

RAFINO REPORTER

Keeping the Finance Family Together

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- To Our Membership -

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

We've 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



After much deliberation and careful review of nationwide, and in particular the Charleston, SC, area COVID-19 infection data, both current and projected, and with the health and welfare of our members and guests as our paramount concern, your RAFINO Board of Officers has decided to delay the 2020 Reunion scheduled for 7-11 October, 2020, for 12 months until October, 2021. Our host hotel and excursion partners have informed us that they have open dates to accommodate us during the rescheduled time. We will advise you of the new dates as soon as coordination is complete.

In a recent survey sent out to registered participants regarding the possibility of a delayed reunion, there was close to unanimous support for allowing the RAFINO Treasurer to hold already paid registration and event fees in the event the reunion was to be delayed by 6-12 months. By holding the already submitted payments and applying them to the new reunion, we will avoid further PayPal or credit card processing fees. Our hosting hotel and excursion partners have agreed to honor previously negotiated rates, including our group room rate of \$138.00 per room, per night for the new reunion dates. We will advise you soon as to what, if any, individual interaction with the hotel regarding moving room reservations will be. We will work with the hotel for a blanket movement of already made reservations. However, if any already registered and paid up member desires to cancel their registration now and not carry it over to the new dates, we will certainly refund you in full. If you desire a full refund, contact our Treasurer, Imre Volgyi, at: thevolgyis@epbfi.com. If you do decide to cancel your registration, you will be responsible for canceling your room reservations with the hotel.

I want each of you to know your Board did not take this decision lightly and we fully understand any disappointment or inconvenience this action may cause. However, as stated above, our number one priority in taking this decision is the health and welfare of our members, their families, and guests, of which many are in the COVID-19 “high risk” category. I hope to see each and every one of you in Charleston in October of 2021.

As for the 2022 Reunion currently planned for Indianapolis, the current Board of Officers will recommend to the new board to continue with the 2022 Reunion as planned, thereby adhering to our even numbered year cycle.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022 TERM

Even though we will not hold a reunion in 2020, we will still go forward with the biannual election of officers by email and snail mail in October. I have appointed Dave Mikkelson to head up the Nominating Committee and I encourage each active member to consider running for one of the elected positions: President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer. Please refer to Dave’s post further on in this newsletter for more information.

Larry J. Elsom
President

The Vice Prez Sez



In recent months, as we have traveled the roller coaster ride of COVID-19, I have been reminded of a quote made by the actor Chief Dan George from a Clint Eastwood movie. George portrayed the Indian Lone Watie in the movie, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*. In one scene, Watie is sharing with Josey Wales (Clint Eastwood) the visit he and other Indians made with the Secretary of the Interior. After the Indians had explained to the Secretary how their land has been taken and their people killed, the Secretary responded, “Endeavor to persevere”.

COVID-19 reminds us, as soldiers, of the times during our careers when we endeavored to persevere. We remember the assignment that was less than desirable; the duty station we hoped never to return to; and, possibly a boss, we would just as soon forget. Yet, we endeavored to persevere.

My hope is we can experience that same feeling with respect to the recruitment effort required for the future of RAFINO. There is a need for all of us to champion the cause of Life Memberships. Likewise, especially for those who are recent retirees, there is the challenge to seek out new members to carry our banner into the future. I believe the future of RAFINO is dependent upon our commitment to our organization and our endeavor to persevere.

Earl Daniels
Vice President

A Thought for Today

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.

- Nelson Mandela

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 Trez Sez



During the last quarter, we were able to recover over 70 percent of our unrealized losses that we encountered at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 30, we have total assets of \$114,119.15, with another \$23,662.10 in funds reserved for the Fall, 2021, Reunion (Advances of Registration Fees and Excursions). We continue to be doing better than the overall financial markets with our conservative blend of mutual funds.

We still have 114 members who are not current with their dues of which 19 will be dropped from our rolls this week. Normally, they would have been dropped on April 1 of this year, but we granted them an additional 90 days due to the pandemic with no one taking advantage of our generosity. In reviewing their last “log in” data, only two have even logged into the RAFINO web site in the last year. There was another increase of 14 members from the last quarter who opted for the Life Membership, so we now have 286 life members, which represents 64 percent of our total members who are current in their dues.

Finally, we currently have 41 members and 72 attendees who are still registered and paid in full for the Fall, 2021 Reunion (four members with eight attendees will not be able to attend). Another 24 members and 44 attendees have begun but not finished the registration process for a grand total of 65 members and 116 attendees.

Imre Volgyi, Treasurer, thevolgyis@epbfi.com

NOMINATION OF RAFINO OFFICERS FOR ELECTION THIS YEAR

Listed below is the RAFINO nominating committee to prepare a ballot for biannual election later this year of RAFINO Officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. We deeply appreciate your assistance in offering us nominations for those offices; please contact any one of us. Do let us know if you personally would like to serve in an office. Any active RAFINO member in good standing (dues paid) is eligible.

A 2018 change in our By-Laws no longer requires alternating retired Officers and NCOs for the President and Vice President positions. There are no term limits to any of the three officer positions.

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Thomas F. Conrad

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March 20, 2020

Thomas Francis Conrad was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 4, 1943 to Josephine (O'Reilly) and Elmer Conrad. He was the oldest of six children. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret (Stone) Conrad, three daughters, Kathleen Conrad, Berlin, Germany; Margaret Hoffmann, (Stephen), Atlanta, GA; and Elizabeth Misak, (Brian), San Diego, CA.

Thomas Conrad was a graduate of Fenwick High School, DePaul University BSC, and Northwestern University, MBA. He achieved the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army. His tours of duty included Vietnam, Greece, Iran, and Germany as well as various assignments in the United States.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Flagler Advent Health Foundation, Hospice Care of East Florida: 60 Memorial Medical Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32164

Nancy Robson

(Wife of LTC Richard Robson)

April 7, 2020

Nancy Jean Robson was born on September 11, 1944 in Louisville, Kentucky to Robert Charles Moore and Vivian Ruth Fancher. Nancy passed away peacefully in her sleep, late in the evening of April 7, 2020*, at home, surrounded by her family. Nancy was raised in Paoli, Indiana with her younger sister Vivian Anne Moore Flueckiger. Nancy attended college at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Following graduation, Nancy taught elementary school in Indianapolis. While living in Indianapolis she met and married Richard Radcliffe Robson Sr., a Captain in the US Army stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison. They married at Fort Harrison on June 27, 1970.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband, Richard Radcliffe Robson Sr, her twins Richard Robson Jr, and Mary Elizabeth Robson Weiss, her youngest daughter Jennifer Anne Robson Sears.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to public radio station KERA (3000 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75201).

John W. Cooley

April 24, 2020

John Cooley passed away April 24, 2020. He was born August 13, 1933, to the late Monroe A. and Cora M. (Stultz) Cooley. John is survived by his wife Doris J. (Bennett) Cooley; two daughters, Kim Long (Gary) and Tammy Christie; 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

John retired from the Federal Government in 1994 after 39 years with the Dept. of Defense. He served in the Navy 1956 -1957. He served as Deputy Commander for Army Finance and Accounting Plans Policies and Systems at the Financial and Accounting Center in Indianapolis for over 10 years. He was a part time adjunct member of the graduate school faculty for 20 years at American University, Indiana Wesleyan and the University of Indianapolis.



01st	Maella B. Blalock	18th	Milo Pfander
01st	Mark L. Brown	18th	Dennis I Walter
01st	Thomas B. Castleman	19th	Stanley R. Blancher, Jr
01st	Michael E. Dixon	19th	Frederick M. Hinshaw, Jr
01st	Judith Mongelluzzo	19th	Michael D. Kelly
02nd	Gary L Blackmon	19th	Mildred S. Lux
02nd	James Smith, Jr	20th	William S. Creighton
03rd	Jimmy D. Stephens	20th	James P. Edmondson
03rd	Ridell David Turner	20th	Suzanne E. Ramos
04th	Lewis E. Millhone	21st	Robert L. Garza
05th	Ivar T. Modtland	21st	Gregory D. Mial
05th	Keith M Shedd	22nd	Curlicine R Brownlow
06th	Douglas H. Metcalf	22nd	Thomas G. Knight
06th	Joseph A Myrda, Sr	22nd	Oscar Nipper
07th	William V. Anderson	22nd	Richard G. Shaffer
07th	Paul K. Larch	22nd	Charles S. Wagner
08th	Edward Gresham	23rd	Gary W. Bowersox
09th	James A. Bliss	23rd	William F. Coghill
09th	Troy A Clay	23rd	Richard D. Laskoski
09th	Rose Goetz	23rd	Richard H. Marshall
09th	Darryl W Hall	23rd	Robert N. Shilling
09th	John R. Herko	24th	J.R. Nolen, Jr
10th	William A. Bayliss	24th	Peter J. Stelmachowicz
10th	Rex E Brown	24th	Jane Stose
10th	Angel A. Cruz	25th	Marion C Mattingly
10th	Elvis A Edwards	25th	James F. Murphy
10th	John F. Rogan	25th	Billy Pantoja
10th	Frank E. Wong	25th	Thomas Tricker
11th	Archie P. Davis, III	26th	Michael J. Reagan
11th	Walter Labovich	26th	William V Reed, Sr
11th	Manuel M. Ozuna	27th	Arthur L. Junkins
11th	George Eric Reid	27th	David A Knoodle
11th	Helen B. Rhodes	28th	Johnny L. Garrett
12th	Samuel L. Mollock	28th	Anthony R. Kozel
12th	Daniel W. Palmer, Sr.	28th	Joanne Letky
13th	Forrest G. Mckeown	28th	Robert S. Radke
13th	Henry O. Miller	29th	Jane Brown
14th	Harvey P. Fisler	29th	Joseph A. Danieli, Jr
14th	Harry G. Lane	29th	Tracy L. Warren
15th	Roland A. Arteaga	30th	James R. Bronson
15th	Robert W Theriot	30th	Alice Lee Emerson
16th	Joseph F. Adams	30th	Jeffrey L Keating
17th	Joseph A. Miezelis	30th	James A. Reeves
18th	Alan R Doty	31st	Moore T Christopher
18th	Lydia Greene	31st	Thomas P Mckenna



01st	Alex N Kushel	18th	Jeanine A. Lugo
02nd	David Brown, Jr	18th	Leo J. Mansi
02nd	Frank E. McCormick	19th	Burleigh M. Cubert
02nd	Jackie Wolper	19th	Henry W. Neill, Jr
03rd	Albert M. Fleumer	19th	William F Rawley
04th	Bobby H. Gibson	20th	Clarence S. Naatjes
04th	William L. Smith	23rd	Roger N. Edgington
05th	Karen Hannon	23rd	Barbara A. Holder
06th	Mark K. Landry	23rd	Dennis J Moody
07th	Michael A Hurd	24th	Leonard L. Heimericks
07th	Elaine Mcneill	24th	Bobby L Lipscomb, Jr
07th	James E. Wright	24th	Robert P. O'halloran
08th	Ronald L. Adolphi	24th	Cletis G. Wright
08th	Wendell W. Fenn	25th	Daniel Schorn
08th	James Reay	25th	Frances Stagliano
09th	James A. Benoit	25th	Matthew J. Voithofer, IV
09th	Patricia D. Jones	26th	David M. Elliott
09th	Willie M. Pace	26th	Garry D. Foster
10th	Ronald R. Mcgee	26th	Richard F. Kinney
10th	Jimmy A Meier	26th	Robert M. Randall
10th	Imre Volgyi	26th	Reginald Thomas
13th	Joan Bigley	26th	Keith G. Westby
13th	Morgan F. Denny	27th	P. Ross Kiddie
14th	Jerry L Acheson	28th	Peggy Gassie
14th	William H. Hill	28th	C. Graham Johnson
15th	Valentin Caraballo	29th	William P. Stormer
15th	Jeffrey C. Rogers	29th	Kevin G. Troller
16th	Darla Goudey	30th	Donald L. Applegarth
16th	Samuel B. Houston	30th	Earl N. Matthis
17th	Kenneth T. Kincaid	30th	John S. Polickoski
17th	John D. Veal, Jr.	31st	D. David Baker

Quotes from Abe

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”

– Abraham Lincoln



01st	Reba Chambers	15th	Mary Purcell
01st	Michael P Moe	15th	Roger Vanderlinde
01st	Barbara A. Sholtes	16th	Susan Walton
02nd	Robert D Berger	17th	James R. Kelly, Sr
02nd	Douglas W Hewett	17th	Douglas A. Lawhorn
02nd	Mary Kay Null	17th	William A. Schubert
02nd	Bruce A. Prater	17th	Manley S. Warrick
03rd	Henry (Hank) Farr	18th	Leonard Greisz
03rd	Alan Jarvis	18th	John W. Olson
04th	Leon W. Hutton	18th	Stephen J. Riviere
05th	George D. Hunsaker	18th	Frank W. Scharite, Jr
05th	James H. Malone	19th	George B Wright
05th	Juan Santiago	20th	Bea L. Helsley
05th	Richard T. Thrift, Iii	21st	Margie L. Dowell
06th	James R. Blaylock	21st	Gerald F. Kallina
06th	Keith E Muschalek	22nd	Stanley M Brown
06th	Pat Riley	22nd	Lawrence E. Martin
07th	Blane O. Cox	22nd	Garvey A Wright
07th	Daniel B. Glodowski	23rd	John F. Kent
07th	Elliott M. Reinheimer	24th	William R. Allen
08th	Richard H. Dahoney	24th	Karen E Dyson
08th	Barb Gregory	24th	Jon N Owens
10th	Stephanie Cain-Hively	24th	Virgil G Robitzsch
10th	Garry J Reier	25th	Robert E Falkenstein
11th	Bobbie Williams	25th	Benjamin R. Henry
12th	James R. Burtner	26th	George Hal Mcnair
12th	Marion M. Gentry	26th	Joseph F. Suszynski
12th	Ferdinand F Peters	26th	Richard M. Trudell
13th	Harvey A. Legate	27th	Michael W. Gray
14th	Reginald W. Asby	27th	Stephen B Lockridge
14th	Wayne J. Halpern	27th	Martin A. Torres
14th	Michael D. Pyles	28th	Stephen Buckley
15th	John C. Franks	29th	Tino P. Favale
15th	Stephen F. Libert	30th	Peter M Krause

Let's Smile

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. after that who cares?... He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!

— Billy Connolly

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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 31st 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.