



RAFINO REPORTER

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"Keeping the Finance Family Together"



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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

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RAFINO Reporter Editor
John D. Veal, Jr.

The Prez Sez



Happy New Year to all and best wishes for an eventful year ahead for you and your family.

I am pleased to announce that John Veal, RAFINO's Vice President for Reunions has accepted the additional duties of acting First Vice President due to a resignation. John stepped forward to fill the position, and I am very grateful for his action that ensures we have a succession plan in place pending the 2024 election for new officers later this year.

The RAFINO Board leadership has seen multiple resignations and pending resignations due to personal and health reasons. In addition to John, I also will be soliciting volunteers from the RAFINO ranks to fill other Board positions in an acting capacity for the balance of 2024.

The important point for me is to get volunteers necessary to accomplish the mission at hand and ensure that RAFINO remains viable as a veterans' organization.

RAFINO is at a crossroads in many ways. The membership numbers of RAFINO, the senior organization of veteran Finance Corps soldiers, are in decline. The average age of the RAFINO membership is 75-80 years old. I propose to close the gap between "retirement-eligible" finance soldiers who are members of the Finance Corps Association (FCA), but not RAFINO. Many of us are Life Members of both organizations, and that provides both the FCA and RAFINO with a crossover touchstone for experience and expanded camaraderie. As a reminder, RAFINO is composed of all grades of enlisted and officer retirees, depending upon individual retirement circumstances. The retirement-eligible recruitment activity is my attempt to expand the RAFINO ranks with eligible personnel not yet on the retired rolls.

To lower RAFINO's age demographic, I plan to send out invitations to active duty, Army Reserve, and National Guard FCA members in the grades of E8 and above and the grades of O5 and above who are retirement-eligible, but not already RAFINO members. I also will be inviting all retirement-eligible FCA members to our 2024 Charleston Reunion event to "kick the tires" of RAFINO and see if it is a good choice for them and their spouses. We have streamlined the membership process by requiring all new and existing members to become Life Members, which is inexpensive. For those Finance Corps soldiers who would like to join RAFINO sooner, here is the link to apply for membership:

[RAFINO - New Membership Application](#)

Charleston! Charleston! Charleston! VP for Reunions, John Veal, has set the calendar for the 2024 Reunion. October 15 is the early-bird check-in, and the end-of-Reunion banquet will take place on the evening of October 19. The checkout date will be Sunday morning, October 20. John will send out the official "Save the Date" email with preliminary information about lodging and events sometime during the first quarter of 2024. Our working theme for the 2024 Reunion continues to be "The Army Finance Corps Down Through the Years." We need members to start curating pictures and stories that paint a narrative of the Finance Corps from its inception.

I received commitments from BG Paige Jennings, Commander of USA Financial Management Command; BG Rebecca McElwain, Director of Operations and Support, Army Financial Management and Comptroller; and COL Michelle Williams, Commandant of the USA Finance & Comptroller School to participate in a Finance Corps 2030 workshop that will be held during the Reunion. A lot of changes have occurred since most of the RAFINO membership retired. The workshop will bring us all up to date on the Army sustainment wartime and peacetime missions of the Army Finance Corps. The soon to be released Army FM 4-80, *Finance and Comptroller Operations* will be the centerpiece of this workshop. It will be informative, and you will hear from the Finance Corps top leadership who are responsible for the implementation and execution of the new doctrine. I have spoken with the Army Financial Management and Comptroller SGM, Terry Anderson, and he has agreed to be the 2024 RAFINO Reunion's keynote speaker at the October 19 banquet in Charleston. I asked SGM Anderson to deliver a capstone address that would provide a commentary and summary around what was discussed during the Finance Corps 2030 workshop on the 18th.

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

The Trez Sez



As of January 22, 2024, our membership stands at 695, of which 247 members are surviving spouses, 338 are Life Members, and an additional 27 are non-life members who are current with their dues. Eighty three members are past due, including 28 who have not paid the 2024 dues that were due on January 1. In the last six years, we have voluntarily converted 93 percent of our paid up members to life memberships. In the near future, we will be proposing a change to our bylaws to require mandatory life memberships. This topic will be discussed in further detail, so please wait for the proposal before forming an opinion.

Financially, we remain very sound as of December 31, 2023. We have stood our ground and only made one major move by putting the funds in our Schwab Banking Account into a Government Money Market Fund. This increased our interest rate from .4 (4/10 of one percent) to 5 percent. Overall, our dividend returns from our investments remained at about \$5,000 in 2023, which is very close to the total it has been for the last five years. Additionally, the unrealized losses have been cut in half over the past year from about \$13,000 to \$6,500. Income from dues continues to decline, as we convert additional members to life membership. In the big picture, our assets have grown from \$126,000 to \$138,500 in just over one year. Once we receive all the financial data, we will be publishing more exact dollar amounts.

Due to some unexpected events, I will continue as your Treasurer thru the end of 2024.

Imre Volgyi, Treasurer
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A Blast from the Past FOAC 01-81



<p>FIRST ROW CPT SIRANN Z. PFAFFE CPT MARIANNE B. VEGIARY CPT ANTONIO J. GOMES CPT MARJORY M. MARCEL MAJ MARLIN D. ERICKSON CPT LINDA M. EWING CPT SUSAN B. MC NAIR CPT ELIZABETH A. MAC GUIRE CPT JOSE P. CARVALHO CPT RONALD R. CUNITZ</p>	<p>SECOND ROW CPT ODELL ARRINGTON CPT THOMAS J. MULYCA CPT ROBERT P. FITZGERALD CPT JOSEPH R. EMERY CPT DANIEL R. GEMMELL CPT KAREN L. PERKINS CPT BARBARA T. MULLIGAN CPT GEORGE W. WEIR CPT CLAUDE G. BRYAN THIRD ROW CPT WILLIAM E. L. SMITH JR. CLASS LEADER CPT LINDA M. EWING</p>	<p>U. S. ARMY INST. OF PERS. & RESOURCE MGT. FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANA FINANCE SCHOOL FOAC 1-81 6 JAN 81 THRU 17 JUN 81 DIRECTOR, FINANCE SCHOOL LTC TED V. COOPER CLASS ADVISOR MAJ MARLIN D. ERICKSON</p>	<p>CPT REGINALD C. VAILLEUX CPT WALTER W. STODDOLL CPT ROBERT R. DONOHO 1LT MICHAEL A. HURD CPT ERIC M. WITZBERGER CPT JOHNNY L. GARRETT CPT ERVIN PEARSON CPT DAVID SAINE CPT DONALD E. GRUBB FOURTH ROW CPT MERRY K. SHEPPARD CPT DALE W. VARGA</p>	<p>CPT GEORGE H. MC NAIR CPT JESSE M. PEREZ 1LT(P) MICHAEL W. GRAY CPT SCOTT D. KROEGER CPT ANGUS S. AULL CPT RONALD N. MUTISPAUGH FIFTH ROW CPT WILLIAM RIVERA CPT ARTHUR B. MARTIN JR. CPT HARLEY M. BROWN CPT JAMES W. WHITEHEAD JR. CPT JOHN R. HERGO</p>
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Reunion 2024



Planning continues for the 2024 RAFINO Reunion, which will be held in Charleston, SC, October 16-20, 2024. Our conference hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport. The staff is waiting for our arrival and has pledged to make this a great time for our Reunion. Planned events include the following:

- Charleston City Tour
- Patriots Point Tour
- Spirit of Carolina Dinner Cruise
- RAFINO Banquet and much more.

It is our goal to have the registration portal open no later than March 1, 2024. Keep your eyes glued to your email because we will send out a notice as soon as the portal is open.

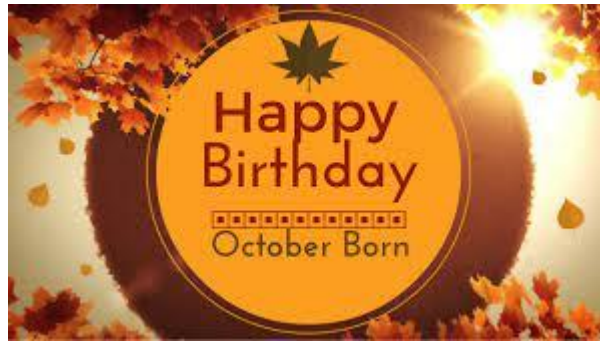
As always, I welcome your recommendations for things to include in the schedule. Feel free to drop me an email to jdvealjr@sbcglobal.net. Make sure your email contains "RAFINO Reunion 2024" as your subject.

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 | |

Quote to Start Your Year

“Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too.”

---Mark Twain



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	22	Wendy Freeman
10	James H. Dillard	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	Nancy Carlson	30	Connie J Johnson

RAFINO Needs You!!!

There have been a number of unexpected losses from your RAFINO Board of Directors. In order to continue the great work, we need our members to step up and volunteer their time with the organization. You can start by volunteering to fill one of our current vacant positions.

More importantly, you can consider throwing your name out for consideration, as we elect our new officers at the RAFINO Convention in Charleston this fall. Take a look at your schedule and let us know how you can serve the organization.



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| 1 Roger W. Ahrens | 17 Joseph A Myrda |
| 1 David A. Eason | 17 Carolyn R Sharpe |
| 1 Robert H. Nakamura | 17 Dean J. Vinten |
| 2 Donald P. King | 18 Chester F. Johnson |
| 2 Dennis Martin | 18 Donna Preuss Keyes |
| 2 Harlow C. Powers | 18 Roger W. Scarce |
| 3 John P. Gollnick | 18 Jackie Tillotson |
| 3 Curtis G. Mack | 19 Raymond E. Marino |
| 4 Shannon H. Clowers | 21 Maxine J. Northcut |
| 4 William (Wally) H Wallace | 21 Martin Tom Spainhour |
| 5 Christopher L Babcock | 21 Ellen Stewart |
| 5 Kenneth W. Fields | 21 James M. Vaughn |
| 6 Jeffrey W Martin | 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 |



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
10	Ky Clark	24	Russell J. Delaney
11	Scott D Kroeger	25	Jack L Lansford
11	C. Dale Preetorius	28	William Earl Daniels
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

Time to Laugh

Why do Twitter users make bad soldiers? They are too quick to retweet.

What do you call a high-ranking officer who hates recycling? General Waste

What do you get when you drop a piano on a British Army officer? A-flat Major.

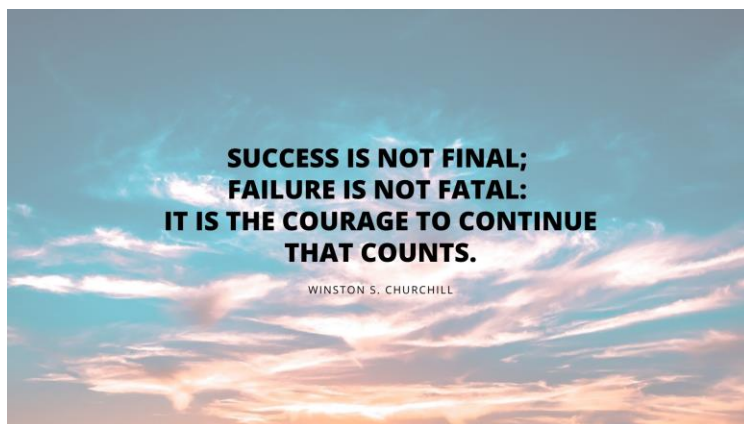
My friend asked why I would not tell him my military rank. I told him it's *Private*.

What do you call a soldier who never made it past boot camp? A Police Officer.

Two low-ranking soldiers were talking. It was a *private* conversation.



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| 3 | Efrain Medina | 17 | Jeremiah P. Griffin |
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| 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 | Marlena O. Walker | 22 | Duane G. Ingalsbe |
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| 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 |
| 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 | 18 | Christina Fulcher |
| 4 | Bill Hunnicut | 18 | George W. Weir |
| 4 | Curtis D. Lee | 20 | Robert J Kerstetter |
| 4 | Richard R Robson, Sr. | 21 | Annette L. Dunham |
| 5 | Juan Dejesus | 22 | Barbara J. Bearr |
| 6 | Danno Svaranowic | 22 | Delores M. Costello |
| 7 | Annemarie Delgado | 22 | Geraldine L Miller |
| 7 | James W Whitehead, Jr. | 23 | Richard D. Heroux |
| 7 | Thacker B. Williams, II | 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 |

Finance Corps NCO Leadership



**WILLIAM F. RAWLEY, SR.****COL****February 25, 2020**

COL William F. Rawley, Sr., loving and giving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather went peacefully to be with his Lord on February 25, 2020 after 49 years in Raleigh and 20 previous moves as an Army officer. ‘Frank’ was born in Pelham, N.C. on June 8, 1923 to Charles Ernest and Mary Wright Rawley. He was raised by Janie Katherine Rawley of Reidsville, N.C.

He left Davidson College in 1942 and joined the Army and served in WWII with the 5th Regiment, 71st Infantry Division under General George Patton in Augsburg, Germany, followed by Army of Occupation until 1945. His final military assignment was at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1967 as Deputy Comptroller of XVII Airborne Corps and Finance and Accounting Officer.

His survivors include his sister Louise Ogden of Raleigh, N.C., his daughter Dorothy Hendricksen (Ron) and their sons: Charles, his daughters Grace and Molly; Christopher (Gavin) their daughters Ava Rawley and Claire; Michael (Kathryn), their daughters Caroline, Meredith, Linley, and Anna; his daughter Kathy (Beegee), their daughter Lindsey Nelson (Sam), their daughters Sydney and Kate; and Cheryl Rawley (wife of deceased William F. Rawley, Jr.)

He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Hamrick Rawley, their son, William F. Rawley, Jr., and his brothers: Ernest, Albert, and John Rawley.

JOHN W. LANTING**SGM****July 6, 2023**

SGM John W. Lanting or ‘Vanni’ as his wife affectionately called him was born 17 March 1927 in Ontario, CA, the son of William and Catherine (Meyer) Lanting, both immigrants from Holland. John joined the Army in 1945, and retired as a Finance SGM in February 1976 after a 30 year military career. On his second tour of duty in Austria, John was introduced to Feodora (Fae) Ovcinnikov on a blind date on 7 December 1954. After a short courtship they were married at the Stiftskaserne in Vienna on 16 July 1955.

John passed away on 6 July 2023, within five days of being admitted to the Prescott VA Hospice Heroes Way, and just 10 days short of celebrating his and Fae’s 68th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife Fae of Prescott, his daughters Michelle (Brian), Audrey (Kurt), grandsons Sage, Caleb and Ezra from California, and other Lanting/Meyer relatives Jim Voss (Nancy and their children Rob, Melody, Tim), Catherine Vanatar, Shirley Pierce, Nancy (& Osha) Mendonca, Frank Mendonca, Sharon Roque, Cathy Kazabee, Marie Stiles and Ruth Henderson. John’s final resting place will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

**MARTIN P. STEIN****SFC****July 6, 2023**

SFC Martin “Marty” Phillip Stein, age 70, of Cataract, WI passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of July 6th, 2023 with his beloved wife, Patricia, by his side. Marty was born on January 28, 1953 to Phillip and Donna Stein in Port Huron, MI and was raised in Lakeport, MI. He attended St. Edward’s Catholic School during his elementary years and then went on to be in the last graduating class of Port Huron Catholic High School, Class of 1971. After graduating, Marty went on to join the U.S. Army in 1973. Marty enjoyed a long career in the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1994 with tours overseas in Korea and Germany.

Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Donna Stein, and stepmother, Carole Stein. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Dempsey; cherished children, Phillip Stein and Heather Stein Waggoner; adored grandchildren, Jacob and Trinity Stein and Hannah Waggoner; beloved sisters, Diane (Robert) Foglesong and Marsha (Marlin) Barker; nieces Melissa King and Christina (Steve) Thale, and brother Frank (Debbie) Tricia and Steven Stein.

JOHN S. MEDLEY**SGM****August 31, 2023**

SGM John Sampson Medley, a dedicated husband, father, brother, and military veteran, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023, in Fishers, Indiana, at the age of 85. A visitation to celebrate his life was held on September 9, 2023. John was born on May 26, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, John was the beloved son of Margaret H. Medley and Chester J. Telafarro. He most recently resided in Fishers, Indiana. The military played a significant role in John's life, as he dedicated 32 years of service to the United States Army, retiring as a Sergeant Major (SGM) in the finance corps in 1988.

John is survived by his loving wife, Sugi Medley, his devoted daughter, Margaret Williamson, and her husband, Brandon Williamson, as well as his cherished step-daughters, Melissa Gardner and Jessica Russ, and their respective husbands, Marv Gardner and Adam Russ. He is also survived by his brother, Abby Medley, and leaves behind a legacy of love and leadership to his five adored grandchildren.

JAMES S. GILLASPIE**SGM****September 2, 2023**

SGM James Stanley Gillaspie, better known to his friends and family as “Stanley” or “Stan” passed away at the age of 81 on Saturday, September 2, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas. Stan was born on May 26, 1942, in Galax, Virginia to Margie (Creed) and Cleo Gillaspie. After graduating from Galax High School, Stan attended East Tennessee State University then joined the US Army in January 1964. He served in Vietnam, Germany and the U.S. After 30 years of active duty, Sergeant Major Gillaspie retired from the Army and started his second career as a government civilian employee. He was an active member of RAFINO (Retired Army Finance Organization). Stan was an avid golfer and Dallas Cowboy fan.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and several aunts and uncles. Stan was survived by Monika Rohr Gillaspie, his beloved wife of 52 years, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

**SALLY L. WALLACE****COL****September 20, 2023**

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we announce the passing of COL Sally Lee Wallace on September 20, 2023 at the age of 70. COL Wallace was born on January 8, 1953 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan to the late Betty Lee Dorr and George E. Wallace. She received a B.S. in Business Administration at Central Michigan University, and shortly after received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She served on Active Duty from 1976 to 1983, and was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC and Fort Belvoir, VA. She met her late husband, James Dunphy, while both were stationed at Fort Jackson and they were married in January 1980.

COL. Wallace was released from active duty in December 1983 and worked as a civilian in various positions for the Department of the Navy. In 1984, she received an M.S. in Information Systems Technology from George Washington University. In 1990, she transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs, working in various Information Technology positions, including managing the Veterans Benefits Administration's Year 2000 project. In 2003, she was appointed a member of the Senior Executive Service and served in various leadership positions until her retirement in 2009. She received many awards including the 2009 Meritorious Presidential Rank Award.

COL. Wallace is survived by her son, Peter, her brother, James, numerous cousins, and the hundreds who loved her. Her husband predeceased her in 2020. They both made the world a better and kinder place. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Donations in honor of COL Wallace may be made to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation or the Military Women's Memorial Foundation.

RICHARD E. PEDERSEN**COL****September 22, 2023**

On the morning of September 22, 2023, Colonel (R) Richard Edwin Pedersen of Indianapolis Indiana died at the age of eighty-five (85). Funeral Services will be held at 11am on Friday, October 6, 2023 at The Church of the Nativity in Indianapolis, IN

Colonel Pedersen was born in Tulsa, Okla., on April 22, 1938, the eldest child of Richard Bert and Gladys Fischer Pedersen. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). His career in the Finance Corps began in 1962 when he was assigned to the 105th Finance Disbursing Section in Munich, Germany. While in Germany, Richard met and married Sally Ann Wilkinson. Their two sons, David Eric and Richard Olin were born in Munich.

Richard is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sally, sons David Eric (Joyce), Richard Olin (Alison), and Robert Arne (Michele); grandsons Richard Blake, Charles Graham (Haily), granddaughter Faith; his sister Jerri Bolinger (Bob), brother Bert (Donna) and brother Ollie (Janice), brother-in-law Mark Silva (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews.

TAPS



WILLIAM A. BAYLISS

LTC

December 6, 2023

LTC William A. Bayliss Jr., USA (Ret), age 81 passed away December 6, 2023. LTC Bayliss was raised in South Orange NJ and became the youngest Eagle Scout at the age of 12 in Troop 10 Orange Mountain Council NJ. He was a graduate of St. Anselm's College with a BA degree in Economics, and an MBA from Indiana University. He enlisted in the US Naval Reserves in 1962 and transferred to the US Army, attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning GA and was commissioned an Infantry 2LT; served in Vietnam and Germany, and multiple major commands in the DC area until he retired in 1984.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Genevieve and William A. Bayliss Sr. and his brother John Robert Bayliss. He is survived by his wife Terry, children William III and Mary Frances Snider, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

JOHN W. OLSON

LTC

December 13, 2023

We are sad to announce that on December 13, 2023 we had to say goodbye to John Whittemore Olson of Mesa, Arizona, born in Vermillion, South Dakota. He was predeceased by his parents, Lester K. Olson and Dorothy W. Olson; and his wife Joan Moore of Troy.

He is survived by : his children, Kirstin of Mountain House, CA, John Joseph (Huichi) and Kris; his granddaughter Raechel of Las Vegas, NV; his daughter Erica Melies (PJ); his grandsons, Brody and Austin; his great grandchild Ryder of Mesa, AZ.; and his siblings, Karen Lennon of Cos Cob, CT and Peter Olson (Patricia) of El Paso. In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's memory may be made to Catholic Charities Mana House, that supports military veterans in finding a home.

SALLY PEDERSEN

(Wife of COL Joseph)

January 1, 2024

On the morning of January 1, 2024, Sally Ann Pedersen of Indianapolis Indiana passed away peacefully at the age of eighty-five (85). Funeral Services were held on January 27, 2024 at The Church of the Nativity on Lantern Road in Indianapolis, IN. Sally Pedersen was born in Philadelphia, PA, on June 16, 1938, the daughter of Susan L. Wilkinson.

Sally was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves on February 24, 1960. She graduated from the Army Nursing Corp Basic on April 29, 1960. She was assigned to 2nd Field Hospital, USAREUR, Munich, Germany, where her specialty was a Med Surg Nurse. While in Germany, Sally met and married Richard Edwin Pedersen. They decided to start a family and she assumed the duties of a United States Army Officer's wife. Sally received an Honorable discharge from the United States Army on March 23, 1962. Their two sons, David Eric and Richard Olin were born in Munich. From there, the family was stationed at Fort Lewis, WA, where she gave birth to her youngest son, Robert Arne.

Sally was preceded in death by her husband Colonel (R) Richard Edwin Pedersen and her mother, Susan L. Wilkinson. Sally is survived by her sons David Eric (Joyce), Richard Olin (Alison), and Robert Arne (Michele); grandsons Richard Blake, Charles Graham (Haily), granddaughter Faith Anikka; and many nieces and nephews.

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 and 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-do-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 handholding by yours truly), please contact me by text at 214-215-6221 or email at rrobson@gmail.com.

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 Financial Management 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 bylaws 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.