



## October we celebrate....



3 October 1990



Colonel (Candy Bomber) Gail Halvorsen's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday,  
October 10, 2021



## On our Cover:

### German Unity Day

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: German Unity Day is the National Day in Germany celebrated as a public holiday. It commemorates German reunification in 1990 when the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic were unified, so that for the first time since 1945 there existed a single German state. East and West officially united!!!!

### German-American Day

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Besides being a great excuse to eat bratwurst and drink beer like there's no tomorrow, German-American Day honors the anniversary of the first German immigrants arriving in America. Since they touched down and created Germantown in Pennsylvania, German immigrants and their descendants have had a massive impact on American culture and history.

### Colonel Halvorsen turns 101

Col. Halvorsen turned 101 on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Berlin Brats had a Colorado Springs regional that day held at the Edelweiss Restaurant, so we celebrated the Candy Bomber's life of gratitude & service with an Air Force cake and a giant b-day card poster (which was later mailed to him).

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## Colorado Springs regional – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



L to R: Lee Wymer-SOB (spouse of Brat), Dana Simnioniw-SOB, Robyn (Simpson) Simnioniw '77, Judy (Kosan) Bygott '72 Karlsruhe Brat, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, Karrie (Kotcher) Wymer '86, Jason Wells-guest, Glenn Goltz '72, Kacy Hubbard '88, Victor Lopez '73, Pat Bygott-SOB; Debbie Jamieson-guest, Gilbert Lopez '80, Dave Goltz '78, Darla (Tabor) Hung '88, Jeff Hung-SOB, Steve Sullivan '71, & Chris Kyrios '75 Karlsruhe Brat/Colorado Brats Club. (Kelly Sullivan '78 left before pictures). Our 1<sup>st</sup> Letterjacket: belonging to Mr. Alex Kyrios-our 1st Principal in Berlin (1951) is hanging on the rock wall in the rear.



## "The Spirit of Freedom"...

*from the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation (10/20/21)*

will be back at air shows soon!!

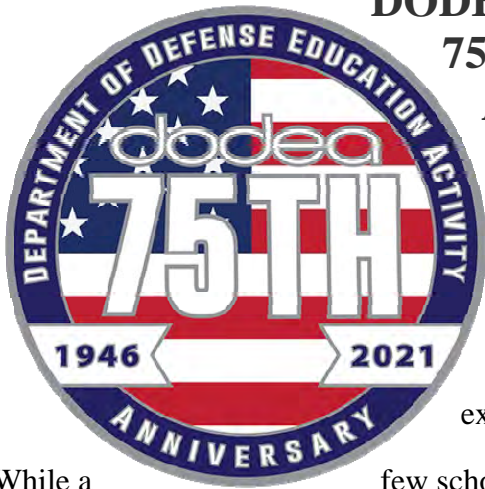
As we reported in our April 2020 Newsletter the Candy Bomber's C-54 was damaged in the tornados that hit the Carolinas in early April of 2020.

Here it is fresh out of the paint booth. C-54D "Spirit of Freedom" sporting a similar paint scheme to its predecessor but wearing its serial number in its proper place and proper USAF titling. "Spirit of Freedom" nose art is being developed as we type this.



**Damage  
incurred - pics  
from April 2020  
issue**

Visit: <http://www.spiritoffreedom.org/> for more information and the upcoming air show schedule.



## **DODEA (FORMERLY DODDS) CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING FOR MILITARY- CONNECTED STUDENTS...IE: BRATS!**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** — October 10, 2021 — The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) celebrates its 75th anniversary during the 2021-2022 School Year, continuing a tradition of excellence in education that began on October 14, 1946.

While a few schools on military bases within the continental United States and its territories were operating prior to World War II, the school system we know today as the Department of Defense Education Activity formally began with the establishment of dependents schools overseas.

Shortly after the end of World War II and the arrival of military families overseas, the Army established a Dependents School Service (DSS) to establish schools for the children of American service members in the occupied countries Germany, Austria and Japan. In the spring of 1946, two Army Majors, Virgil Walker in Germany and Herbert Ingraham in Japan, led the effort. Both officers and experienced educators prior to the war mobilized to recruit teachers, organize curriculum and develop budgets to support this major logistical effort.

From these humble beginnings, with classrooms in Quonset huts and empty barracks, school operations expanded rapidly. No one could have imagined that those early beginnings would last far longer than the mission of the occupational forces.

Since that foundational year, DoDEA expanded, consolidated and reorganized many times to meet the educational needs of military-connected youth. In 1992, Congress unified the domestic and overseas school operations under the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"While the world has changed dramatically since our system began. The spirit of our teachers and administrators is the same now as it was then --- infused to the core with determination and innovation. DoDEA's core mission remains the same," said DoDEA Director Tom Brady.

The 75-year effort has not been without its trials and tribulations, as well as successes. Our organization has overcome conflict, wars, natural disasters, political upheaval, 9/11, COVID-19, and more. DoDEA knows and understands what is important to military families and students – a high quality education and a rigorous curriculum in a caring, dependable, predictable and stable environment.

"A laser-like focus on teaching and learning in our schools, past and present, has better enabled our warriors to make lasting contributions to our nation's defense, and indeed the defense of freedom around the world. As a contributing partner and a key quality of life component within the communities we serve, DoDEA remains committed to providing the best education and care for Service members and their families," said Brady.

The commemoration will conclude with graduation celebrations at the end of the school year. In between, we will acknowledge important milestones and highlight our history, significant achievements, and people. We'll look back with gratitude on the remarkable men and women who made it their life's work to care for, educate, and empower **more than 15 million military-connected children who have passed through our doors.**

Director Brady remarked that from our early beginnings, we have maintained an ongoing focus on continuous improvement, the future, and our promise and commitment to ensure Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere.

“As a DoDEA community, we take great pride in our history of accomplishing the mission. While there has been much change over the history of DoDEA, one thing remains constant -- students are at the heart of everything we do,” said Brady.

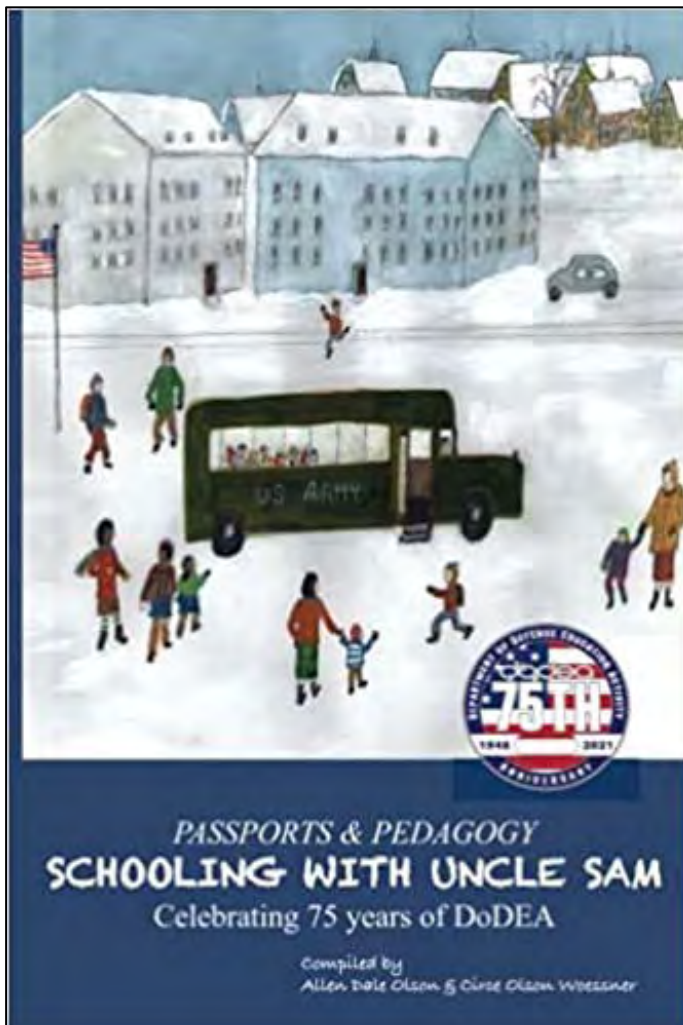
As a DoD Field Activity today, DoDEA operates 160 schools in eight districts across 11 countries, seven U.S. states and two U.S. territories for more than 67,000 students. The current footprint is configured to provide 21st-century instructional facilities and a world class education in the areas where our Nation's Service members and their families are located, and we maintain the organizational flexibility required to adapt to the evolving needs of the military services we support.

**Note: BERLIN was one of the first 5 high schools opened in Europe in Oct 1946.**

**Watch this 7-minute vid (*copy link to browser*) on our educational history.....keep an eye out for Mr. Sullivan-FAC '67-'87!**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrRAteqfwHY>**

**New Book just released in September 2021 to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup>:**



## **Schooling With Uncle Sam:**

Celebrating 75 Years of DoDEA

by [Allen Dale Olson](#) (FAC-Author), [Circe Olson Woessner](#) (Brat-Editor)

An anthology of nearly a hundred first-hand stories and commentary by former teachers and students of DoDEA -- the world-wide Department of Defense school system for the children of U.S. military personnel.

The collection pays tribute to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the far-flung school districts which opened in Germany and Japan in October 1946.

## I Need to Sleep

*By: Agnes Martinko (DoDEA/DoDDs teacher, reprinted from the Fall 2021, AOSHS Quarterly)*

I need to sleep, but I'm too excited! I leave tomorrow, August 8, 1960, to teach American children of servicemen stationed in Germany. The train leaves at 7 am. All night long, I anticipate what it might be like. In the morning, a neighbor takes me to the station. What a surprise! Brothers, sister, nieces, and nephews are all there. No tears just jubilation. My brother puts a movie camera he got at a flea market around my neck. It weighs a ton! "All aboard!" Off we go. I need to sleep, but I want to say goodbye to my beautiful Pennsylvania hills.

I try to calm my anticipation as we reach Philadelphia Station. A friend is waiting there. He puts my suitcase and camera in the car and drives us to the New Jersey Air Force destination. My orders are ready, all set to go. But wait, there will be a four-hour delay. My friend tries out the camera. He films planes coming and going until all the film is gone. Finally, a call to board. What? Is the Army still using propeller airplanes?

Soldiers in fatigues and high-top boots fill the seats with a few teachers here and there. Out the window, the sun is setting to my left. That means we are traveling north. But Europe is to the east. Shall I tell the pilot he made a wrong turn? Just then the pilot comes on the speaker and says we are going to Newfoundland to get some fuel and then to Scotland to get more fuel and then head south to Germany. Couldn't we just use American fuel?

I need to sleep and tried to find a comfortable position but, in a few minutes, fingers come through the space between the seats and touch my breast. I turned around and said, "Don't you ever try that again." I need to sleep but not now! Flames are coming out of the engines, and I have to make sure the plane doesn't catch on fire.

After 23 hours in flight, we reach our destination in the middle of the night. No one should have to sit in a plane that long! A bus takes us to an Army post. Four of us teachers will stay in the same room overnight. My orders say, I have to take an Army bus at six to the railroad station. The others will go to local schools in the afternoon. I won't have time to sleep, but I can finally change my clothes and lie down for a while. There's a knock on the door. One of the teachers invited the crew from the plane to join us for an arrival party. So, in come the guys with their bottles of booze! I have one drink and go down to look for the bus in my same old clothes.

From the Frankfurt station, I take the train to Nuremburg. That's clear on the other side of the country! I'm glued to the window looking at a strange, new countryside. The towns are quaint, but war's desecration can be seen everywhere. I wish there was film in my camera! I need to sleep, but I don't want to miss anything. My orders say, tonight I will be in a hotel, where I can finally sleep.

From the Nuremburg station, I look across the intersection and see big letters that say, Grand Hotel. But, on the painted sign over the door, it says, US ARMY HOTEL. I show my orders at the desk and get the keys to my hotel room. I clutch them with joy and envision a bath, a change of clothes, and a bed all to myself for the night. Just then, a man walks towards me and asks, "Are you Agnes Martinko?"

"Yes, I am."

"Well, I'm your principal at the school. I was scheduled to pick you up tomorrow but since I'm in town, I thought you might like to go there today. We can have dinner there. It takes about two hours to drive to the Post where you will stay."



I turn in my keys with tears in my eyes.

The principal explained that I'd have to get a car since there wasn't any civilian transportation in Vilseck. He said that the Iron Curtain was only 12 miles away and I needed to study the map. Don't take any wrong turns. Spies and kidnappers work the border. Hitler confiscated ninety-two acres of villages and farmland to make a practice place for live ammunition with tanks and live guns. NATO forces use it now. We joke and say, "It's where the thunder never ceases." You have two weeks before school starts, Go down to the Alps. See the Passion Play. It only happens every ten years and this is the year. On and on he went. My eyes kept closing, but I couldn't allow myself to sleep, he was my principal.

We drive up to the building that's to be my home. There is homemade scaffolding all over the front. The principal says that it looked drab, so he is having painters paint the outside hot pink. I say under my breath, "It looks like a brothel." The principal carries my suitcase into the room and says, "Goodnight. Oh, wait a minute, I have to get your camera." I locked the door, peeled off my clothes, took a shower, laid down on the bed and was out like a light.

Windows were shattering, men were shouting. Is that German, Russian or Czech? The sun is up, it must be morning. Have we been invaded? Someone is banging on my door. I shout, "Who's there?"

"Lt. Kelly, I've come to take you to the Officer's Club for breakfast."

"I'm not dressed."

"I'll be back in an hour, will that be okay?"

"I guess."

At least I got a chance to sleep. Only God knows what will come next.



## 20th Anniversary of 9-11....



We lost a Berlin Brat – Lt. Col. Kip Taylor '81 at the Pentagon. Kip's wife Nancy was 8 months pregnant at the time....

Luke's story, along with other teens mourning their parents' loss prior to their births, appear in this Washington Post article.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/.../9-11-stories-fathers.../>



Luke is second from left.

Notice the: "Right on Bears" button on Luke's bulletin board of his father after you open the article.



Special thanks go to Bryan Duckett '84 who saw this unique tribute to Kip on the way to work. 9-11-21:



Bryan wrote:

I drove by a Morningstar storage sign this morning, and had to rush in and speak with the manager. Morningstar corporation asked each store manager to select a name of someone killed during the 9/11 attacks. Chris Rhodes, the manager of the store in Fort Mill, SC, said he was reading some of the stories of those killed and said he selected Kip P. Taylor. (Thank you Chris!!!!)

## BRAT GET-TOGETHERS



*Accidental meet up:*

Leigh (Love) Roper '85: What?! Look what I found at the DFW airport. It's a Berlin Brat!  
Mark Britton '84 (7/28/21)

Spending time with my best friend on a beautiful Florida night doesn't get any better.

Lisa (Glisson) Gould '85 (R)  
w/Lauraann (Chapman) Ohman '85  
(L), Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Cocoa Village, FL



## Symbols of humanity

It began in 1945, when the U.S. first began sending the parcels of food and supplies to war-ravaged Europe. The French were the first to receive them in May 1946. There were no luxury items in the ochre-brown boxes, but they did contain what people needed most: a total of about 20 pounds (nine kilograms) of meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables, sugar and coffee, butter, condensed milk, cornflakes, chewing gum and, believe it or not, a packet of cigarettes.

The first CARE packages that went to Europe, were the so-called Ten-in-One-Rations from US Army surplus set up for the invasion of Japan, which during the World War Two were put together to feed a meal to 10 soldiers.

These parcels were sent to ease the worsening of supplies, particularly in West Germany where large numbers of people were at risk of starvation in the wake of the Second World War.

### Post WW II CARE Package

#### Contents of Humanity

one pound of beef in broth  
 one pound of steak and kidneys  
 8 ounces of liver loaf  
 8 ounces of corned beef  
 12 ounces of luncheon loaf (like Spam)  
 8 ounces of bacon  
 2 pounds of margarine  
 one pound of lard  
 one pound of fruit preserves  
 one pound of honey  
 one pound of raisins  
 one pound of chocolate  
 2 pounds of sugar  
 8 ounces of egg powder  
 2 pounds of whole-milk powder  
 2 pounds of coffee



**20 pounds of food from American donors  
 at the cost of \$10.00 each, helped save  
 post war Europe from starvation.**



In November 1945, a total of 22 American aid agencies set up "the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe" (CARE), which would end up giving the packages their name.

The "American Ranger" freighter docked in Bremen Germany in the middle of July 1946 with the first of 35,700 CARE packages for Germany. One month later, on August 10, the first family in Berlin held one in their hands. Thousands of parcels would follow, all sponsored by US families who paid \$10 per parcel.

Later, CARE also helped with the Berlin Airlift of 1948/1949 with calorie-rich help for those in need. Some 200,000 parcels were dropped from the so called "Rosinenbomber," or "Candy Bombers" as the planes flying into the isolated western part of the city were called. The Soviet Union however blocked delivery of CARE parcels into the eastern sector.

It was much more than a mere package. Germany's first post-war chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, praised CARE in 1949 as the most important aid organization of its kind saying "it created a bond of friendship."

*Kim Medders '73, Karlsruhe Brat*



## August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1961 - August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

This diamond jubilee is not one to be celebrated, but grimly noted for the lessons its event taught us. It was 60 years ago in August that construction of the infamous Berlin Wall began. It was a concrete barrier erected to seal off the Western half of Berlin from the East. The barrier included guard towers with machine guns, anti-vehicle ditches and beds of nails. Its purpose was to imprison East Berliners by preventing access and possible escape to the West.

The East German Communist puppet regime ludicrously claimed it was built to keep out "fascist" infiltrators who might try to sabotage their attempt to build a socialist paradise in the East. No-one was killed trying to cross the wall into East Germany, while estimates of the number killed trying to leave it range from 140 to well over 200. The machine guns guarding the wall pointed inwards to the East, not outwards to the West.

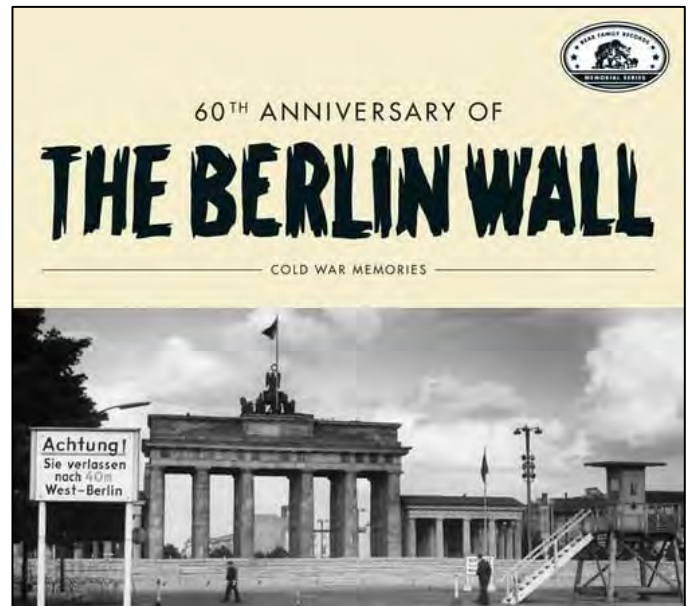
During the wall's lifetime, there were many escape attempts as people tried to bypass its defenses. Over 400 people escaped via a series of tunnels, leading the East German authorities to use seismic equipment to detect tunnel construction. Some swam over at night, braving gunfire and searchlights in the darkness. One family famously constructed a homemade hot air balloon and were carried over by favorable winds. One group modified a sports car and laid themselves horizontal as it sped towards the steel barrier, passing underneath it as the top of their car was ripped off by it.

UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher commented in 1982: "Every stone bears witness to the moral bankruptcy of the society it encloses." US Presidents Kennedy and Reagan denounced it. I went through Checkpoint Charlie with my colleague, Eamonn Butler, in 1982. It was like entering a prison, which indeed it was. The East was dull and lifeless, with many wartime bomb sites still unrepaired. The shops were empty, and such restaurants as existed had little appetizing food and were practically empty. By contrast, the West behind us was a blaze of neon lights, street activity and nightlife. In the East one felt in danger of hostile action by arbitrary authority, and it was a considerable relief to be back in the West.

The wall did not last. In January 1989, the leader of the inappropriately-named German Democratic Republic, Erich Honecker, predicted that the Wall would stand for 50 or 100 more years. It did not last ten more months. Its fall was precipitated by earlier action by the government of Hungary, which stopped preventing people from travelling through to Austria. Tens of thousands did so, and East German saw a great and unsustainable hemorrhage of talent as its citizens fled to the freedom of the West.

The citizens of Berlin tore down the Wall in November, 1989. It had stood for 28 years as a reminder that socialism can only be sustained by force directed against the citizens of countries that adopt it. People today who advocate socialism, in ignorance of what results from it, would do well to read up about the Berlin Wall, whose 60th anniversary arrived that week.

*Madsen Pirie (blog of 8/10/21)*









# BRAT GET-TOGETHERS

**Mike Cannon's Schnitzel Tour – Haus Murphy – Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Glendale, AZ)**

**Berlin, Bitburg and of course Heidelberg in the Haus!**



The whole gang – all three schools!



Berlin & Bitburg (school rivals)



Jim Wright '72 (Berlin)

# BRAT GET-TOGETHERS

*Brat Link Up! 8/12/21*



Last night my good friends Cindy (Gray) Mitchell '79 and her husband Mike stopped by to see me on their way back from Key West to North Carolina. The first thing we all did was hug each other!!!

Later we were joined by fellow Berlin Brats Laura (Colangelo) Morris '79 and Penny McLean '88 (TAR) for dinner and cocktails on the intercoastal at Prime Catch in Boynton Beach,



FL.

*(Needless to say; my hair was nice and smooth before this photo, but due to Florida's lovely*

*humidity my hair blew out and frizzed...lol)*



Mike and my Dad had a lot in common. They discovered they worked at the same place in Berlin. They were in deep conversation sharing stories. Mom invited Cindy into her bedroom and we sat around our bed and talked about old times. My parents really appreciated the outside company: as they don't entertain that much anymore.

*Kim (McLean) Hunt '77*

Malissa (Murray Ladd '83 and Mark Britton '83 (Again...LOL)  
Repping Berlin American High School and Steeler Nation!!  
(Steelers vs the Seahawks)  
Oct 17, 2021



Robert Colangelo '82 and Mike Friedrich '79  
Meet up for dinner at the Tee Pee Mexican  
(Phoenix) restaurant! 10/17/21



## Mike Ferriter '75 inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

Earlier this year Mike was inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning. Jenni (Hewitt) Shaw '85 was able to attend on behalf of the Berlin Brats.



## Myrtle Beach - impromptu get-together Oct 26, 2021



L to R: Tina Calo - '71 TAR Counselor & friend Laura, Inga '65 Wiesbaden Brat/German Deli, Joe Morasco '75, Bill Burhans '76 and Jeri '72



Tina in her Airlift tee



Hear, see and speak no evil!!



## BMW Berlin Marathon – Sept 26, 2021



.....no words to describe 1<sup>st</sup> kms and the last kms powering under the Brandenburg Gate (sticking to the blue line) to the finish! (note the 3 blue lines entering the gate & below).



Micah Polansky (cuz of Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72) competed in our beloved city

# Berlin Military Music Festival – Berlin Tattoo 2021



**Where:** Max-Schmeling-Halle, Berlin Germany

**When:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 - Sunday, November 7, 2021

Berlin Military Music Festival, "Berlin Tattoo", is held every year.

The Berlin Military Tattoo or simply just the Berlin Tattoo is a German music show that features and showcases the Military bands of the Bundeswehr and foreign countries. The tattoo takes place on the first weekend of November in Berlin and is based on the concept of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The event is currently the biggest tattoo in the Federal Republic of Germany. The tattoo is led by many producers, a notable one being Major Michael Parker of the British Army, who also was responsible for producing the Royal Tournament.

The festival's events are very impressive due to the great variety of first-class military music bands from all over the world.

More than eight hundred participants present music and dance performances according to the powerful sounds of the brass bands that play a rich variety of music including military march music, symphonic creations, pop and rock.

Buy tickets on line....if able to attend:

<https://www.viagogo.com/Theater-Tickets/Shows/Berlin-Tattoo-Tickets/E-4360880>



## Kelly Willa '85 & Sister Stacy '88

### **They lived in the East and crossed the checkpoint everyday to attend BAHS!**

Due to Dad's job, we lived in East Berlin. I crossed the Wall through Checkpoint Charlie and into freedom every day whether it was to go to high school...or out for fun on weekends. Sometimes there was a "hold up" at the Checkpoint....but because Dad was stationed at the US Embassy..(State Department Foreign Service) we had a diplomatic ID that we used to get through.

I could walk through, be in a vehicle or take the S-Bahn and actually get on/off in East Berlin very near the Embassy. We lived on Leipzigerstrasse so walking was fine. We also knew it was very safe since we definitely had a "tail"....lol. If I walked through the Checkpoint I'd hop on the U-Bahn at Kochstrasse.

*Editor's note: (Kelly wasn't allowed to take pics back in her school days.....but she did visit and snap these – when we returned for our Berlin Reunion in 2006.)*

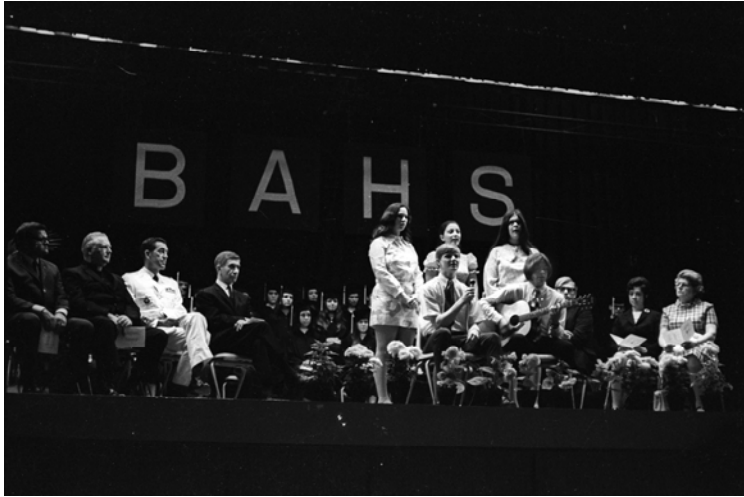
This was at our reunion in 2006....the pic (below left) is my brother-in-law with his feet on either side of "The Wall" as there is a double brick line that runs through the city where it used to stand.

I remember the day The Wall came down...my family and I all had happy tears streaming down our faces.



## 50 Years Ago

### Class of '71 Graduation Ceremony



Song: Mr. Tambourine Man – by Bob Dylan  
 Jim Folk (w/mic), John Freeman on guitar  
 Cynthia Jennings, MaryAnne Stanislaw  
 and Libby Snyder back row  
 Yes, that is Mr. Twohy-Principal behind  
 John's right shoulder and Ms. Rekucki  
 right forefront!  
 (BAHS Auditorium/Gym stage)

*Photo contributed by: John Freeman '71*

### BERLIN TEACHERS AT DoDDS Reunion - BAHS & TAR

Jacksonville, FL – July 2021



Back row: Ron Harrison BAHS '71-'72; Rebecca (Ingram) Haley-TAR music teacher '89-'94, Deborah Harvey-TAR, \_\_\_\_\_, Linda Kresser-TAR, Lee Miller-TAR, & Becky Miller-TAR  
 Front row: Glenna Harrison BAHS '70-'72, Adam Hildenbrand BAHS '69-'94, Ynez Olshausen-TAR Principal '91-'94, Tina Calo-TAR Counselor '70-'71 & Ella DeRouselle-TAR



Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Hildenbrand

An annual DoDDS Reunion is held by teachers, administrators, and support staff who taught in American schools throughout the world. Those who have retired from or are still working in the DODEA system (formerly DoDDS) comprise the Reunion's yearly participants.



Seated L to R: Mr. Hildenbrand & Ron Harrison – Asst. Coach under Coach Smith '71-'72 and current AOSHS Treasurer

Standing: Mrs. Glenna Harrison.



## AOSHS AWARDS THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD TO:

RON HARRISON

(Asst. Coach '70-'71 and current AOSHS Treasurer)

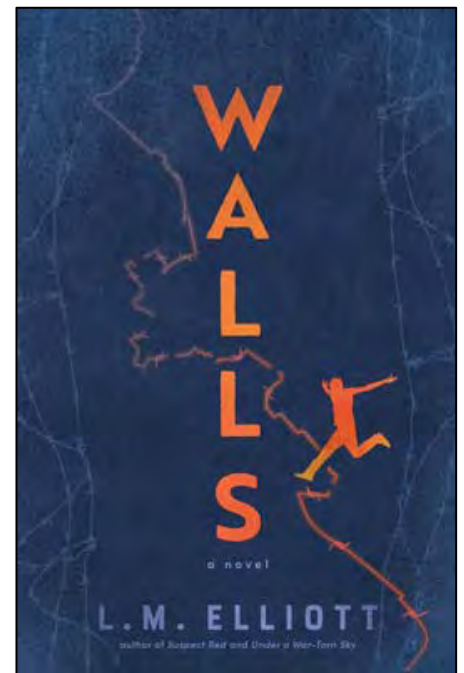
This year at the DoDD's annual Reunion in Jacksonville, FL AOSHS' President Linda Connelly and V.P. Doug Kelsey made the presentation. Ron in addition to his board position oversaw renovation and construction of the AOSHS Museum in Wichita. Congratulations Ron!!!!



## Walls

The new book which exclusively interviewed George Gilmore '67 and Jim Branson '64 for the fictional story was launched on July 27, 2021. The book's launch was via a ZOOM presentation with Q & A. Several Berlin Brats joined in.

L to R top row: Molly from Scrawl Books, Laura M. Elliott the author, George Gilmore '67 being interviewed.



2nd row: Mike Mahan '67, Jeri (Polansky) Glass '72, George's West Point roommate Kevin Brennan.

3rd row: Doris (Barth) Bourne '66 and Mike Cleveland '61 (Jim Branson '64 and others not pictured herewith).



<https://www.facebook.com/scrawlbooks/videos/293072139275445>

(...at the 8 minute mark Laura talks about the Berlin Brats)



Short synopsis of the book:

('60-'61) Drew is an Army Brat in West Berlin, where soldiers like his dad hold an outpost of democracy against communist Russia. Drew's cousin Matthias, an East Berliner, has grown up in the wreckage of Allied war bombing, on streets ruled by the secret police.

*George being interviewed*

Available at [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com)

Great picture from the Book: Soviet Bear encompassing all the sectors of Berlin



## Did you know....

Ms. Universe 1961 was an East Berliner!

Miss Germany, Marlene Schmidt, a 24 year old Electrical Engineer earning \$53 per week who was a refugee from East Berlin, wins the Miss Universe 1961 Pageant.

<https://youtu.be/glom1K8BHWI>



Miss Universe 1961 is Miss Germany Marlene Schmidt

### Keith Smith '76 News

Another win for Keith. His fourth title for the Senior Amateur Championship. He's also the Player of the Year for Massachusetts. <https://www.massgolf.org/> Sept 23, 2021

BOURNE, Massachusetts – Winning the Massachusetts Senior Amateur Championship certainly doesn't get any easier as the years pass by. But at 63, Keith Smith (Franklin Country Club) has found a way to keep his game at a high level. On a breezy, crisp Wednesday afternoon, he cemented what has been his best season yet.



(Keith Smith '76 (BAHS '72-'76) in the middle)

The Franklin resident made a crucial birdie putt on the 14th hole and difficult two-putt par on the 18th hole at Pocasset Golf Club (par-72, 6,303-yards) to capture the state Senior Amateur title for the fourth time (2013, 2016, 2017, 2021).

In the process, Smith tallied enough points to earn his first-ever George M. Cohen Mass Golf Senior Player of the Year Award. Fittingly, he held off four-

time defending Cohen Award winner Frank Vana, Jr. (Marlborough Country Club), who chipped in on 17 to pull even, but ended up 3-putting the 18th to avoid a playoff with Thorny Lea Golf Club members John Hedges and David Pierce, who both finished even-par 144.

"There's a bunch of good players so I'm fortunate to have any wins," said Smith, who ties Ed Fletcher for the most Senior Amateur victories. "To have won four is beyond anything I ever expected."

### Throwback pic:

From 1960 Little League Champion to Air Force Academy baseball star to Top Gun, the secret is out. We have a celebrity in our midst. What was your nickname Ed? Maverick is already taken.

Ed Cole, class of '66  
.....Badger is the  
answer!!!

Ed retired as Air Force  
Pilot, 2nd retirement as  
UPS Airline Captain  
(international)



U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Leanne McIntyre  
Maj. Ed Cole completes an operations inspection on an F-16. Major Cole was selected last week for the overall Top Gun award and top strike honors. Although he recently left Hahn for an assignment at Ramstein AB, he still flies with the 496th Tactical Fighter Squadron here occasionally. The Top Gun program provides recognition for demonstrated outstanding performance in weapons delivery.



**Monthly lunch dates continue for these two in Berlin**  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**



Charlie Bluem-FAC '69-'94 and Herr Werner Prigge-FAC '72-'94

## Upcoming Events

### 2022 Regionals:

Stay tuned for details as events are added to the calendar

**DODDS & AOSHS  
Reunion  
13-17 July 2022**

**Kansas City, MO**

### Next Reunion

**2 - 5 June 2022  
Colorado Springs, CO**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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