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- To Our Membership -

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

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

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

Thank you

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## The Prez Sez



Happy Spring all!!! I used these same words last year as we in RAFINO were getting ready for the 2021 reunion scheduled for Charleston. Unfortunately, as we all know the Delta variant forced us to cancel the event. However, if we are anything as retired Finance Army Officers and NCOs, we are resilient. Now that Spring is here, we can all start looking forward to putting the coronavirus in our rearview mirrors and looking toward to this year's RAFINO reunion at the "Home of the Army Dollar," in Indianapolis, 5-9 October 2022.

As I write this the reunion, Indianapolis is less than seven months away. Since this will be our third try at a reunion since 2020, I am truly looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion this year. Right now, Mark Sullivan and JT Sablan are working to pull the final touches together, and we will have the registration form on the RAFINO website ([www.RAFINO.org](http://www.RAFINO.org)) very soon. Many of us spent time at Fort Benjamin Harrison either in school or assigned there, and while the post is closed, there are still many items of interest that we will all get a chance to see.

As you know, one of the big events at the reunion is the RAFINO business meeting that takes place on Saturday morning. During this meeting, we will get a briefing on the organization's finances, along with the opportunity to vote on where the next reunion is going to be. While those are important, the most important thing is we vote for our new slate of officers to include the new President and Vice President. Since both myself and Chris Brosius are unable to be re-elected (good news for you), I will ask that you think about whom you would like to be at the helm for the 2022-2024 years.

Before I close this out, just a quick reminder to everyone who is not a life member of the organization, and those who are getting close to having their memberships expire, take a quick look and see if they can renew to life member status.

Again, Happy Spring, and hope to see you all 5-9 October 2021 in Indianapolis.

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

## The Trez Sez



As of February 28, 2022, we have total assets of \$130,488.22, which includes unrealized losses of \$2,587.15. Our investment portfolio declined along with the rest of the world markets, but is starting to show some recovery in the last few days. We have previously experienced similar drops when the epidemic hit two years ago, so we should not be too alarmed. Charles Schwab continues to provide us with investment advice at no cost to RAFINO. The total assets do not include \$16,029.97 that we are holding in a checking account related to our canceled Charleston Reunion that will, hopefully, be transferred to the Indianapolis Reunion in 2022.

There are 124 members who are not current with their membership dues, which includes 55 of you whose 2022 dues for \$12 are now past due. If you wish to convert to a life membership, email me your birth date, and I will send you the cost of the life membership. In accordance with our bylaws, 27 of the 124 members who are over three years past due will be dropped from the rolls on April 1 and will have to reapply and get current in their dues. On the bright side, we have 321 lifetime members, which is 62 percent of the total 519 membership. And those 321 represent 81 percent of the 395 members who are current in their dues.

Imre Volgyi, Treasurer  
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## *The Spouses Corner*

Ann Tolbert has stepped down as the Vice President of Surviving Spouses. Please join us in thanking Ann for all the work that she put in to keep our surviving spouses in touch with the Finance community, including the stories and recipes she has shared with all of us. Unfortunately, that means we need a new volunteer in this position. If you or someone you know is interested, please email [rexbrown68@gmail.com](mailto:rexbrown68@gmail.com).



### **How to Boil Water**

1. Put some water in a pan or pot.
2. Place the pan on your stovetop and turn the burner to the highest setting.
3. Let the water come to a full roiling boil (bubbles rapidly breaking the surface).

**Hot Tip:** Covering the pot speeds the process by trapping surface heat.

### **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.



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| 1 Patrick J. Cunningham  | 11 Robert W Nichols      |
| 1 Kristin Davis          | 11 Jesse M. Perez        |
| 1 Paul D. Geouge         | 12 Keith L Gudehus       |
| 1 Craig Harding          | 13 Richard M. Blocker    |
| 1 Peter R. Leinenweber   | 13 Robert A. Edwards     |
| 1 Nancy A. Thomas        | 13 Nelson K. Hayashi     |
| 1 Gabriel Vargas         | 15 Ted Cooper            |
| 2 George Mcleod          | 15 Donald J. Gudinas     |
| 2 Lorenzo Melton         | 15 Karen L Williams      |
| 3 Norman C. Harris       | 16 Dennis G Saylor       |
| 3 Larry G. Havenhill     | 18 Randy Stevens         |
| 4 John Lindward Bellizan | 19 James Thomas Fouche   |
| 4 Terrence E Hiett       | 20 Brian C. Clearman     |
| 4 Joseph W. Johnston     | 21 Douglas L Boyer       |
| 5 James L. Fredrick      | 21 John J. Van Vranken   |
| 5 Talmadge Ed Hewitt     | 22 Richard E. Pedersen   |
| 5 Lloyd L. Newbanks      | 23 Robert K. Branch, Sr  |
| 5 John M. Sathrum        | 24 Rae Poteat            |
| 5 Sieglinde Scholle      | 24 Gene B. Tomlinson     |
| 6 Arthur Q. Moore        | 25 Samuel D. Hefner      |
| 8 Byron L. Cherry        | 25 George L. Lassiter    |
| 8 Allan R. Durning, Jr   | 25 Ryan M. Zimmerman     |
| 8 Ronald L. Manasco      | 27 Douglas R. Alfar      |
| 8 William C. Sterling    | 27 Henry U. Hwang        |
| 9 David G. Gonzales      | 27 William T. Wiseman    |
| 10 Peter D. Lofing       | 28 Frank J. Divonzo, Jr. |
| 11 Mary Ann Andersen     | 29 John H Henry          |
| 11 Frank W. Clayton      | 29 William P. Long       |
| 11 Alexander Fennell     | 30 Daniel E. Watford, Sr |

### Some Interesting Thoughts for the Day

“I know I’m a handful, but that’s why you got two hands.” – Unknown

“Taking naps sounds so childish. I prefer to call them horizontal life pauses.” – Unknown

“If we’re not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?” – Unknown

“If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito.”

– Betty Reese –



1	Maurice Munechika	19	Irwin E. Lecker
3	Jeffrey C. Green	19	Tom Roberts
3	Lawrence K. Massey	19	Donald L. True
4	Brian E. Bode	20	Leroy T. Repischak
4	Annette Martin	21	Marguerite (Micki) M Jones
5	Robert C Irving	21	Jeffrey R Kovach
6	David R. Mazo	23	Herman Hurd
8	Gloria Lynn	24	Clifton G. Hattett
10	Richard E. Darcy	24	Mickey L McBride, Sr.
10	Roy A. Wallace	24	Jorge F Roca
11	John A. Harris	26	James S. Gillaspie
12	Terence E. Kirkpatrick	26	Leonard H. Koehl
13	Alfred Ray Otte	26	John S. Medley
14	Johnnie L. Beale	26	Rolan W. Small
14	Roy Main, Jr	27	Miriam Glock
15	William J. Murnan	28	Donald E Meisler
16	Susan M Gillison	29	James Guy Cunningham
16	George S. Johnson	29	Irene A. Hyek
17	Kenneth Hetue	30	Larry M. Hacker
17	Richard S. Johnson	31	Robert M. Schoenborn
17	Gennaro A Penn, Sr	31	Reginald C Veilleux
18	Forest A. Klumph	31	Robert I Wager

## Reunion 2022

Reunion 2022 will be held in Indianapolis October 5-9, 2022. The reunion hotel this year will be the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, in the heart of Indianapolis. The reunion team has negotiated a room rate of \$169.00.

Registration for the reunion (and separate registration for the hotel) will open by April 4, 2022 on the RAFINO website. Stay tuned for further details.

We hope to see you there!!!



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| 1 Anthony S Cole, Sr     | 17 Joseph A Rouille      |
| 1 Larry J. Elsom         | 18 Charles E. Henderson  |
| 1 Thomas A. Gajda        | 18 Timothy M Johnson     |
| 1 William M. Landrum     | 18 Joseph C Mendez       |
| 3 John S. Fruin          | 19 Larry G Cline         |
| 4 David W. Mikkelson     | 19 Leonard P. Coppola    |
| 5 Billy R Smith          | 19 James L. Pomeroy      |
| 6 Robert M. Caetano      | 21 Pauline W. Cunningham |
| 7 Conrad H. Cohen        | 21 Samson F. Descargar   |
| 8 Ron C. Cordell         | 21 Donald W. King        |
| 8 William F. Rawley, Sr  | 21 Martha N. Whaley      |
| 8 Cody L Zilhaver        | 23 Aaron P. Gillison, Sr |
| 10 Leonard A. Bacon      | 24 Elinor Lawhorn        |
| 10 Ann F. Hursh          | 25 Timothy L Brown       |
| 10 John Dave Powell      | 25 Frederick S Selby     |
| 11 Glenn W Barringer     | 25 Hugh B. Tant, Iii     |
| 11 Matthew H Fleumer     | 25 Catherine R Wormer    |
| 11 Eduardo Picazo        | 26 Lillian K. Hensley    |
| 11 Cecil M. Zahn         | 26 Stephen B. Yarbrough  |
| 13 James W Goad          | 27 Joseph Franks         |
| 13 Teddy A. Stout        | 27 James E. Rusk         |
| 14 Robert N. Freckleton  | 28 Angelo M Capolupo     |
| 14 Richard L. Teters, Jr | 28 Verne H. Hansen       |
| 14 John S Weipz          | 28 Annetta M. Miles      |
| 15 Paul Battaglia        | 29 Pedro D Dela Mar, Sr  |
| 15 Donald R. Nottingham  | 29 Lee G. Holden         |
| 17 Ellen M Herrera       | 29 Charles J. Kacsur, Jr |
| 17 Steven F. Jones       | 30 William F. Connolly   |
| 17 Mary F. Markey        | 30 John R. Griffith      |
| 17 William B. Powell, Jr | 30 Daniel A. Peck        |

“Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are.” – Will Ferrell

## TAPS



### **Nancy Colleen Lee**

**Wife of COL Curtis**

**January 15, 2022**

Nancy C. (Olson) Lee, 86, Honolulu HI, formerly of Fertile, MN, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Nancy was born in Fargo, North Dakota on June 18, 1935. She graduated from Fertile High School in 1953 and attended Moorhead State University. On October 16, 1955, she married Curtis Lee of Ada, Minnesota. An active Army wife, she supported her husband during a military career of 24 years that ended in February 1980 when her husband retired. She was involved with the Red Cross Gray Ladies, Army Community Service Volunteers, and many Officer's Wives Club activities.

Together Nancy and Curtis raised three children. Nancy is survived by her husband, Curtis; one daughter, Kathleen Rego of Honolulu; two sons, Richard Lee (Susan) of Georgetown, Texas and Larry Lee of Leander, Texas; five grandchildren, Jonathan Rego of Kailua, Hawaii, Major Christopher Rego, stationed in Saudi Arabia, Laura Rego of Honolulu, and Samantha Lee and Rex Lee of Georgetown, Texas; and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Frances Olson.

### **Ms. Mildred S. Lux**

**CIV**

**December 9, 2021**

Mildred (Saber) Lux, 97, entered eternal rest on December 9, 2021. Born in Wilkes Barre, PA on July 19, 1924 to Michael and Agnes Saber, "Millie" attended Coughlin High School and graduated in 1942. Immediately upon graduation and during World War II, she joined the Department of Defense and began a career in finance that spanned 38 years. Starting in Washington, DC and following with assignments in Newark, NJ and St Louis, MO, she settled permanently in Indianapolis, IN working at what is now the Major General Emmett J. Bean Federal Center. She worked closely with General Bean and others administering the finance operation of the US Army and later all branches of the military. Among other high-profile projects, she served as Assistant Chief of the JUMPS Army Conversion Operation to computerize payrolls, for which she received a special commendation. She retired in 1980 and lived the rest of her life in Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Thomas Lux, Sr; parents, Michael and Agnes Saber; four brothers, Edward, John, William and Joseph; her first husband, James Wendling and a niece, Lorraine Saber Smith.

### **Norman A. Lavigne**

**COL**

**June 27, 2021**

Col. Norman Arthur Lavigne, U.S. Army (Ret.) 83, longtime resident of Nashua, NH passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Hunt Community in Nashua. Born in Berlin, NH on November 16, 1937 to his late parents, Alfred and Olive (Boucher) Lavigne, he graduated from Berlin High School with the Class of 1955. After high school, Norman attended Norwich University on a hockey scholarship graduating with the Class of 1959. Like many of his generation, he answered the call to service and proudly served his country in a career that lasted many years. After retiring from the Army, Norman continued his call to serve and was an economics professor at Rivier University in their Master's Degree program.

Norman is survived by his three dear children; his son, Frederick J. Lavigne and his wife Michele, of Laguna Miguel, CA, his son, SMSgt Michael P. Lavigne USAF (Ret.) of Orange, CA and his daughter, Jillian Corga and her husband Luis of Merrimack, NH.

**Jerome J. Butler, Jr.****COL****October 24, 2020**

Col. Jerome J. Butler, Jr. passed on during the evening of October 24, 2020, at Suncoast Hospice Care Center Mid-Pinellas at the age of 97. Col. Butler is survived by a son, Jerome J. Butler III (Yvonne), a daughter, Katherine Butler (John Tomasino), four grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. Col. Butler was predeceased by his wife Isabelle in 1998.

Col. Butler was born in New York City Dec. 7, 1922, and grew up in Manhattan and the Bronx. After marrying and young Jerome's birth, he was drafted into the Army and served in the South Pacific during World War II until 1946. After his return, he held several jobs as he pursued his education at Fordham University until 1949, when he rejoined the Army through a special program for future officers in the Finance Corps. During his career he completed his education "after hours" at Washington University St. Louis and at the University of Maryland, and was sent by the Army to Syracuse University for an MBA degree. After many relocations, he rose to his final rank as Commandant of the Army Finance School at Ft. Harrison in Indianapolis, IN.

Col. Butler retired in 1973, and accepted a position as Vice President of Finance and Treasurer at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, IN.

He then retired in 1979 and moved to Treasure Island, FL, where he dabbled in real estate and continued to serve the College as Director of Planned Giving.

**William Bateman, Jr.****SGM****February 26, 2019**

SGM William Bateman Jr., 80, passed away on February 26, 2019 in Hope Mills, NC. SGM Bateman was born on May 19, 1938 in Mt. Vernon, NY son of the late William Bateman Sr. and Gabrielle Ducoudray Whitney. He served in the United States Army for 32 years and retired as a Sergeant Major after earning two bronze stars and fighting in the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. After his retirement, William went on to become a history teacher in Rosedale, MS before ultimately retiring with his late wife Karin Bateman.

SGM Bateman is survived by his four children William Bateman III of Fayetteville, NC; Stephanie Penvose of Hope Mills, NC; Theodore Bateman of Mobile, AL; and Jerry Flannery of Hamburg, Germany, five grandchildren; Brandon Penvose of Goldsboro, NC; Andrew Penvose of Raleigh, NC; Trevor Bateman of Mobile, AL; Tyler Bateman of Mobile, AL; and Lara Roessner of Furth, Germany, his great-granddaughter Annsley Penvose of Fayetteville, NC, two sisters Debbie McCabe of Atlanta, GA and Cindy Bateman-May of Bozeman, MT, and two brothers Charles Whitney of Columbus, MS and Fredrick (Ted) Bateman of Ossipee, NH.



## RAFINO History

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*Keeping the Finance Family Together*



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

The original 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, Albuquerque, and in 2022 back to Indianapolis. These venues offer a great opportunity to not only visit great spots in the U.S. but, as mentioned above, visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

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