RAFINO website is based upon a programmatic web page “generator,” which combines some boiler-plate web pages with data from the RAFINO member database and associated treasurer and secretary data and environmental information to dynamically generate and deliver real-time, up-to-date web pages. An example of this is on our home page in the section showing today’s birthdays. That information is programmatically generated every time you go to the home page to see which members’ birthdates fall on the system’s current date. When you log in, the system checks your dues and membership status, generates the section of the home page that displays them, and shows them in real time. The birthdays appear at the bottom of the page.

This programmatic aspect of the website requires an individual who is comfortable with concepts such as the following:

- Web App Concepts
- Database (SQL Server)
- HTML (markup language for web pages)
- Microsoft’s C# (“C-Sharp”) programming language
- [Razor syntax](#) (similar to PHP, Razor is a syntax that allows for combining static HTML code and C# code and data for generating web pages)
- [ASP.Net](#) (Microsoft’s technology for running dynamic web pages on web servers)
- Entity Framework (Microsoft’s Object-Relational data access framework)
- [Visual Studio](#) and GIT (Microsoft’s integrated tools for working in the development environment)

Call to Action

If you are interested in taking over one or both of these areas in the website (with plenty of hand-holding by yours truly), please contact me by text (214-215-6221) or email (rrrobson@gmail.com)

Army Echoes Available

The new edition of Army Echoes is now available. Download the current edition by clicking on the link below or by using the newly updated Army Echoes app (iOS and Android):

Current edition: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/echoes/latest.pdf>

Army Echoes is the Army's official newsletter for Retired Soldiers and surviving spouses. It updates the retired Army community about changes to laws, policies, programs, and benefits that affect them. All Retired Soldiers and surviving spouses with active myPay accounts now receive Army Echoes electronically at their email address in myPay. Update your email address in myPay by visiting <https://mypay.dfas.mil/#/>.

The current edition includes the following featured articles:

- A message from the commander of US Army Recruiting Command
- The Military Women's Memorial celebrates 25 years
- A checklist for TRICARE open enrollment period
- More specifics about Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act benefits
- An expansion of the VA caregiver support program eligibility
- Clarification on foreign government employment compensation

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Reunion 2022



RAFINO History

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Keeping the Finance Family Together



RAFINO is a fraternal/social veterans' organization put together and run entirely for the enjoyment of soldiers who spent at least a large part of their Army life as Finance soldiers. Every Finance soldier eligible for retirement is eligible for membership in RAFINO. The organization offers a fun way to stay in contact with your friends and renew friendships with those whom you may have lost contact with over the years.

The original By-Laws were unanimously approved by the officers of RAFINO on the 31 of August 1987. The vote was based on mail replies of charter members the great majority of whom approved such formation of this society and the necessary steps to make it a non-profit veterans' organization.

The purposes above may be summarized in one word: fellowship. The two societies come together every two years for a festive Reunion. Cities where the Reunions have been held in the past include Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Ft. Jackson, Orlando, Williamsburg, Branson, Tacoma, San Antonio, Baton Rouge, Albuquerque, and in 2022, Indianapolis. These venues offer a great opportunity to not only visit great spots in the U.S. but, as mentioned above, visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

On October 15, 2016, the previous sister organization, RAFINCO, merged its membership and assets into RAFINO, making the RAFINO the single place for all ranks of retired Army finance soldiers.
