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THE RAFINO REPORT



This issue is dedicated to those men and women who are serving our country in many countries around the globe. This picture was sent by RAFINO member Hugh TANT from Iraq where he is supervising the Iraq Currency Exchange.
(Also see back page)

EVERYONE PLEASE FILL OUT THE GREEN FORM THAT IS INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER OR COMPLETE THE WEB FORM.

IT IS TO HELP US PLAN FOR REUNION 2004 IN LAS VEGAS ON 8-11 OCT.

DUES FOR 2004 are now payable. You can check your status on the web roster or by contacting Dave Mikkelson. Dues are \$10 per year.

LOST MEMBERS:

The following 30 members last paid dues for 1999. We do not want to lose them, so if you know where they are now please let us know. If we do not locate them soon they must be dropped from the rolls. We need addresses, phone #s & e-mail addresses as well as the back dues. If your name is listed here please send \$45 to Dave Mikkelson to pay through 2004.

Name L	Name F	Name M	Rank
ANDERSON	JOHN	A.	LTC
ARBUCCI	TONY		LTC
BALDASSARI	LOUIS		LTC
BOVINO	VICTOR	J.	LTC
BURKETT	HOMER	H.	LTC
BUSTER, JR	ROBERT	W.	LTC
CAPESTANY	PEDRO	L.	LTC
CARROLL	JOHN	J.	LTC
COTTINGHAM	WARREN	J.	LTC
COWARDIN	CLINTON	L.	LTC
FEE	ROBERT	T.	LTC
FOSTER	WILLIAM	S.	LTC
FOUCHE	JAMES	THOMAS	LTC
FRASCATORE	JAMES	L.	MAJ
GORDON	JOHN	R.	MAJ
HUTCHISON	WARREN	S.	LTC
JOHNSTON	ROY	C.	LTC
KOSTERS	HESEL	E.	LTC
MARTINSON	JOHN	M.	COL
MILLER	WESLEY	C.	COL
MOREHOUSE	THOMAS	F.	LTC
OLVER	THOMAS	M.	LTC
ROGERS	ROBERT	E.	MAJ
SIMMONS	HOWARD	H.	COL
SMALL	ARTHUR	C.	COL
STEVENS	RALPH	B.	COL
TOOHEY	BARTON	J.	MR
TRUEX	WALTER	T.	CPT
UNDERWOOD	LUTHER	R.	LTC
WARD	BONITA	J.	MAJ

MORE LOST MEMBERS:

The following 17 members last paid dues for 2000. If any of you know where they are please let us know. They too will be dropped from the rolls soon if we cannot locate them. If your name is listed here please send \$40 to Dave Mikkelson to pay through 2004.

Name L	Name F	Name M	Rank
BEYER	DAVID	J.	COL
DeLONG JR	OTIS	C.	COL
ENGOGLIA	JAMES	M.	LTC
FISHELL	FLOYD	F.	CPT
JORGENSON	WALTER	R.	LTC
JUFFER	CHARLES	R.	LTC
KISSINGER	WAYNE	E.	LTC
LEGER	LEROY	A.	LTC
MANGANELLO	ARTHUR		CPT
MARSHALL	RICHARD	H.	LTC
MARTIN	CLYDE	L.	LTC
MUSARRA	JOSEPH	S.	CW3
SEARCY	WILLIAM	C.	LTC
SLEZAK	WILLIAM	E.	LTC
TIREY	JAMES	D.	COL
TOMLINSON	GENE	B.	LTC
WHITE	SAMUEL	E.	LTC

OTHERS ARE LATE WITH DUES:

In addition to the 47 listed above, there are 61 who last paid dues for 2001 and 58 who paid for 2002. This means that the total roster of 692 less 133 surviving spouses leaves 559 who pay dues. And only 70% of the 559 are current. Fortunately some have paid for future years and some have sent in nice donations to help cover our expenses.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR SPOUSES:

We want you to stay connected to the Finance family. However, some spouses have told us that they do not wish to continue receiving the Newsletter or to have access to the web roster. Please let us know if you feel this way.

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TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 2003.

Cash on hand as of 17 Nov 2003 - \$5,175.50
 Certificates of Deposit due December 2003 - \$8,000.
 Certificates of Deposit due May 2004 - \$3,035.23

Collection of delinquent dues from members without Email addresses remains problematic. See the list of delinquent members elsewhere in this report. We need help in locating these members.

Dave Mikkelson, Treasurer

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The RAFINO membership addresses, fax and telephone numbers, and Email addresses are solely for the private use of our members. Any other use is prohibited without written permission granted by the Society Officers.

RAFINO DUES

We have had many inquires and comments concerning dues. I will try to cover the subject.

1. Mail your dues to Dave Mikkelson, the treasurer, at the address shown in the left column of this page.
2. Dues are now \$10 a year and can be paid in advance. The dues year is the calendar year.
3. Finance surviving spouses do not owe dues.
4. Dues are delinquent after 31 March of the dues year.
5. The Treasurer does not send out a bill as a matter of economy. Postage is expensive. Notices will appear on the web site but it is assumed that dues will be paid on time.
6. Notices of delinquency will be sent out since we do not want to lose members needlessly.
7. Current dues status is shown in the individual record of each member in the web roster. The roster is a secure area that requires a member password to access it.
9. The established dues amount does not cover our annual expenses. Fortunately we have some funds from prior years and some members send in donations to help offset this.

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The Society of Retired U.S. Army Finance Officers (RAFINO) is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization under Section 501(c) (19) of the IRS Code. RAFINO's purposes are set forth in detail in its bylaws. However, simply stated, its major purposes are: (1) to maintain and distribute a roster of members, (2) to issue a periodic newsletter (currently semi-annual), (3) to maintain a current web site on the Internet, and (4) conduct periodic reunions (currently biennial).

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FINANCE SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II

By BG Ed STANTON

Earlier this year, I shared with you the great pride I take in the outstanding support our finance team provides to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The soldiers and civilians who make up our Army's financial management community, with the help of DFAS professionals, continue to play a vital role in the success of the OIF/OEF missions. Executing the full range of our core competencies, they make it possible for our war fighters to buy the goods and services they need and, through the timely disbursement of soldiers' pay and entitlements, make it possible for them to stay focused on their missions.

Our support role in the reconstruction of Iraq will be as equally important as our role during hostilities, if not more so, as our government and Army work to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. Our performance in each of our finance core competencies not only tells the story of our value to the Army and the warfighter; it also validates the soundness of our doctrine forged in the iron triad of finance, resource management, and contracting operations.

With sound policies and procedures in place, Team Finance, made up of both active and reserve component soldiers, will continue to make us proud. Working closely with resource management, contracting, and finance professionals from the CJTF in Iraq, ARCENT and DFAS, they provide the vital support ground commanders need to rebuild Iraq and sustain our forces in the CENTCOM AOR. Our ability to deliver the kind of support we provide in the Iraqi theater of operations is attributable to (1) the solid training readiness in our units, (2) our adaptability during a time of immense doctrinal change and (3) the quality of outstanding soldiers who serve our nation. This leads me to three threads of thought arising from my recent participation in OIF/OEF.

First, we must continue the Army's imperative to TRAIN-ALERT-DEPLOY. From our detachments to our FINCOMS, the demonstrated readiness of our soldiers and units is clear evidence that our leaders, at all levels, have embraced this philosophy. We still have room for improvement; however, their training readiness was validated by the performance of the team of talented soldiers assembled at Fort Jackson last December and January. Drawn from active and reserve component finance units from across the Army, they set the stage for our success by developing thorough operational plans and policies for the Iraqi Theater. To all the soldiers who traveled to Fort Jackson in support of that effort your contributions speak volumes of the training readiness of your units. As our units received their alert orders and deployed into theater, they hit the ground running, producing the kind of results described here and in the Spring Edition of Diamond Points. My congratulations and thanks to all of you for your professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to excellence you so ably displayed in Kuwait and Iraq and during the preparation process.

Reflecting on our ongoing finance operations in support of OIF leads me to my second thought which is the underlying processes that are the foundation for our readiness and unparalleled performance. In TRADOC, we refer to these processes as the DTLOM-PF domains, with each letter in the acronym representing a key function that supports our Army. Ensuring the Doctrine, Training, Leader development

and education, Organization, Materiel, Personnel, and Facilities functions meet the needs of the Finance Corps and the Army is a key mission of the Finance School.

The Finance School is leading the way in ensuring that our doctrine integrates the lessons learned in Iraq, Kosovo, and all our deployments into the way we do business. Since our deployments to OIF/OEF, the schoolhouse has conducted numerous reviews of our doctrinal manual, FM 14-6, Finance Operations (soon to be FM 1-06, to mirror joint publications), and will publish the update early next year. In similar fashion they have convened two lessons learned panels to refine our operations across the DTLOMPF domains. The results of these sessions will benefit our Finance soldiers directly by providing the needed tools to improve readiness and support capabilities. The lessons learned panel on RC pay generated ideas which will ultimately result in policy changes that will better serve our RC soldiers. We can also expect great utility from the updated Mission Training Plans and Soldier Training Publications the Finance School sent to the Army Training Support Command at the end of September for upload to the Reimer Digital Library. Incorporating feedback from operational leaders, these training manuals, available on demand, will allow our finance force to achieve greater realism in training. These examples, along with our initiatives to update our leader development courses, implement our new 44C MOS, expand the fielding of our Financial Management Tactical Platform, and stand up our Financial Management Commands provide the DTLOM-PF foundation for the Finance Corps to not only succeed, but to maintain its relevancy to the Army.

Finally, all of our successes would not be possible without the outstanding people who serve the Finance Corps. The soldiers in OIF/OEF, supported by the entire financial management community, have acquitted themselves magnificently but they are not alone. From Korea to Germany, throughout CONUS, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq, and across our entire Army our Finance Team bring a sense of dedication, caring, and commitment to the mission that is second to none.

The Global War on Terrorism will be long and arduous. The transition to sustainment operations requires the continued support of our people. We will face new challenges; however, I am confident that Team Finance will continue to selflessly support our nation's call with the highest degree of professional pride.

By the time we publish the next issue of the Diamond Points, we will have ushered in a new year. I ask you to be safe in all you do until then. Over the upcoming holidays spend quality time with your families if you can, renew your faith, and enjoy the bounties of the season. Thanks for a job well done!

TO SUPPORT AND SERVE

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PREZ SEZ

It is now less than a year before we will be meeting in Las Vegas at the new completely refurbished Westin Casuarina Hotel and Spa. We are hoping for record attendance for this reunion during the second week of October (8-11) 2004. The weather should be gorgeous and everyone knows what the city of Las Vegas brings to the table.

The worldwide deployments of our Army have reached record levels and our Finance Corps is serving with distinction around the world. It is remarkable what our Corps has been tasked to accomplish in mission support over the past couple of years. We should all feel a sense of pride in what the Army Finance Corps is accomplishing every day, because in many ways our careers established the foundation of training, doctrine, and soldiering that is being perpetuated with today's warriors. I know we are all keeping today's soldiers in our thoughts and prayers.

As many of you know, **Bob FLEWELLING** passed away this past spring. Bob was our rock for the administration of each RAFINO Reunion. He spent countless hours working his database to insure we had accurate information on all reunion attendees and every administrative detail. He did all of this for his love of the Finance Corps, because he never asked for any reimbursement of his expenses. **Claud WALLACE** is converting Bob's database to ACCESS. Although we are expecting a couple of hiccups, we hope to continue to administer the Las Vegas reunion to the high standards and legacy Bob established.

Due to the outstanding efforts of **Dave MIKKELSON** and **Claud WALLACE** we have made tremendous progress in retaining members whose dues payments had lagged over the last couple of years. I am pleased that many members

have been paying dues for future years. We still see a need for improving our outreach to newly retirement eligible officers and those that have left the organization.

Does anyone want to be on the nominating committee for our next slate of officers? Or, even better do you want to be nominated for a position as a RAFINO officer? The pay is not all that good, but there are a number of rewarding experiences, trust me on that.

Best to you all! Stay healthy, get a flu shot and make your plans for next year's reunion.

Mo Denny

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CRUISE 2005:

Cruise Master **Bob RADOMSKI** needs your opinion as to where we should plan to go on our 2005 RAFINO cruise. On our great 2003 cruise to the Baltic Capitals, mention was made of a visit to the Hawaiian Island ports with a pre or post stay at the Hale Koa. Would a cruise in late June or early July be OK?

Another suggestion is to fly to Honolulu for a stay at the Hale Koa then fly to Tahiti for a cruise around the Polynesian Islands. Also a suggestion was made to take a European river cruise. Ideas and suggestions would be appreciated by 31 January 2004.

All answers are tentative and final details will not be available until just after the Las Vegas reunion. Send ideas and suggestions to Bob Radomski, 5716 Bartonwood Pl., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 or E-mail: rpradomski@juno.com.

Bob

Jack & Ann ROGAN – Family of the Year.

The family of John F. (Jack) Rogan, Col. U.S. Army (retired), and his wife, Ann, has been selected from the Diocese of Madison as the “Family of the Year” for the state of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. One family from each of the five dioceses of Wisconsin was selected as “Family of the Year.” Out of those five families, the Rogan family was chosen as “Family of the Year” for the state. As “Family of the Year” for the state, the Rogan family nomination will be considered at the national level. The winner at that level will be announced in August.

Jack and Ann, married on July 16, 1950, have nine children ranging from ages 51 to 37 and nine grandchildren ranging from ages 18 to one. Jack is a retired Army colonel who served on active duty for 25 years and is a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Ann is a stay-at-home mom. When Jack retired from the military in 1970, he worked as Wisconsin state finance director until 1983.

With a long history of service to the Catholic Church, since Jack and his family moved to the Madison area in 1970, he has been volunteering for the Diocese of Madison in various capacities over the last 32 years. He has been a member of the Diocesan Appeals Committee, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Diocesan Finance Committee, St. Raphael Society Board, Diocesan Corporate Board and Diocesan Cemeteries Board. Jack has also served on the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ National Advisory Council. He is a member of the Madison Serra Club Board of Directors and served as president.

He chaired the Holy Name Seminary Advisory Board for 20 years and played a major role in the establishment of the Diocesan Self-Insurance Program, diocesan accounting and reporting system, implementation of parish councils, revision of by-laws for priests’ retirement program, hiring of diocesan professional staff, consolidation of diocesan offices, budget guidelines and database for annual diocesan appeals campaign.

The couple is also active at St. Bernard Parish in Middleton, where, among other volunteer positions, they serve as Eucharistic ministers. Ann is involved with the St. Paul’s meal program and Middleton Outreach Ministry (M.O.M.) and helps out at various parish events such as the parish picnic, God’s Plan, Thanksgiving clothing and food drives, M.O.M. Christmas dinner, rose sale, soup and stations, spaghetti dinner, and coffee Sundays.

Jack is past president of the parish council and served on the finance and social concerns committees. He is a lector/commentator, server, greeter, and leads the Word and Communion service in the absence of a priest.

Jack was one of four Vietnam-era veterans honored by the Vietnam Veterans Association for outstanding community achievements since leaving military service. Both are active in the pro-life movement and contribute generously to the financial support of the parish, diocese, and community.

(Copied from the June 12 issue of The Catholic online Herald by Julianne Nornberg.)

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Day	Name	Rank	Day	Name	Rank
02	DIXON, Ralph P. JR	COL	14	FISHELL, Floyd F.	CPT
02	LOVE, James R.	LTC [E]	14	PEREZ, Hector	COL [E]
02	MASON, Lewis M.	LTC [E]	15	BORDIGA, Carl J	COL [E]
03	GORDON, Robert L.	MG [E]	15	GARDEN, Francis	COL
03	MARTENS, James R	LTC [E]	16	HINTON, Richard J	COL
03	RAICHLEN, Richard A.	COL	16	LACEY, Jack C	LTC
04	CONRAD, Thomas F.	COL [E]	17	HANNA, Nathaniel P.	COL
04	EDWARDS, Emmet D. JR	LTC [E]	17	MICHON, Stanley	CPT
04	FELTON, Richard O.	LTC	18	PACKETT, Wilbern L.	COL
04	MOHR, Harley R.	LTC	19	CASBY, Melvin E.	MAJ [E]
06	ADAMS, Harry G.	CW4	19	HAHN, Richard M.	LTC [E]
06	FEE, Robert T.	LTC	20	ARNOLD, Majorie L.	Ms
06	KIRK, John E.	COL	21	CAPKA, Adolph J.	LTC
06	SKEATH, Elbur J.	LTC	21	CROWSON, William L.	COL [E]
06	TAYLOR, Kaye A.	Ms	21	LAMAR, Joseph R.	COL
07	LANE, Albert G.	COL	21	ROBERTS, Lewis S.	MAJ
08	McANALLY, Hearl P.	CW2	23	DAVIDSON, Edward L.	LTC [E]
08	WALLACE, Don W	LTC [E]	23	HOLDER, Neville E. M.	LTC [E]
08	WEST, Kenneth M	LTC	24	DELANEY, Russell J.	COL [E]
10	CLARK, Ky	Ms	24	VAN HOOK, Jackie A.	COL [E]
10	DeLONG, Otis C. JR	COL [E]	25	BARBOUR, Alfred E.	COL
10	SCHOEN, Frank C	LTC [E]	27	MARTIN, Clyde L	LTC
11	PREETORIUS, C. Dale	COL [E]	28	ASHWORTH, Jean M	Ms
11	ROTZ, Carl R	COL [E]	28	DANIELS, William E	COL [E]
12	THORESON, Carl H.	MAJ [E]	28	McCRACKEN, Cary E.	MR
12	BOARDMAN, Edward J.	LTC	30	FENDRICK, Donald G.	COL
12	STANTON, Edgar E. III	BG [E]	31	COSTELLO, Charles J	LTC [E]
13	DOWDEN, Russell H. JR	COL [E]	31	TODD, Ronald E	MAJ
13	KELLUM, George G. III	COL [E]			
13	WATKINS, James J.	COL			

If your birthdate is incorrect or if your birthday is in January and is not listed, please let the editor know and we will correct the over-sight. (Editor note: Only one month is listed here due to space restrictions. Every month the birthdays are listed on the web site www.rafino.org.)

BITS N PIECES

JUNE 2003

Bill COGHILL let us know that our member **LTC Andrew O. DRENKHAHN** was elected President of the National Sojourners at the national convention in Oklahoma City.

Al FLEUMER wins a job as "cub reporter" for this story.
Fred SELBY recently rode his bike over 3,400 miles from Irvine, CA to Boston, MA in 32 days!

Our long time and outstanding database manager, **Bob FLEWELLING** has died from cancer on 19 June 2003. Bob has been very sick for some time however all the doctors could not find the cause. Just recently they settled on cancer and found that it was widespread. Chemo treatments were not successful. Bob died in his sleep at Hernando Pasco Hospice House. We are advised that there will not be a formal funeral, however many of us will mourn the loss of a friend.

JULY 2003

Joe CLUBA, 2nd Vice President, has signed a contract with the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas for Reunion 2004. The reunion is to be 8 to 12 October 2004. Hotel rooms will be \$129 plus taxes. See further information about reservations elsewhere in this letter. There will be a need for those of us who can help Joe and Fred to volunteer our services. There are not many members in Las Vegas area. The registration fee will be \$125.

Owen B. PICKLE writes that he enjoyed the article on **LTC (R) A. A. ABBOT** and have fond memories of him. In 1958 when Owen was closing the account at Fort Crowder, Missouri, Col. Abbot was Finance and Accounting Officer at Fort Leonard Wood. Al came to Fort Crowder and assisted in the closing and took the remaining open accounts.

Betsie writes that **Rich LASKOSKI** retired (again) this past May.

AUGUST 2003

LTG Richard L. WEST died 22 July after a long illness. He was a great fellow and was Comptroller most of the time I, **George SEAMANDS**, was in the Pentagon before **PEIXOTTO** took his place. The funeral will be 20 August at Ft Myer at 0900 with a viewing night before at Murphy's funeral home in Falls Church. George will be attending the funeral. *(Editor: Thanks go to George SEAMANDS for this information. We know that a lot of Finance folks will remember him - at least some of us old timers.)*

Tuesday, 29 July **Latham BROWN** found out what the pain that he had been having for a year and a half was. His diagnosis is Cancer of the pancreas and liver, and he is in stage 4 of 4. He started Chemo treatment Friday, 1 August and will be on that for 7 weeks. Ginny and Brownie have asked for prayers from all their friends.

George KRAMER was married to Julia Riggs on 6 August. George says that she lives in West Virginia and they will spend most of their time there. They are planning a cruise in Nov.

Latham BROWN filed the following health report: I started Chemo on 7 August, followed by one every week for 7 weeks, then one for four weeks out of the next five. The Drs. will then reevaluate my condition for subsequent treatments. My treatment on Thursday past, 14 August, was the first I had a reaction to the chemo-my blood platelet count was down so now am on a special shot each day for seven days to try to correct that. Thanks for putting the info on the net. We have received calls, cards and e-mails from all over the country. Ginny is doing better. Got a good report from her Leukemia Dr. last week.

JOB NEEDED: Since July 2000 Erin DARCY has maintained your web site, www.rafino.org, while she was getting her degree from Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. She has received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and needs a job in the Annapolis - Baltimore - Washington DC area. Erin is a first class worker and I would appreciate any help that you can give her in gaining employment. She is not only Internet and computer savvy but she is a whiz with web sites. She will send a resume on call. To protect her e-mail, which has been hacked recently, please e-mail me and I will pass the message on to Erin.

SEPTEMBER 2003

MAJ RAY N. MCCALL & MAJ ROLAND C. SCHWULST have asked to be dropped from the rolls of RAFINO.

Donna PREUSS KEYES writes that she has suspected for a long time that **Gene KEYES** has Alzheimer and on 3 September it was confirmed. These last 10 months he has been going downhill with no plateaus. He is on some medication, but will take time to see if it works at all. In the meantime it is very difficult to live with. Will have to hire a sitter somewhere down the line so I can get out to the store without having to take him and keep track, plus go to the very few things that I belong to, alone.

DEFENSE MOVES TO INTEGRATE PAY SYSTEMS

By Tanya N. Ballard

An initiative to integrate 79 military pay and personnel systems into one system moved forward Monday when Pentagon officials announced that Northrop Grumman would take the project into its implementation phase. Once completed, the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, or DIMHRS, will be a single, fully consolidated personnel system for all the military services, according to Norma St. Claire, director of the Joint Requirements and Integration Office at Defense. DIMHRS will cover 3.1 million military personnel including reserve and National Guard forces, creating a record of

service for each service member.

"Military personnel management is far more complex and far-reaching than personnel management in the private sector," St. Claire said. "We have the responsibility of following our service members from the moment they enter the military, essentially for the rest of their lives. Things that happen to them in the military very often result in benefits that they're entitled to after they've left the military." (*Editor: Copied from GovExec.com Today - October 1, 2003. And I thought Copper was a disaster waiting to happen.*)

IRAQI CURRENCY EXCHANGE (ICE): RAFINO member **BG Hugh B TANT III** is in Iraq to oversee the conversion to a new currency (dinar) in Iraq. The total exchange entails 2200 tons of new currency, 6+ Trillion of Iraqi Dinar in six denominations, worth appx \$3B (US). 250+ sites throughout the country, including the Central Bank, the 2 state owned banks and the private banks, will be used for distribution. This is a huge logistics and security challenge. We will then destroy over 3000 tons of old Iraqi Dinar. Conversion will be done 15 Oct-15 Jan 2004. They will provide the treasury banks with additional new Dinar to cover the October government salaries (worth 286.6 billion Dinars) and the Jobs Program (worth 12.2 billion Dinars). This will be the first salaries paid with the new currency and will assist in their acceptance throughout the country.

OCTOBER 2003

As I update the DATABASE I am adding the "**date of retirement**" to the web roster. Please check your file on the roster and if there is not a two digit "year" after your rank, please drop me a note with your date of retirement in it.

Ron & Susan McGEE are returning to Sarasota on 13 October. Their new phone # and e-mail address are on the web roster.

Frank & Theresa SCHOEN will move to their new home in Las Vegas on 5 November. Their new address is on the web roster.

Bud & Carla KLUMPH have moved to Fortville, IN. Their new address and phone # are on the web roster

Would any of you believe that **Bill & Terry BAYLISS** have moved back to San Antonio, TX? Welcome back to God's country Bill.

Frank LANGMAN has moved to Stuart, FL.

IRAQI CURRENCY DELIVERY PHASE REPORT

by **Hugh B TANT III**

- To date (6 October) we have received seven of the twenty-seven 747 aircraft sorties loaded with new

currency (25%) as follows:

- 630 of 2,200 tons
- 10,780 of 40,000 boxes
- 2.29 of 6.15 Trillion Dinar (2.25 billion notes)
- 1.14 of 3 Billion Dollars (US) in value.
- Each bank is receiving 4.6 billion Dinar, (2.3 million dollars) to start the exchange on 15 Oct. and will be replenished as needed during the 3 month period.
- In three days we have delivered currency to 82 banks throughout Iraq, all of which had adequate security provided by local police and internal bank guards.
- A Central Bank of Iraq representative travels with each convoy to ensure a proper chain of custody is maintained for the Dinar (old and new).

Plan is to have all banks completed by 14 Oct with initial allocation of new Dinar.

Allan DURNING sent in his retirement date and a physical report. He is going into Hershey Hospital on Nov 7 to have an aneurysm behind the right knee repaired. Expects to be in the hospital about five days and limping around for three to four weeks. (*Editor: Best of luck Al.*)

Owen PICKLE wrote to Bob & Mary Lou Radomski that they would like to go on another cruise but there is always some reason we can't. For years we have gone to the 27th Bomb Group reunion. Last year it was in San Antonio and a very enjoyable trip. This year it was in Bossier City Louisiana and after our plans and reservations we missed it. On August 27 Owen went to the VA Hospital for surgery 28 August. During the surgery, he had a heart attack, followed by pneumonia and then a stroke. With all this he was in a coma for seven days. As far as he can tell, there are no after affects and he is beginning to get some strength back. "In a few minutes I will get the tractor out and start picking up leaves, he says."

Diane BERARD, in answer to a request for her retirement date, says that she is scheduled for 31 December 2003. She doesn't have a job lined up and actually they are going to travel for awhile.

Mary Lou and Bob Radomski had dinner with **Al A. Abbott** 1 November. Al is doing well for his 91 1/2 years. His retirement date is 1958. Sends his regards to all of his old and dear friends.

**Reunion 2004 will be in Las Vegas
from 8 to 11 October.**

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

FINANCE STORIES:**THE 55TH FINANCE DISBURSING SECTION**

Major Lewis S. ROBERTS was browsing through RAFINO reports #27 and #28 with particular interest in Col. CATE'S article "Finance in the Brown Shoe Army" about his experiences with the 55th Finance Disbursing Section at Nurnberg, Germany. Since I was a charter member of that organization I feel obligated to tell its history prior to Nurnburg.

In April 1943, I completed the Advanced Enlisted Finance Course at Wake Forrest College and was assigned to the Headquarters, Army Finance School at Duke University to await attendance to a Finance Officer Candidate class. Things were going great until late June 1943, when the Adjutant sent for me. The good news—"You're being assigned to a mobile Finance Disbursing Section at Fort Harrison, Indiana that is preparing for over-seas duty." The bad news—"Here is your application for O.C.S. Apply again when you get overseas."

The 55th Finance Disbursing Section, along with nine other Finance Disbursing Sections, came into being at Fort Harrison, Indiana in July 1943. The authorized staffing was one Major, one 1st Lt. one Warrant Officer, one Master Sergeant, One Tech Sergeant, one Staff Sergeant, two T/3's, six T/4's and six T/5's. I was a T/5. Our first assignment was to get our section equipped and ready for field duty. We built special type crates for our office machines. We bolted slats to the bottom of type-writers and crank-operated adding machines so you could drop them upside down into crates, screw the lids on the crates and be ready to move.

Next, we each had a crack at practical office procedure, i.e., compute enlisted payrolls and officer's pay vouchers, compute travel vouchers, prepare schedules of disburse-ments and collections, post cash book and cash blotter, and prepare account current. After this training, we were given our regular assignments. I was assigned to the Accounting section. Of course, there was a continuation of military training. The organization was issued three 45-caliber pistols (for officers) one Thompson sub-machine gun (given to the Supply Sergeant) and sixteen carbine rifles. Everyone had to fire the sub-machine gun for familiarization, and all enlisted men had to fire the carbine for record. I qualified Sharp-Shooter.

In early September 1943, we departed Fort Harrison

by train for travel to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. We spent about two weeks at Camp Kilmer waiting for a ship. During that period we went through the "live fire" training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Also, I managed a trip to New York City to see the sights, which included a live concert by Benny Goodman featuring Gene Krupa on the drums. Wow! The rest of our time at Kilmer was spent doing miscellaneous chores, including K.P. and yes, while there, I was promoted to T/4.

In late September 1943 we departed Camp Kilmer and boarded the Queen Elizabeth in New York. We sailed unescorted to Scotland, transferred to a Liberty ship and sailed to Belfast, Northern Ireland. In Belfast we spent several weeks at a British camp on Donegall Road. We then moved to Portadown, Northern Ireland where we set up our office and quarters in a family house. Since we paid in local currency, we had to obtain British adding machines for pounds, shillings and pence. We remained in this delightful town until mid-June 1944, when we were air-lifted to Hereford, England in a B-24 Liberator Bomber. While there, we were designated as part of ADSEC-COMZ (Advance Section, Communications Zone).

On 6 August 1944, we moved to Southampton, England, boarded a Landing Craft Infantry (LCI), crossed the English Channel and hit the beach at Normandy. We disembarked with full field packs and rifles. We bivouacked near the beach that night. The next day our equipment and transportation arrived. We moved inland about twenty miles, where we unloaded our equipment, set up pyramidal tents for office and quarters, uncrated our office machines, and began operations. Our lighting was courtesy of Coleman. At this point we were attached to the 17th Replacement Depot. The 17th was a forward replacement depot for Third Army, and was required to move as the front lines moved. So, we moved when the 17th moved. The next two months were rather hectic. We'd work a few days, bundle up our work, crate our office machines, strike our pyramidal tents, load the trucks, move a distance, unload the truck, pitch our tents, uncrate our office machines, and start working again. This procedure was continued over and over as Third Army advanced.

We were bivouacked north of Fontainbleu, France when Paris fell. Needless to say, we were in Paris the next day. What a celebration! Many Parisians thought we were

with the Free French Army.

We continued our trek across France and in mid-October, 1944, arrived in Toul, France, where we set up our office and quarters in a school house. While there, I received word that my brother, a sergeant with the 26th Yankee Division was killed in action near Nancy, France (about 20 miles from Toul.) I checked out a jeep and visited his grave near where he fell in Alsace-Lorraine. He's still buried there.

From Toul we moved to Neufchateau, France, then to Metz, France and to our last stop in France—the French Maginot Line near Thionville. We were there during the Battle of the Bulge. The thick, freezing fog was so bad you could hardly see your nose. The day the fog cleared, I counted over 2,000 U.S. bombers overhead. Before our next move I had a 3-day R&R to Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.

In early April, 1945, we crossed the Rhine River over pontoon bridges, and set up operations in Freiburg, Germany. We took over a family house for our office and quarters. There was a two-door steel safe in the house, so we called the engineers to blow it open. The explosion shattered all the windows in the room. The safe only contained a roll of German coins.

In late April 1945, we moved to Nurnberg, Germany. The City was a pile of rubble. We moved into a German estate in suburban Nurnberg and established our office and quarters there. It was a gorgeous place—all the modern conveniences, including a bidet. Also there were ten German ladies to cook our meals, make our beds, clean house and do our laundry. We thought we were in Heaven!

While in Nurnberg I was promoted to Staff-Sergeant and the war ended. We watched the German aircraft pilots fly in to surrender and saw truck load after truck load of German prisoners pass by.

After the war ended, additional organizations were assigned to us for payment. We worked day and night to get the job done. Some personnel offices were short-handed and, being a good touch-typist, I was occasionally detailed to help prepare the payrolls. The 55th F.D.S. was a dedicated, harmonious, loyal and hard-working group of men. It was an honor to have served with them.

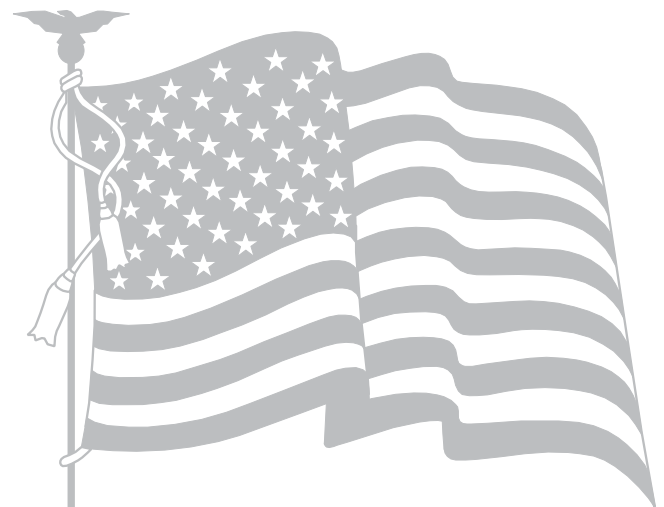
On 1 November 1945, I accumulated enough points to go home. I was transferred to the 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion for movement to the U.S. We spent some time at Cigarette Camps in France awaiting ship space. While at Camp Lucky Strike, I managed a 3-day pass to Paris. It was a joyful visit. On the last day, our truck driver got drunk and I had to drive the 2 1/2 ton GMC back to camp.

On 9 November 1945, we boarded the USS Westpoint at Le Havre, France and sailed for the U.S. We docked at Newport News, Virginia and moved by rail to Fort Meade, Maryland where I was discharged on 17 November 1945. I returned to my old job with the Norfolk and Western Railroad in Norfolk, Virginia.

Although the following does not pertain to the 55th F.D.S., I thought you might wonder how and when I returned to Army life.

In May, 1947, I re-enlisted in the Army in the grade Staff-Sergeant and was assigned to the Virginia Recruiting District Hq in Richmond, Virginia. In September, 1948, I received a direct commission as 2nd Lt., F.C. in the Army Reserve. I was called to active duty in November, 1948, and ordered to attend the Basic Finance Officers Course in St. Louis, Missouri. The rest is another story.

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FROM THE CHIEF OF THE CORPS:

Col. Bob SPEER

Change remains the one constant for our Army and the Finance Corps. The arrival of autumn finds us with a new Chief and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, pending a new Secretary of the Army, and the recent arrival of our new Finance Corps Regimental Sergeant Major, **CSM Pauline CUNNINGHAM**. We welcome CSM Cunningham and her husband Tony to the Finance School and we look forward to their contributions and service to the Finance Corps and Regiment.

Even with the leadership changes, we continue our efforts in transforming our Army, to include how we deliver personnel service support and sustain the force. Our functional transformation, known as Financial Management Redesign (FMR), is a complete look at financial management across the entire operational spectrum. It recognizes our changing Army and how financial management must evolve to provide valuable support, where and when needed. As a result, we will emerge with a new financial management doctrine, new financial management organizations, enhanced and up-to-date training, and new support equipment. During fiscal year 2004 you will see the publication of a new doctrinal manual, FM 1.06 (will replace FM 14-100); the first fielding of our tactical finance system, the Financial Management Tactical Platform (FMTP); the development of the Chief of Staff of the Army approved organizational design, which places finance operations and resource management under the same tactical organizational structure; and on-line advanced distributed training in resource management and finance.

Meanwhile, the one constant is our quality people! Their extraordinary efforts provide the glue and the real success stories that make the future so bright. We welcome back the many soldiers and civilians, both the active and reserve component, who recently served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Philippines, and the many other locations around the world, in support of the war against terrorism. Their efforts continue as new elements soon deploy to replace those returning, proving once again, you can't go to war without us. We will make every effort to share their stories, lessons learned, and on our web page, www.finance.army.mil.

I ask that you please keep our many deployed soldiers and civilians in your prayers, as they continue to support and serve our nations, particularly as we head into the Holiday Season. May God bless you and your family throughout the Holidays and into the New Year.

To Support and Serve!
Col. Bob Speer

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29 Dec 2003 -- Hugh TANT, our correspondent in Iraq, reports that the **ICE (Iraqi Currency Exchange)** is still on target. He reported further as follows:

"Reports from the banks regarding the conversions are starting to flow in! All the Iraqis I have spoken with say they really love the new currency. Positive reports from the field indicate the same story: the great majority of the Iraqi citizens are very happy with the new Dinar—a single, stable, secure currency for all the people of Iraq.

The following is a snapshot of where we stand with the new currency as of this date:

Total new Dinar in Iraq: 5.8 Trillion (92% of 6.36 Trillion)

Dinar inventory at distribution hubs: 1.8 Trillion

Dinar amount issued to banks: 5.6 Trillion

New Dinar in circulation: 4.1 trillion (95% of 4.364 Trillion)

Cumulative destruction of old currency: 68559 bags or about 2,857 tons, or 32% of estimated total of 9000 tons.

***Reunion 2004 will be in Las Vegas
from 8 to 11 October.***

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**Deceased and we were notified:
(Between 2002 and 2004 Reunions)**

NAME	RANK	DATE DIED
BARTO, Edward E.	LTC	16 JUN 03
BEANE, Woodrow	CWO	12 OCT 02
BLANCHARD, Charles S.	MSG	AUG 01
BOLLING, Buddy	MR	6 MAR 03
BRUCHHAUSER, Eleanor	(Wife of CWO Edward)	11 AUG 00
CALHOUN, Connie	(Widow of COL James)	21 OCT 02
CARROL JR, Walter D.	LTC	29 AUG 01
CARROL, Pauline C.	(Widow of LTC Walter)	29 DEC 01
CHAMBERS, James E.	COL	14 MAR 03
CHRISTOPHERSON, Fred (Chris)	LTC	4 FEB 03
COYNE, Floyd P.	LTC	12 OCT 03
DELANEY, Steve	LTC	3 MAR 03
DeLONG, Violet	(Wife of COL Otis)	6 AUG 01
DIENER, Jane	(Wife of LTC Nick)	26 FEB 03
FEENEY, Thomas Joe	LTC	29 APR 03
FLEWELLING, Robert O.	LTC	19 JUN 03
EDE, Frank	MSG	28 MAY 03
GINNETTI, Neil	MR	8 MAY 03
GINTER, Gary	SGM	12 SEP 02
GOSS, Don	COL	6 JUL 03
HUSSEY, Elwood	MSG	14 FEB 02
KOHLER, Robert A.	LTC	23 OCT 00
LEE, Gwen	(Wife of LTC Hon)	27 JUN 03
MENEGUS, Grace	MAJ	7 JUL 02
MCCORMICK, Harold J.	LTC	23 DEC 99
McINTOSH, Charles A.	COL	26 AUG 02
MINNON, Albert	LTC	APR 03
NORSEN, Don	SGM	6 SEP 03
PALSROK, Loni	(Widow of COL John)	17 APR 02
RANDOW, Thomas E.	LTC	8 JUL 02
SHEPPARD, Maggi	(Widow of LTC Jerry)	3 OCT 02
SHROYER, James	LTC	11 APR 03
TODD, Ruby	(Wife of MAJ. Ronald)	24 OCT 02
TRACY, Robert L.	COL	10 FEB 03
TRYON, Frank H.	LTC	16 NOV 02
WALKER, Harvey	SGM	22 APR 03
WALKER, Lana	(Wife of SGM Harvey)	23 FEB 03
WEST, Richard L.	LTG	22 JUL 03
WOHLFORD, Dorothy E.	(Widow of LTC Robert)	13 NOV 02

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

From time to time we receive notices that there are organizations that are seeking persons with the skills normally found in retired Finance Officers. If anyone is interested in a rather high paying job you should contact the following person with

1. Perot Systems Government Services.
Michelle Choi
Phone: (703) 933-8015
Email: michelle.choi@psgs.com
Online Employment Center:
<http://careers.psgs.com>
2. MPRI contact Arnie Laidig
arnie.laidig@mpri.L-3com.com



LA TO BOSTON ON A BIKE:

by Fred Selby



I rode with America by Bicycle (ABB), an outfit headquartered in New Hampshire, that conducts several multi-day to multi-week trips. Their “signature” trip being 3,345 miles from Newport Beach, CA to Boston, MA in 32 days. Fifteen of us finished in Boston together (11 males and 4 females) on May 29, 2003, 13 of whom had ridden every mile of the journey (although one took a 2 year break after a broken collarbone two years previously). We traversed 14 states traveling on less heavily traveled state and county roads when available. However, from eastern California until Albuquerque, NM we used interstate highways extensively.

ABB provided all hotels, breakfast and lunch every day, mechanic support, transportation of our luggage between overnight towns, and “cue” sheets to get us between the overnight towns.

The group of riders were quite accomplished, all clearly “Type A’s,” all in great physical condition, and ranged in age from 57 to 26 (I was the second oldest). There were 3 doctors; a nurse; a retired interpretative ranger with the forest service; a US government worker from Mozambique; the owner of a wire fabrication company; a teacher; the former mayor of Gainesville, FL and also former FL house of representative member; the general manager of the Cheers bar in Boston; a partner in a CPA firm and an accountant; etc. The group bonded well and was very supportive of one another.

I had prepared diligently, but we all found that there is no way to prepare adequately for spending 5 and 3/4 hours to over 11 hours per day in the saddle of a bicycle on a wide variety of road surfaces. Our daily average mileage was 110+ with the shortest day being 83 and the longest day (St. Joseph to Kirksville, MO) 153 miles (with 233 hills--we counted!!). I thought several times about how hard Ranger School was and concluded that in some ways, this was harder--mostly the fact that it came at you day after day without a break.

We were extremely fortunate with the weather patterns in that with all the bad weather across the country in late April and May we didn’t actually get rained on other than a sprinkle or two until we reached New York.

The one observation I made was the patriotism that I saw demonstrated across the entire United States. A significant percentage of the homes we rode past (and there were lots and lots of them) displayed an American flag, signs in support of the troops, red white and blue bunting, and yellow ribbons. It’s a GREAT country and a real privilege to ride across it.

If my cross country ride wasn’t quite enough, I overreached a bit and swam the 4.4 mile swim under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (second year in a row) from east of Annapolis to Kent Island 10 days after the ride ended and then did an Olympic-distance triathlon the next weekend. (I’m resting a bit now)

THEIR DUTY:

Nina Swink reported on the ABC evening news that, because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabel approaching Washington DC, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They refused. “No way, Sir!” Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.



THE ARMY FINANCE CORPS ON THE JOB IN IRAQ.

CSM Robert F. Lautenschlager



This is a photo taken 13 December 2003 of the box Saddam was carrying that contained \$750,000. We had to account for the money. It was quite exciting around here as the mission went down to capture High Value Target #1. I was notified about 2230 hours Saturday, 13 December night that we had Saddam and of course, the money had to be secured for the night. We secured the money overnight. We are all very happy that Saddam is in custody but the job over here is far from finished. I hope that the attacks start to diminish and the people of Iraq help us to rid their country of the insurgents. We have about 3 or 4 months left over here and all of us are looking forward to coming home. God Bless and take care.

(CSM Lautenschlager was a member of the 215th when it went to the Middle East the first time.)



THIS NEWSLETTER IS BEING MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS PLEASE AUDIT YOUR RECORD IN THE ROSTER AND SEND ME ANY CHANGES. THIS NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN ON THE WEB SITE FOR 3 OR 4 WEEKS AS A NEWSLETTER, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT MOST OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE IN THIS LETTER WERE PUT ON THE WEB SITE AS SOON AS WE WERE NOTIFIED. IN ORDER TO HAVE CURRENT FINANCE NEWS PLEASE GET ON THE INTERNET AND CHECK OUT www.rafino.org.



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Reunion 2004 – October 8-11, 2004 In Las Vegas, NV

This is an "Intent to Attend" questionnaire which will provide information to the planning group to insure that we are in the ballpark on room reservations and other items. Please respond by **31 January 2004** so plans can be adjusted as needed.

The reunion will be held at the Westin Casuarina Las Vegas Hotel just off the strip.

Early arrival	Thu – 7 OCT	
Arrival	Fri -- 8 OCT	Bridge Tournament
1 st full day	Sat – 9 OCT	Golf in the AM, Welcome reception in PM
2 nd full Day	Sun –10 OCT	Dinner & pictures
3 rd Day	Mon – 11 OCT	Business meeting

The room rate will be \$129 plus tax. Reservations need to be made direct to the hotel by calling 1-800-937-8461 (toll free). Use the code word GRRFO & make the reservation by 13 September 2004 to get this rate.

Registration fee will be \$125.

Please respond to the following whether you plan to attend or not:

My name is: _____.

I will _____ will not _____ attend the reunion 2004. The # in my party will be _____.

I will arrive (date) _____ & depart (date) _____.

I plan to stay at the Westin Casuarina Las Vegas Hotel for _____ nights.

I anticipate a need for _____ extra room(s) or special accommodation of _____.

Please print names of attendees & include nicknames that you wish to be used on tags.
(Names)

Tours: (Please indicate the tours that you are interested in by entering the number in your party in the blank space.) Details for each tour is on the back of this sheet.

____ Las Vegas City Bus Tour – 4 hrs - \$30 each.

____ Neon & Lights City Tour – 3.5 hrs - \$40 each.

____ Hoover Dam and Lake Mead – 4 hrs - \$30 each

____ Red Rock Canyon & Mt Charleston Alpine Brunch Gateway – 6 hrs - \$54

____ Golf late Saturday morning. \$75 each estimate. Number of players _____.

____ Bridge Friday afternoon. \$5 each. Number of players _____.

Are you willing to help the Las Vegas committee with the following: ____Registration,
____Hospitality, ____ Banquet, ____ Tours, ____ Golf, ____ Other such as _____.

Can you come a day early to help the committee with registration? Yes ____ No ____.

Mail this form to J. Claud Wallace, address on page 1, or use the web site form.

Las Vegas City bus tour:

On this tour you will see the real Las Vegas. We'll take you where the locals live, work and play. You will learn about the founders of Las Vegas as we show you the first casino location on Fremont Street. While touring the Strip, your guide will recount tales about the infamous founders, current entrepreneurs and visionaries who have transformed this railroad stop in the desert into the "Entertainment Capitol of the World." An enjoyable stop is at the Ethel M. Chocolate Factory and Botanical Gardens. A short tour will show you several kitchens where the fillings are made and the candies are coated with chocolate. Chocolate samples are available for testing at the end. A cactus garden surrounds the factory. This beautiful and well-maintained garden has a unique display of over 350 varieties of rare cacti that you won't find anywhere else! Next to the Cactus Garden is yet another marvel, an installation called the Living Machine. A water recycling plant that mimics natural wetlands cleans all the wastewater from the factory. This tour is available Monday through Friday. Allow 4 hours.

Neon & Lights City Tour:

Much of the city's cultural life revolves around two areas: the mega casinos on the Strip and Downtown, home to older, quainter casinos. You'll see them all and get the inside story on how Las Vegas earned the title of "Entertainment Capitol of the World." You'll also take in the Downtown Fremont Street Experience, the epicenter of Vegas neon! Next you'll discover Nevada's historical treasures in the Casino Legends Hall of Fame at the Tropicana Resort & Casino, home to the largest and most unique collection of Nevada gaming memorabilia ever assembled. Over 120,000 people get married in Las Vegas every year. Your tour concludes with a visit to A Special Memory Wedding Chapel, complete with a drive-up window. 3 1/2 hours

HOOVER DAM & LAKE MEAD with lunch included.

Also there is a bonus visit to the Chocolate Factory & Desert Botanical Gardens. Maybe you will see a movie star's home. Spend 2 Hours at Hoover Dam & Lake Mead. 4 hours

Red Rock Canyon & Mount Charleston Alpine Brunch Getaway:

Your Knowledgeable Driver Guide will inform you of our old west and its colorful past including: Magnificent Red Rock Canyon and Old West Trail, a 13 mile scenic loop (including the Red Rock Canyon Visitor's Center for approximately 30 minutes). Next, a short one hour journey from the desert to the splendor of Mount Charleston. Experience the wondrous change in scenery as you travel upwards to 8,000 feet above sea level to the beautiful Mount Charleston Lodge. Enjoy Brunch amongst the ponderosa pines at the lodge (limited menu available). Venture through the majestic beauty of the Alpine Region to Kyle Canyon (Home of the only ski resort in Las Vegas). Experience the hidden treasures of Nevada. 6 hours.

Golf:

The traditional golf tournament will be played at the Highland Falls Golf Course. Details of the event are being developed.

Bridge:

If there is enough interest a bridge tournament will be planned.