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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, 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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# RAFINO REPORTER

## Keeping the Finance Family Together

### The Prez Sez



Well, this has been one heck of a year. I think, like most of you, all I want to see is 2020 in my rearview mirror. However, having said that, I also want to say I am humbled and honored to have been voted in as the President of this great organization. I want to personally thank both Larry and Earl for their outstanding leadership over these past two years. They have left their imprint on the organization and well prepared as we move to the future.

Going into this holiday season, Mary Beth and I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, prosperous, and safe 2021.

Tom McKenna  
President

### The Vice Prez Sez



Season's Greetings to one and all. I look forward to working and talking with each one of you that make the organization as great as it is. As you all know by now, the 2020 Reunion has been moved to 2021 and it's looking to be just as amazing as it was supposed to be in 2020. We look forward to seeing you there.

The journey of the year 2020 is definitely a journey for us all in one way or the other. To look at it as a visionary, pun intended, 2020 is one to build upon and looking ahead for a bigger and better 2021 for us all. I hope all are healthy and energized to start the new year with growth in positive vibes!

Thank you all for welcoming me and the new President of RAFINO, and we look forward to continuing to grow membership and drive for excellence!

Again, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Christine Brosius  
Vice President

## The Trez Sez



Since our fiscal year closeout on September 30, 2020, we have turned another corner, as our financial picture is looking better than ever. As of December 16, 2020, we have total assets of \$122,687.56 with another \$23,338.10 in advance payments for the Fall 2021 Reunion (Advances of Registration Fees and Excursions). The total assets also include unrealized gains of \$1,602.72. The continued volatility, even though we invest in relatively conservative funds, is mind-boggling, as we have gone from the absolute bottom to an almost total recovery in basically eight months.

We have 72 members who are still not current with their dues payment, of which 17 members will be dropped from our rolls in the Spring of 2021. This will leave us with 455 paid-up members and an additional 232 surviving spouses, for a total of 687 active members. The good news is that 292 or 64 percent of the paid-up members have life memberships. The bad news is that 91 of the non-life members are paid up only thru December 31, 2020. If you are one of these 91 members, please renew now and consider converting to a life membership. It is not very cost effective for RAFINO to keep chasing members down for a \$12 annual dues payment. Keep in mind that life members also get a \$20 per person discount in their registration fees for the 2021 reunion. If you do opt for the life membership, make sure you verify your birth date in the RAFINO data base first. If you have any questions related to membership dues or our financial status, feel free to contact me at the email address below.

Imre Volgyi  
Treasurer  
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### 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.

## TAPS



**Joachim S. Ferandi**

**LTC**

**October 5, 2020**

LTC(RET) Joachim (Jack) S. Fernandi, age 73 of San Antonio, passed away on October 5, 2020. The youngest of four children, Jack graduated from Central Catholic in 1964 and St. Mary's University in 1968. He served 4 years Army active duty and later retired from the Reserves. Jack was employed at Southwest Research Institute, where he retired as Treasurer/Officer after 34 years of service. Once retired, he found joy in traveling and volunteering.

Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy Thomas Fernandi; children, Lisa Fernandi Braddam (David), Brian Fernandi (Roxanne), and Angela Fernandi; grandchildren, Ava, Briana, and Sebastian; sister, Adele Morrison; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities or the USO.

**Henry W. Neill, Jr.**

**COL**

**November 7, 2020**

COL Henry (Hank) W. Neill, Jr., was born on August 19, 1939, in the American Revolutionary town of Mendham, NJ. His parents were H. Wilson Neill and Ann Marie Langan Neill of Mendham. He is survived by his sister, Margaret Neill of Gladstone, NJ, and his wife, Judy Neill of Springfield, VA. Hank was a member of St. Joseph Church. He held a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Villanova University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Military education includes the U. S. Army Finance School, the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Hank Neill enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1962 and was assigned to Turkey as a cryptographer with the Army Security Agency. After achieving the rank of Sergeant, he received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Finance Corps. Subsequent assignments took him to Vietnam, Turkey, Japan and numerous locations throughout the United States. He retired from active military service as Chief, U. S. Finance Corps (Regiment) and Commandant, U. S. Army Finance School. Among his military decorations, COL Neill held the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Hank died at home on November 7, 2020. According to Hank's wishes, burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on March 17, 2021, St. Patrick's Day. Memorial donations in memory of Henry W. Neill, Jr. may be sent to Center for Prostate Disease Research, c/o The Henry M. Jackson Foundation, 6720A Rockledge Drive, Suite 100, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.



01st	Edward R McMullin	13th	Joseph R Loftin
01st	Annie L Walker	13th	Paul Morrisette
01st	William G. Younger	13th	James J. Watkins
02nd	Reginald A. Gayle	14th	Hector Perez
02nd	James R. Love	15th	Thomas F. Morehouse
03rd	Robert L. Gordon	16th	Richard J. Hinton
03rd	James R. Martens	16th	Curt A Rauhut
04th	Harley R. Mohr	18th	Alexander G. Thomson
04th	Ann Tolbert	18th	Joseph L. Watson, Jr
05th	Michael S. Lawson	19th	Bruce G. Fonda
05th	Gary D. Penn	19th	Richard M. Hahn
05th	William A. Shirley	19th	Ellious J. Lee, Jr
06th	Joanne C Lofton	19th	Michael J West
06th	Kaye A. Taylor	20th	Marjorie L. Arnold
08th	Stevan W. Cady	21st	William L. Crowson
08th	William G. Morgan, Jr	22nd	Ronald E. Allen
08th	Sally L. Wallace	23rd	Edward L. Davidson
10th	Ky Clark	24th	Russell J. Delaney
11th	Scott D Kroeger	24th	Jackie A. Van Hook
11th	C. Dale Preetorius	25th	Jack L Lansford
12th	Daisy C. Brown	28th	William Earl Daniels
12th	Thomas L Brown	28th	Martin P. Stein
12th	Thomas W. O'sullivan	31st	Charles J. Costello
12th	Edgar E. Stanton, III	31st	William E. Keach
13th	Russell H. Dowden, Jr		

*"It's Not Whether You Get Knocked Down, It's Whether You Get Up."*

– Vince Lombardi



01st	Anthony Leo Lorenz	16th	L. John Anchor
01st	Gary L. Mccourt	16th	Arthur R. Winans
02nd	Robert C Pratt, Jr.	17th	Shelton J. Champagne
02nd	James C. Tourgee, Jr	17th	Jeremiah P. Griffin
03rd	Efrain Medina	18th	Scott A Kraak
04th	Bruce D. Paul	18th	Edward J. Mccaffrey
05th	Gene P. Abel	18th	Larry G. Varchetti
05th	James Agresta	18th	Andrea D. Wright
06th	Marlin D. Erickson	19th	Conrado S. Barranco
06th	Hans Kennedy	19th	Billie J. Kennedy
07th	Michael J Schroeder	20th	Carlton E. Davis
08th	Max Joseph Jakeman	21st	George T. Beckett
09th	Gregg L Hill	21st	Kathy J Hutchins
10th	Linden Accurso	21st	Warren R. Neill, Jr
10th	Larry E. Hicks	22nd	George W. Dawley
10th	Robert M. Speer	22nd	Duane G. Ingalsbe
10th	Marlena O. Walker	22nd	Patrick T. Shine
11th	Emil J. Kovalchik	23rd	Audrey P. Leach
12th	James L Curren	24th	James M. Engoglia
13th	Wayne A. Borgmann	26th	Preston Moon
13th	Herbert L Swarts	26th	Mary F. Smith
14th	Dianna M. Putnam	27th	Jesse T. Sablan
14th	Robert U. Schultz, Jr	28th	Willis D. T. Darnell
15th	Eugene T. Hansen	28th	Scott Redeker

### Positive Energy

“Let your unique awesomeness and positive energy inspire confidence in others.” “Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.” “If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining.” “Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.”



01st	Judith Prosser	14th	Walter M. Swing
02nd	James R. Littleton	16th	Roman L.G. Benavente
03rd	Clema Jo Ferrell	16th	Katherine Ford-Isensee
03rd	Wayne C. Ingle	16th	Timothy L. Jones
03rd	Gregory D. Lebeda	17th	John W Lanting
03rd	Harold A. Missimer	18th	Christina Fulcher
03rd	Roland J. Schwartzkopf	18th	George W. Weir
04th	Bill Hunnicut	19th	David A. Sundby
04th	Curtis D. Lee	20th	Robert J Kerstetter
04th	Richard R Robson, Sr	21st	Annette L. Dunham
05th	Juan Dejesus	22nd	Barbara J. Bearr
06th	Danno Svaranowic	22nd	Delores M. Costello
07th	Annemarie Delgado	22nd	Geraldine L Miller
07th	James W Whitehead, Jr	23rd	Richard D. Heroux
07th	Thacker B. Williams, II	23rd	Donald E Houston, Jr
08th	Sharon A. Medley	26th	Clarence Reed
09th	William J. Hanley, Jr	27th	Jorge L. Garcia-Perez
10th	Janet C Hannam	27th	F Glenn Richardson
10th	Glenn C Williams	28th	Robert G. Bishoff
11th	Gary Gabriel	30th	Joan L. Black
11th	Virginia M. Lamm	30th	Roxanne Brittain
11th	Keith Madison	31st	Patrick J Boyd

### Vertigo

“Anyone whose goal is 'something higher' must expect someday to suffer vertigo. What is vertigo? Fear of falling? No, Vertigo is something other than fear of falling. It is the voice of the emptiness below us which tempts and lures us, it is the desire to fall, against which, terrified, we defend ourselves.”

— Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*



## *The Spouses Corner*

We are so happy to welcome our new President, Tom McKenna, and new Vice President, Christine Brosius. We are looking forward to a wonderful two years.

Again, we are so looking forward to this Pandemic to be over and to a wonderful time at our Charleston reunion. We will keep you informed to what is in store for us as we get closer.



## *It Is Christmas*

It is time for Christmas, but what a different Christmas this will be. We are back in lockdown where I am, and our families aren't able to travel or visit. I've done all my shopping on the internet and mailed off the gifts. So with all this extra time I have set up all of Bill's treasured displays. I thought I would share them with you to give you a little cheer.





# Bon Appétit

## Fluffy Cran-Raspberry Salad



- 2 cups frozen raspberries
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice
- 1 can (14 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed
- 1-1/2 cups JET-PUFFED Miniature Marshmallows

### Let's Make It

1

Microwave raspberries in medium microwavable bowl on HIGH 1 min. or just until thawed.

2

Add dry pudding mix and cranberry juice; stir 2 min.

3

Add cranberry sauce; stir until blended. Gently stir in COOL WHIP, then marshmallows.

4

Refrigerate 1 hour.

Sincerely,  
Ann Tolbert  
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## 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 Finance 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.