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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, grand-children 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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The Prez Sez



RAFINO members, it is my sincere hope that all of you are doing well. As we now move into the fall season, rather than seeing the COVID 19 pandemic behind us, as we had all hoped, we are now seeing the effects of the much more contagious delta variant, and now talks of a booster vaccine. Because of all this, as many of you know, the RAFINO leadership made the decision to cancel the RAFINO reunion scheduled to take place this October in Charleston.

While we are unhappy to of had to cancel the Charleston reunion, we do have to thank Troy Clay and his great team for all their hard work over these past three years for what would have been a fantastic event for RAFINO. Now, we look forward next year, and we are in the planning phase for next year's RAFINO reunion scheduled for next October in Indianapolis, Indiana. As many of you know, Indianapolis and Fort Benjamin Harrison prior to 1995 was the "Home of the Army Dollar." While the Finance Corps Headquarters has now moved to Fort Jackson, for many members of RAFINO this will be a homecoming. The new planning team of CSM (R) Mark Sullivan and CSM (R) JT Sablan are hard at work looking to make the Indianapolis Reunion a great one for all.

In addition to getting ready for next year, with the cancellation to Charleston, we are working to ensure that anyone who paid to go to the Reunion and do not plan to go to Indy, please touch base with Imre to get your refunds. We also had a few folks who had reservations still open with the hotel. Unless you plan on being in Charleston 6-10 October this year, please reach out to the hotel and cancel your reservation.

I know we will all get through this, which will make next year's reunion all the better for all of us.

Be Safe and Take Care

Tom McKenna
LTC, Finance Corps (Retired)
President, RAFINO

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

Conduct periodic Reunions.

The Vice Prez Sez



Happy Fall Season to one and all. I hope all are doing well as the summer ends and fall begins. Kids and grandkids are going back to school, and your cup of coffee is waiting for you on a possible brisk morning. However, the season is beginning for you, so I'm sending well wishes to all.

As you are aware, we unfortunately had to cancel the reunion in Charleston. It was a difficult decision, but one we had voted on for the safety of all members. With the delta variant and other unforeseen circumstances due to coronavirus, the cancellation had to be made at the time. We want to send a big thank you to Troy Clay for all his hard work and making things happen for organizing the reunion both years.

Though Charleston is canceled, Mark Sullivan has already taken the lead in organizing the Indiana reunion for 2022. He has been working to make it a memorable reunion for all. We hope to see all that were coming to Charleston to join us in Indianapolis. It won't be only a RAFINO reunion, but some memories for each individual that may have ever set foot in Indianapolis for Finance in uniform. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also would like to encourage you and your friends to join RAFINO. The organization is as good as the members that are in it. We need all of you as part of the organization for what you personally offer to each one of us! To join, go to the RAFINO website; the steps are easy to follow. If you encounter any issues, please reach out to any of us to assist.

Christine Brosius,
Vice President

The Trez Sez



Everything still looks good in our investment portfolio, as our assets total \$134,258.62 through September 5, 2021, including unrealized gains of \$6,233. This does not include any of the funds related to our canceled Charleston Reunion, nor the assets transferred to the Indianapolis Reunion in 2022. Due to the generosity of Russ Dowden and John Fruin, we are able to cover the total costs incurred for the reunion: PayPal and credit card fees as well as the cancellation fee at our Charleston Hotel and a small fee for the canceled activities. Thank you, Russ and John!

Our current membership stands at 515 dues-paying members and 235 surviving spouses. The 515 number includes 311 life members as well as 75 members who are behind in the payment of their dues. This is down from 84 members who were in that status the last quarter. For the first time since we established the life membership, the total number of life members has declined, as more members have passed away than joined the ranks.

As of September 5, we have sent refunds to 25 members and their 25 guests for Charleston prepayments, but we are currently still carrying 30 paid members and their 18 guests, some who have already requested that we carry forward their funds and apply them to the 2022 Indianapolis Reunion. If you wish to do the same, please let me know, so we can accomplish the transfer. You can also obtain a refund by just sending me an email (thevolgyis@epbfi.com), but please include your **current address and phone number**. You should see a refund check in 7-10 days. In either case, please let me know your preference.

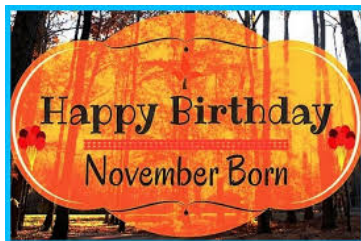
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1 James R. Banks	16 S. Stewart Ridgeway, Jr.
1 John W. Mellon	17 Frank Fuentes
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3 Carl R Broadhurst	17 Marie A. May
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4 David R Deel	20 Ronald M. Gifford
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5 Rex Dennis Lasley	21 Fred A Runnels, Jr.
5 Dennis R. Papendick	22 Billy Peters
5 Volker Schwarz	23 Gerald L. Bottorff
5 Miyoko Wilson	25 Charles Ayres
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Plenty of Time in the Army

During World War II, my father often found himself stuck with KP duty. One day, convinced he could improve things, he told the head cook, "If you give me a paring knife, I could peel these potatoes faster." The cook turned slowly to my father and said, "Son, you're in the Army. You have plenty of time."



4	Kristen Jenkinson	18	Nancy Carlson
5	Bobby W. Alexander	18	Elmo C Harrison, Jr.
5	Kenneth L. Hall, Jr.	19	Trecia Buster
6	G. Huntington Banister	20	James A Orcutt, Jr.
8	James A Enloe	21	Michael L. Belter
8	Michael L. Huston	21	Dennis L. Cantwell
8	Deb Vanderlinde	21	Edward W. Maclean
10	Bradley E. Bergman	21	Claire L. Sears
10	James H. Dillard	21	Robert W. Tudor
10	Sam Friedman	22	Wendy Freeman
10	Steven A Hill	22	Kevin E. Gullett
10	Kirby J. Lott	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	25	Gary L. Comfort
13	Michael H Greenberg	25	James M. Fay
15	Lawrence A Anyanwu	25	Frankie L Matthews
15	Allen M. Johannesen	27	Samuel R. Young
16	Robert L. Halverson	28	Sandra Donohue
16	Norman A. Lavigne	28	Douglas McNair
16	Michael H Ponichtera	28	Arthur Perry
17	John W. Null	28	Donald Smallwood
18	Raymond B. Boddie	30	Connie J Johnson

40 for Lying

As A.J. and his platoon of recruits were marching, their sergeant slipped and tumbled down a ravine. The irate sergeant scrambled back up amid guffaws and barked, “Those who laughed, get down and give me 20!” A.J. and some others fell to the ground quickly and did their push-ups. Meanwhile, the sergeant glared at the others. “As for the rest of you, get down and give me 40 for lying!”



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

Husband looks at his wife in surprise, "Wow darling, you look all different and nice today! Is that a new hairdo?"

The wife hisses from behind him, "I'm over here, Arnold!"



The Spouses Corner

CHARLESTON

So sad we are not going with this October's reunion, but so looking forward to next October, when we will be going back to our roots!

Reunion 2022 will be in Indianapolis



Home of Fort Benjamin Harrison. Bill would be so thrilled to see it again.



Can you believe it is fall already? Summer is gone, and we still have Covid 19 to deal with.

This Covid 19 has sure taken a toll on our country, to include changing our Reunions. I am so sad we had to move it to next October again. We will keep you informed on what we will do next.

Bon Appétit



THE SECRET TO CROCKPOT (SLOW COOKER) RIBS

Remove the membrane from the back of the ribs. Just slide your fingers around the side to loosen it up and rip it right off.

Give the ribs a dry rub. This step is optional. Some people like a good dry rub first for additional flavor.

Put your ribs in the crockpot. Lather them with barbecue sauce. You can use a homemade sauce like Raspberry-Chipotle Barbecue Sauce for ribs or a store-bought bottle. Just remember to save a little bit for later.

Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. The more racks in the pot, the longer you'll need to cook.

These ribs latterly fall off the bone

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TAPS



Wendell W. Fenn

BG

November 4, 2019

BG Wendell W. Fenn was born on August 8, 1922, in Kokomo, Indiana to Floyd and Elsie Fenn. Wendell enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 at age 18. Two years later he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and in early 1944 he graduated from Officer Candidate School. As a Second Lieutenant, he served as a member of the 101st Airborne glider troops and on June 5, 1944, one day before D-Day, he glided into Normandy as an early wave of the Allied invasion of Western Europe. From there he fought his way through the European theatre, was at the Battle of the Bulge and received two Purple Hearts along the way for wounds he received in combat. After WWII, Wendell attended college under the GI Bill and received degrees in both accounting and law. Wendell was a career military man and served in a variety of roles, including several posts at the Pentagon. BG Fenn retired in 1982 after 42 years of service. Wendell is preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Betty Jane Wilcox Fenn, and his daughter, Jane Ann Jackman. He is survived by his son Mickey (Paula) Fenn.

Pierce “Ross” Kiddie

SGM

“ July 13, 2021

Graveside Memorial Services were held at the Ft. Sill National Cemetery on July 22, 2021, for SGM Pierce ‘Ross’ Kiddie of Newcastle, OK. SGM Kiddie passed away on July 13, 2021, in his home. He was born on August 27, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan to Pierce Leavitt and Florence (Sommes) Laramie. He married Sheila S. (Sheldon) Kiddie on July 1, 1967, in Edmond, OK. He served in the U.S. Army for over 28 years and retired as a Sergeant Major. During that time, he spent 1 year in Vietnam and 16 years in Germany in artillery and finance. Survivors include: His wife Sheila Kiddie of the home. Sons; Eric Kiddie & wife Lori of Deer Park, Washington. Steven Kiddie & wife Rebecca of Tuttle, OK. Daughter: Erin Wilkins & husband Chris of Cochran, GA. In lieu of flowers the family request that contributions can be made to the VFW or DAV.

Mr. Larry C. Hanson

DAC

June 18, 2021

Larry Charles Hanson of Yorktown, VA, passed on June 18, 2021 at Consulate Health Care of Williamsburg. He was born on November 11, 1939, in Moline, IL. He was born to Clarence Oscar Hanson and Bertha Helen Griggs. Larry graduated from Augustana College with a BA in accounting in 1961. Larry married the love of his life Sally Murrison on November 11, 1961, a day that his wife was confident he wouldn't forget. He worked for the Rock Island Arsenal after graduating from Augie. He was selected by the United States Army to attend Syracuse University where he received his master's degree in business administration and graduated at the top of his class. His last position before retirement was as ADCSRM in Heidelberg, Germany. Larry worked for over 30 years for the Army. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Sally Hanson; children Holly Mansueti, Matthew Hanson, and Heidi Freeman. There was a Celebration of Life on July 7, 2021. He will be laid to rest at Peninsula Memorial Park. Memorial donations can be sent to Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter (alz.org).

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

The purposes above may be summarized in one word: fellowship. The two societies come together every two years for a festive Reunion. Cities where the Reunions have been held in the past include Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Ft. Jackson, Orlando, Williamsburg, Branson, Tacoma, San Antonio, Baton Rouge, and in 2018, Albuquerque. 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.