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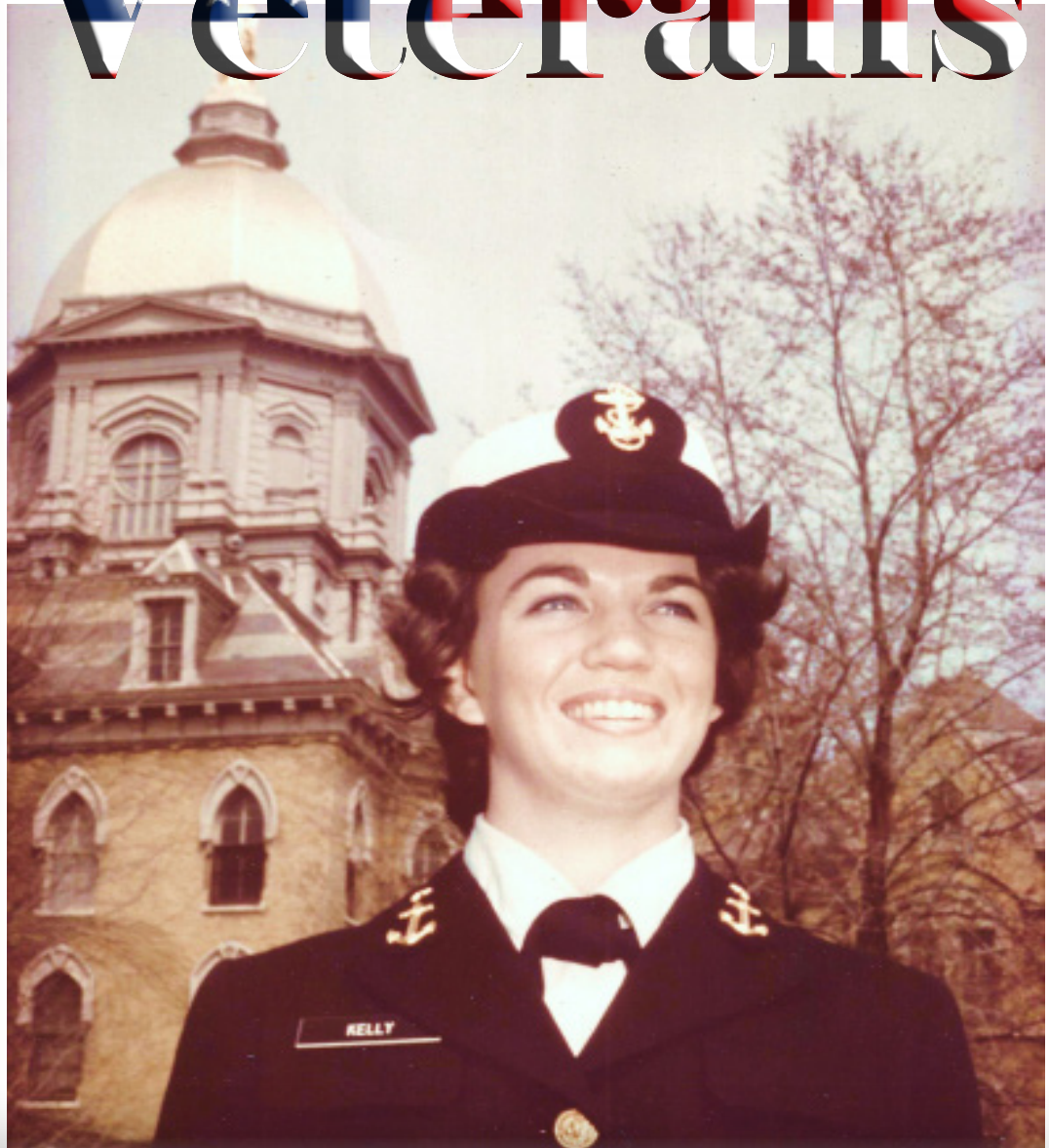
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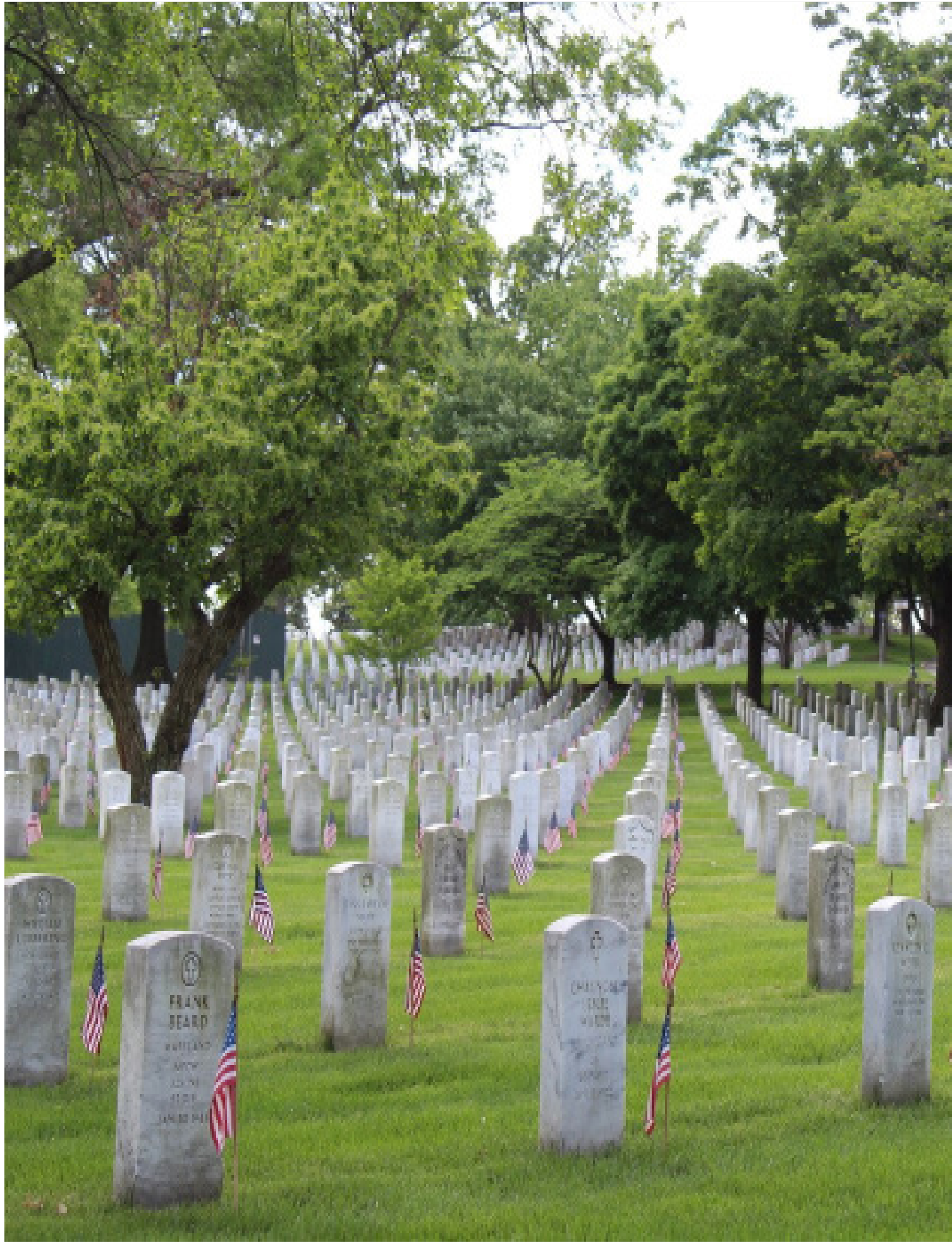
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Veterans



CANDY LEVIN GIVES A CANDID INTERVIEW ON HER SERVICE

Photo courtesy of Keith June.



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We feel honored to recognize Immanuelites and their families who have sacrificed for this country. Peruse our list of **101** and, if given the opportunity, please thank them for their service to our great country

The Almond Tree Publication – Now *Times Two!*

Welcome to the first of two incarnations of our beloved publication. The format for **The Almond Tree Quarterly Magazine**, offers numerous stories and feature articles on a wider range of topics. Beginning with our September issue, an editorial team will help Aleta with content – and we welcome your story ideas (see the back of this issue for our story call *Tales of the Pumpkin Patch*).

During the remaining eight months, we will publish **The Almond Tree: In Brief**, which will replace the four-page circular *This Month at Immanuel*, and offer similar content. Both publications will have the same online publishing date of the 1st day in each month, so look forward to starting every month with The Almond Tree.

From The Rector

A Letter from the Rector and Vestry

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” (The Book of Common Prayer, page 305)

This is the final of the five questions at the end of the recitation of our Baptismal Covenant regarding how we, as Christians, are called to live out our faith: with firm commitment and a reliance on God’s help. The answer, as you’ve likely heard and said yourself, is “I will, with God’s help.” Every time we say those words, we are called to reaffirm this central tenet of our faith.

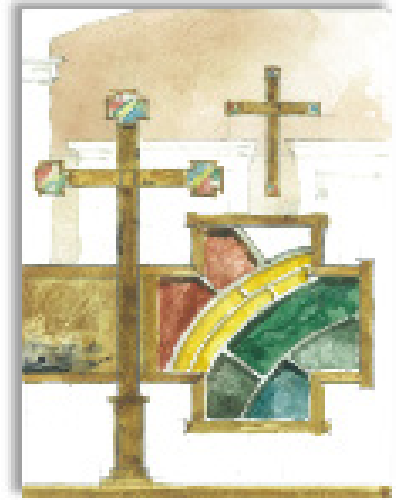
We are each called to answer this question as an individual, but we also have a responsibility as a community to the questions in our Baptismal Covenant. Throughout history, communities of believers have fallen short in our collective effort to strive for justice and peace among all people. The evidence is clearly in front of us that despite the good actions we do take part in, there is still so much more we are called to do.

So, the question at hand is what are we, the community at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, called to do, right now, to live more fully into our covenant promise? There are certainly many areas where we serve – our Outreach program immediately comes to mind – but in this moment, it seems that we are being called to do more.

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work with the Clergy to raise up a committee of individuals who are interested in helping to shape this ministry area, just as we have committees established and growing to support our other ministry areas. But, inherent in this response is a shared feeling that we are being called to do more, and to be more intentional in our approach to social justice in this time.

We would be lying if we said that the urgency with which we are moving is not in response in part to the national attention on racism currently in the public eye. It’s



certainly made it all the more apparent that we have a serious problem in our country, one which will only be addressed through a collective reckoning of the history of our founding, the systems that have been put in place and reinforced ever since. It would be also be purposely obtuse not to say out loud that those of us who would generally be considered white in the U.S. have a set of shared experiences that do not match those of our brothers and sisters who do not identify as white. Many of us will need to learn a fuller story of the history of our country, and in some cases, unlearn narratives with which we are comfortable. We will all likely need to challenge our own assumptions. We will certainly all need to listen closely to what God is calling us to do in response to what we learn. This will not be a short-lived effort – and it will not solely be focused on the issue of race, as the topic of social justice is much broader. But, we will start here, in response to the needs of the moment, and we will see where we can go, always with God’s help.

This is truly just the very first step in our process, and please keep an eye out for more information from your Vestry and Clergy regarding opportunities to get engaged with Immanuel’s newest ministry area. In the meantime, please contact the Clergy or your Wardens with any questions.

God bless you all,

Randy

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr
Rector



Another Immanuelite for the Military History

At a Senior Ministry Luncheon at Goodwin House Alexandria, I learned that Immanuel had a female military history-maker in its midst: Candy Levin was the first woman commissioned in the U.S. Navy via ROTC. As luck would have it, she was standing in the parking lot when I returned to Zabriskie. Candy was quite nonchalant about it; her only comment was on how “they had to order a new commissioning certificate” to change the printed male pronouns to the feminine instead of simply printing her a new certificate for her graduation. Although it took a bit of persuading, she agreed to a sit-down interview, at the conclusion of which she turned the tables and ended-up treating me – the person she was already helping -- to lunch.

-- Aleta Y. Powell

“Both parents were military – uniformed services” she begins just after we tucked into a booth at Zoë’s Kitchen on King Street. I quickly realized that she was going to make this interview easy for me.

The Navy “Opened the (ROTC) program to women in 1973 – needed more jobs for the officers to hold. I joined during Vietnam – I’m a Cold War and first Gulf War vet (also).”

A senior in college, Candy Levin did four years of ROTC training in a single, 12-month period – and was the only woman in her class – extremely impressive when you learn that, of the 24 women who went through training around the country, Candy was the only Senior. “...Notre Dame just went co-ed in September of 1972 –it had been an all-male school; all-male ROTC. Once she transferred from St. Mary’s College -- Notre Dame’s sister school next door – she lived on campus in one of two dorms that the university had converted to female housing. “Now here I was in 1973 as a senior...It was the first graduating class of women, too.”

Soon she served as a Communications Watch Officer, a shore-based position for sailors primarily responsible for sending and receiving messages to and from ships for the land-based operational commands. “All of the 24/7 shift watch officers were women.”

Asked about what her experiences were like after graduation – she was sworn-in by her father, Captain Eugene F. Kelly USN – she acknowledged challenges, but only mentioned the positive. “The most-welcoming officer was the Marine Corps officer. Within the first week he had me and three other women in my unit – he and his wife – invited us to a welcome brunch at their home.”

As she began her military career in uncharted territory for a woman graduate, she admitted; “I didn’t know what to expect. I knew what I expected. I expected a professional relationship.” Candy went on to tours of duty in Weapons Program Management and in Joint Intelligence.

I ask what she found most challenging in the beginning; “Probably getting my peers to take me seriously. Guys ran the gamut, from ignoring me, to giving me static, to welcoming me...” She leans slightly forward, eyes wide, then quickly adds “To wanting to date me!”

My last two questions: why did she retire, and would she do it again. She answers the first question quickly, “My commissioning day was May 13, 1974, and I officially retired on August 30, 1995; so twenty-one years.” She pauses for a bit, then adds “It was time (to retire). You just know. It was time.”

Candy’s answer to my final question reveals the only negative to a stellar career without regret. As usual, she starts off with the positive “Seventy-eight percent of the time, I had jobs that I loved”, then later added, “Girls today will go to sea. The need to get warfare training first...” Earlier in our interview, she did tell me “I’ve never served on a ship”, but it didn’t sink in until now.

Being a pioneer in any profession comes with at least one loss, and I truly believe that Candy’s was working in the Navy and missing the opportunity to go out to sea. Let me correct that: if you’re fortunate enough to know Candy Levin’s personality, can-do spirit and insane work ethic, then you’d agree with me that not having her serve on a ship wasn’t a missed opportunity for Candy, it was a missed opportunity for the U.S. Navy.

*Candy Levin
Reflects on
her military
experience as
the first woman
to graduate
Notre Dame's
ROTC Program*



Candy Levin at her official retirement in 1995 with (L-R) Captain Eugene Kelly, her father; Candy, William B. Levin, her late husband; and Jean Mary Lynch Kelly, Candy's mother.



Selfie taken by The Rev. Sam Sheridan, in tan, with his fiancée, Mary Margaret Winn. Both recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary.

A New Assistant Rector at Immanuel

13 May 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

I am pleased to announce the calling of our new Assistant Rector, the Rev. Sam Sheridan.

Sam began his time with us last summer, serving his diocesan-required Mid-Atlantic Internship at Immanuel. He then continued with us this year as an unofficial seminarian—unofficial in that he had already fulfilled his required Field Ed posting in another parish, but he wanted to remain with us this year for more experience.

As many of you have come to know, Sam brings a wealth of gifts. Deeply faithful, a passionate preacher, experience with children's and youth ministry, and an open, engaging personality eager to learn the stories of others -- these are just a few of Sam's traits that come to mind. He will begin his duties with us officially on July 1st. As you may know, he has a lot going on before then, including graduating from Seminary and also preparing to be

married soon.

While Sam will be active in ministry and leadership across the whole of the Parish, he will take particular responsibility for our ministries related to children, youth, and families.

I thank especially the members of the advisory search committee who worked in me in advertising the position, reading applications, conducting interviews, and offering their recommendations. They are: Martha Shimkin, convener, Matt Haskin, Rosi Urbine, David Atwood, Brooke Roberts, Hartley Hobson-Wensing, and youth members Corey Wargobergmark and Rachel Wilson.

This is an unusual and challenging time for Sam to be beginning his ministry with us. Yet our aim and focus have been to keep the future in mind, and we believe Sam will help us do just that. I look forward to serving with both Sam and the Rev. Susan Parsons, (our part-time Associate Rector), as we move through this time and beyond.

I hope you will join me, as many already have, in offering Sam a big, warm Immanuel-style welcome.

God bless you all,

Randy

LIVING INTO THE GENEROSITY OF THE SPIRIT

We are blessed with generous parishioners, including 160 families or “pledging families” who made a pledge to support Immanuel in 2020. Thank you to all in our parish family who support Immanuel in so many ways – with your time, your energy and skills, and your financial contributions.



When this year began, we could not have imagined the changes that would impact our parish. We are grateful for the many individuals who have come together at this challenging time to

support Immanuel financially and ensure its strong position to continue its ministry and mission.

More than twenty-five of Immanuel’s pledging families have already generously and voluntarily paid their entire 2020 pledge. Another 30 pledging families have completed paying half of their [2020 pledge](#). We give special thanks to these very generous pledgers who have significantly assisted Immanuel stay faithful to its mission.

We know that some parishioners prefer to pay their entire pledge late in the year for their personal and financial reasons. We understand completely that this is your preference. If you are able to make any of your financial contributions earlier in the

year, we hope you will consider that option this year, knowing it will be especially appreciated by your parish.

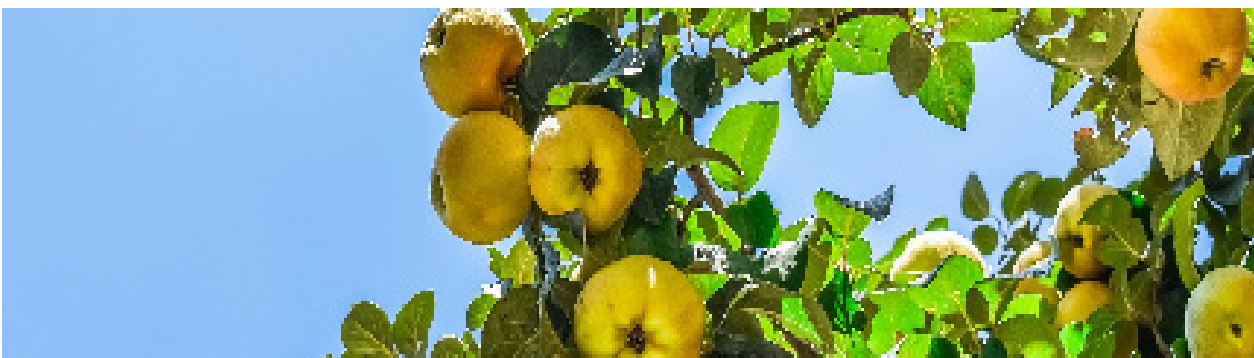
Even though our parish community is dispersed, we stay in touch in so many ways through our online worship services, coffee hours and forums, weekly Bible study and Compline, Simple Gifts, small group meetings, and much more. We look forward to the days when we will all be physically together again.

If you need spiritual or emotional support at this time, please reach out to [Randy](#) or [Susan](#) for help and support. If anyone is struggling financially and feels they will not be able to pay part or all of their pledge, we hope you will make [Tom Hewson](#), the Treasurer, or Randy aware of your situation.

You are the gift freely given to Immanuel. We are grateful for the gift of your time, talent, and treasure that you offer. As you are able, we hope you will continue to fulfill your financial pledge, so that Immanuel can continue its vitally important work.

We pray the Holy Spirit will bless you and Immanuel now and in the future. We give thanks for your generosity of spirit.

-- Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman



Immanuelite



Graduates of 2020

Congratulations Peter!

PETER BECKMANN

Class of 2020

ADDIE BIACHE

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Engineering

Adeline (Addie) Biache graduated from Hayfield Secondary School on June 5th with all of the seniors flipping their tassels at 20:20! It was a weekend of social-distanced parades, culminating with the Immanuel EYC and parish community surprising her with a drive-by congratulatory parade on Sunday. How awesome is that!

She is very excited to be attending Virginia Tech's School of Engineering this Fall. Her oldest sister, Allison, is quite happy to have another Hokie in the family...and sister Anna is happy she will be living closer to Boone, NC for visits.

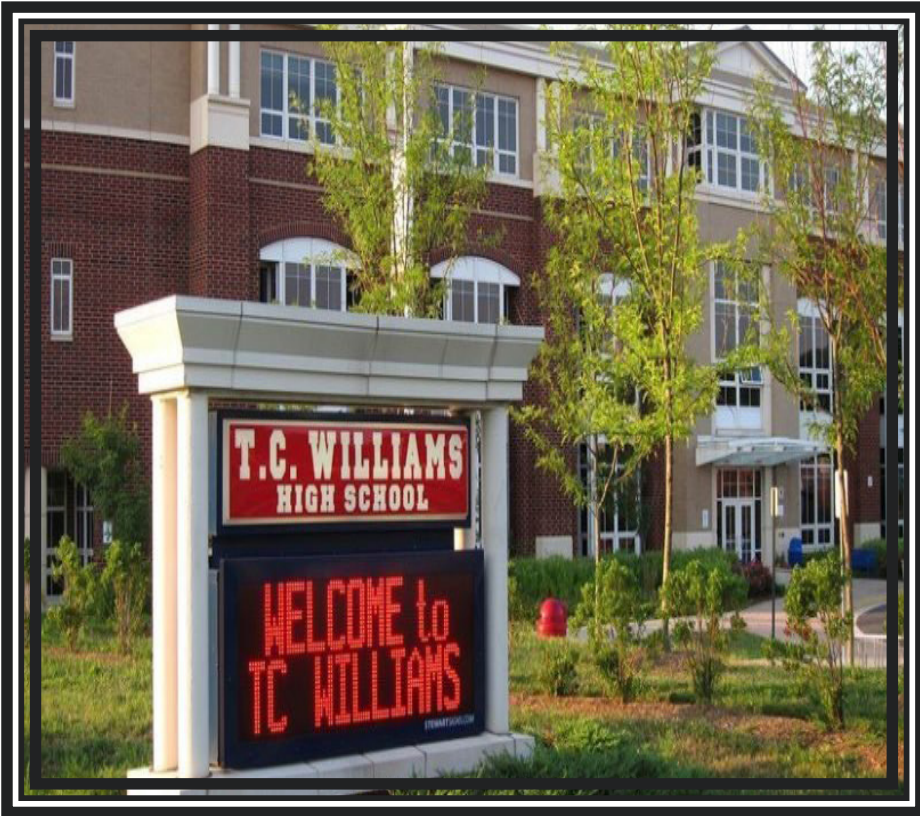
Thank you to all the Immanuelites who have supported and loved Addie along the way!



WADE GREINER

T.C. Williams High School

Class of 2020



COREY WARGO-BERGMARK

Shepherd University
College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Class of 2024



Corey Wargo-Bergmark is a member of the 2020 graduating class at T.C. Williams High School. Among his high school activities, Corey played the baritone in the Titan Marching Band and Symphonic Band and was a member of the Robotics Club.

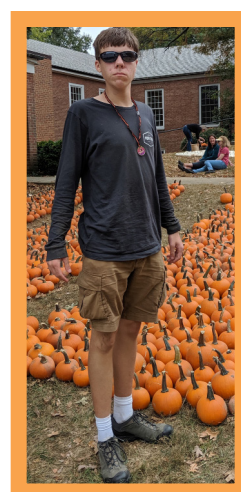
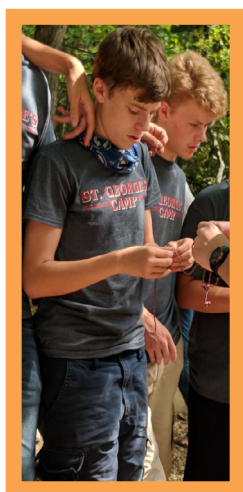
He is an active, life-long member of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. Corey is an acolyte, a member of the EYC, and a faithful Pumpkin Patch volunteer.

Through Immanuel, Corey found Shrine Mont, quite possibly his favorite place on Earth. At 2 years old, he attended his first Immanuel retreat at Shrine Mont and was hooked. Corey was St. George's camper for 8 years, attended Senior High Youth Camp (SHYC), and Parish Youth Ministry retreat weekends. For the past 3 years, Corey has been a member of the PYM Committee that was responsible for planning and executing the youth retreat weekends at Shrine Mont for the Diocese of Virginia.

As a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout candidate, Corey hopes to be able to get his project underway soon. He will lead the construction of a storage shed for the Immanuel EYC. (More information to come about this when we are able to gather. Help will certainly be appreciated!)

In the fall, Corey will attend Shepherd University in WV where he intends to study Computer Science and march with the Shepherd University Ram Band.

Corey is grateful for the members of Immanuel, and most especially the many clergy, Godly Play teachers, Sunday School teachers, and youth leaders who have been a part of his formation.



COLLEGE DEGREES

LYDIA HERNE

**Bachelor of Science - Magazine Journalism; Minor in Francophone Studies
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
Syracuse University Class of 2020**

Ms. Herne is the granddaughter of Ken and Chandley McDonald



GRADUATE DEGREES

ZACHARY EISENHOUR

Master of Education

James Madison University Class of 2020

This fall, Mr. Eisenhour will begin teaching physical education
with Alexandria City Public Schools
at George Washington Middle School.





ROGER GILDERSLEEVE

Master of Public Administratio

and a

Master of International Affairs

The Mawell School at Syracuse University Class of 2020

THE REV. DEACON STEPHEN DANIEL CRIPPEN

Cum Laude, Master in Divinity

The Bishop Mark Dyer Prize for Theological Reflection

Honors Thesis: *“Peter Went Out and Wept Bitterly: Remorse As An Occasion of Grace”*.



THE REV. DR. ESTHER ANN KRAMER

Post Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies

THE REV. SURESHKUMAR SHANTHAKUMAR

Cum Laude, Master of Arts

The Thomas Underwood Dudley Award for
Reading of Scripture and Liturgy

Final Project Thesis: *“God Thinks Otherwise:
Jesus Demonstrates that God Is Not Against
the War Victims in Sri Lanka”*



THE REV. DEACON SAM SHERIDAN

Cum Laude, Master in Divinity



VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We've Got Mail

Notes Thanking Immanuel from Former Seminarian Mother Pilar, Team Frye, and Hartley Hobson Wensing

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 40
6807 Northumberland Highway
Heathsville, VA 22473

Dear Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill,

Please know that during this time the community of St. Stephen's is continuing to pray for you. I thank God for the time I spent in ministry among you and I am grateful for all I took with me from our time together. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pilar+



The progress report below includes a notice that this long-time Immanuel initiative will soon need a new volunteer. Interested in serving with this ministry? See ad on [page 26](#) of this issue or send an email to us at office@icoh.net and we'll make sure that Lisa gets your message. And thank you for your serious consideration!

Christ House Ministry Members *Delivering Food*: Melinda Ashton, Linda Donahue, Lynn Gas, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Phyllis Sims, Ted and The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan.

June 17, 2020

Hi folks. I wanted to let you know that “Team Frye” has successfully delivered 60 meals to Christ House this afternoon. I spoke with John at Christ House last week and got his suggestions to provide each person with the following:

- Sandwich (whole wheat bread, sliced turkey, and cheese)
- Water bottle
- Potato chips (2 bags)
- Fruit cup
- Spoon
- Napkin
- Mayo packet (2)
- Mustard packet (2)
- Cookies
- Carrots

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from me.

All the best,

Lisa
Lisa Frye



(L-R) Full-time Virginia Tech student Isabel Frye, spent time volunteering to help her mother, Lisa Frye deliver meals to Christ House; a nonprofit that provides services and food to local homeless and low-income residents.



Hearty thanks to our Youth Leaders and Teachers

All of us are overjoyed and grateful to God this week as we welcome the Rev. Sam Sheridan as our Assistant Rector.

It has been almost a year that our parish has been without this critical clergy position and our youth ministries have thrived thanks to the amazing, dedicated, creative, patient, faithful and inspired leadership of our youth leaders and teachers, Rev. Randy's leadership, the wonderful support from Rev. Susan, and Beth Hendrix, our seminarian.

Our EYC leaders and volunteers, Jeannie Cummins Eisenhour, Carrie Cuddy, Hollyann Morton, Rob Johnson, Andy Biache, Kameran Onley, and Curt Cowan all deserve our thanks and appreciation, as do Linda Serabian, our head of Sunday School and Sarah Glassco, our Godly Play team leader. Many others have lent a hand (or more!) over the year and if you are one of them, thank you!

We thank God for each and every one of you and look forward to growing our youth ministries at Immanuel in partnership with Sam in the coming weeks and months. If you are feeling called to serve God in a new way in the coming months, join us for a lot of fun and fulfilling times!

With gratitude,

Hartley Hobson Wensing, Vestry steward for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry,
on behalf of the entire Vestry

OPERATION MEMORIAL DAY REM

What a difference a cookie makes. It says, “We love you, we miss you and we are here for you. You are special to us!”

On a whim and a prayer, and seriously divinely inspired, the idea popped up out of nowhere. The clergy and vestry have been trying so hard to find a way to let the parishioners of Immanuel know that they are not forgotten. With our church-wide trip to Shrine Mont postponed, which we all sorely missed, and not being able to meet, the idea arose that a sign of Patriotism would be a good idea. We had a special baker in a local neighborhood that offered beautiful and delicious patriotic custom cookies. She packages them especially for the occasion which makes the recipient feel special, exactly what we wanted our Immanuelites to feel. It seemed to have hit the mark and convey the love with which it was intended. The drivers told me that they loved seeing our friends in Christ and got as much out of it as the recipients. I know I sure did.

With over 10 drivers, over 4 days, and 170 homes, over 400 cookies were delivered.

Since our Goodwin House (both Alexandria and Bailey’s Crossroads), the Hermitage, & Greenspring members were “locked down”, they will receive their cookies for July 4th.

Maybe all will remember we might not be together physically, but it does not mean that we are not spiritually connected.

— *Phyllis Sims*



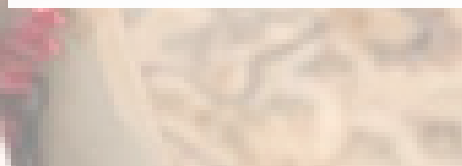
Adeline helps her mother Kathryn make deliveries.



MEMBRANCE



Graduating high school senior Corey Wargo-Bergmark volunteers with his mother, Francine Wargo (in blue) and Phyllis Sims.



Dodd Sims helps his wife Phyllis (in white shirt) unload tons of cookies for delivery. (Francine and her son Cory, as pictured above.). Page 23

Hill Happenings

Bible Study on Thursdays: Please join the Rev. J. Randolph Alexander and the Rev. Susan Parsons for a study of The Acts of the Apostles this Thursday, July 2nd at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Acts of the Apostles is a history book of the early Church and its struggles and ministries. Some have described the book as “an adventure thrill ride from start to finish.” Come and see!

No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as Bible Gateway here. All you need are your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as Bible Gateway here.

Zoom call contact information is sent out on Wednesdays -- watch for your email!

COMPLINE SERVICE ON FRIDAYS: Join us for a Friday Compline July 3rd at 8:30pm via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the “Goodnight Prayer of the Church.”

To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#)

Meeting ID: Will be sent in next week’s E-Blast/ Password: Will be sent in next week’s E-Blast

To join the service by phone, dial: 1(929) 205-6099 US (East)

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR
Every Sunday
Immediately After 10:30 a.m. Service
Look for details in each week's E-Blast



The background of the page features a collage of food items, including what appears to be a fried chicken drumstick, a bowl of yellow rice, and other prepared dishes. On the left side, there is a vertical warning sign with the text: "EATING A HEALTHY DIET LOW IN FAT MAY HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF SOME TYPE OF CANCER".

Looking for a new occasional and engaging volunteer opportunity? **Look no further!**

-- Eileen Monnin-Kirby

On June 17th, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill delivered 60 bagged meals to Christ House in Old Town Alexandria, fulfilling a time-honored tradition of faith-filled service. As part of Immanuel's annual Outreach program for over twenty years, Immanuelites cook and serve a simple dinner every other month (on the third Wednesday), representing one of numerous churches in the area to participate in this ministry. This June, Lisa and Isabel Frye rose to the challenge, shopping, prepping and delivering the meals single-handedly! To you we say a hearty "thank you!"

Because of Covid-19, Christ House is experiencing a significant increase in Alexandrians needing food assistance. It has also implemented strict sanitation protocols for all volunteers. As a result, it has been necessary to change our approach to meal preparation and serving: normally the meal is prepared on premises, in the Christ House kitchen and served in the adjacent dining room, while nowadays a "take-away" meal is required.

A small but dedicated group of Immanuel volunteers support this ministry*, which is open to all (generally upper high school age and above). For myriad reasons, including that some volunteers have encountered family changes due to the pandemic, there is an open call to those who may wish to join this ministry. If you may be interested and able to help, even if just occasionally, please contact Chandley McDonald, our Vestry steward for Outreach, or email us at office@icoh.net and we'll be sure that a member of the group gets in touch with you.

*Current volunteers include: Melinda Ashton, Linda Donahue, Isabel Frye, Lynn Gass, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Phyllis Sims, Ted and The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, Grace Wensing and her mother, Hartley Hobson Wensing.



BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY on ZOOM: Join us online for Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, July 18th — we meet the third Saturday of each month. We meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme is **God’s Loving Concern**; we will read Psalm 139 using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby No prior knowledge or experience in bible study is necessary! We will guide you through the process.

For more information, please visit our website [HERE](#).

Chrissie Crosby is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Breakfast Bible Study Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Time: This is a recurring meeting 3rd Saturday of month

Join Zoom Meeting by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553

Password: 027913

follow the prompts.

1 (929) 205-6099,,95954506553#,,#,027913# US (New York)

1 (312) 626-6799,,95954506553#,,#,027913# US (Chicago)

Phone numbers for additional locations:

1 (301) 715-8592 US

Find your [LOCAL NUMBER](#):

COME AND SEE: A BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY

Yes indeed. A Benedictine Community right here on Immanuel's grounds. Wasn't St. Benedict a 4th century Roman Catholic monk? You say you don't see a stone walled monastery on our grounds? Is it tucked away behind the Memorial Garden? What is a 4th century monk doing at our church?

These are good questions. No, there is no separate monastery. But there is the spirit of that 4th century Monk imbedded here at Immanuel.

I recall when I was at another Episcopal parish many years ago, I saw in the bulletin that parish had a Rule of St. Benedict Community. I never looked into what that group was about because I felt somehow intimidated by its name, by the sense of ancient (not contemporary) behavior, and need I say by the word "rule". I regret now that I didn't at least look into that group because I've found here at Immanuel a Benedictine Community that is not at all intimidating, that is accepting and open, that strengthens my spirituality.

St Benedict of Nursia (c.AD 480-550) wrote a book of precepts in 516 for monks living communally under authority of an abbot, spiritual precepts that have surprising relevancy to our lives today. He spoke of humility, of tradition and community, of listening, of kindness, of calmness and serenity, of stripping away masks and the false sense of self -- precepts that allow each of us to come closer to God.



Immanuel is host to a Benedictine Community and while the majority of the Community's members are Immanuelites, several are from other denominations as well. The Benedictine Community at Immanuel is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year -- evidence of its value to its members. The uniqueness of the Community is that it is just that--a community, one that shares. We select short readings to help center us on a topic at each meeting and each person has an opportunity to reflect on that topic as it touches them. The format is unique in that we don't have discussions, but rather reflections: i.e., we don't cross-talk or comment on what someone else has said, and no one is obliged to speak if they don't choose to. No one need fear censure for their reflections. The book used during 2019 and spring of 2020, and that

sustained us through the Pandemic while we met virtually, was Joan Chittister's *Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life*. Another book will be selected for inspiration in the fall.

If what I've described appeals to you, please contact Dana Hengst, Barbara Fornoff, or David Atwood or email benedictinecommunity@icoh.net for answers to any of your questions.

-- *Marilynn Wilson*

ALIVE! Congregational Connection

Thank You & Help

Thank you to our very generous congregations for helping us through a very busy 6 weeks by supporting ALIVE! in many different ways and by sending out information to let people know how they can help. Here are a few more ways you and members of your congregation can help:



Help the ALIVE! Staff with a dream: We know now that wearing a mask significantly decreases the spread of virus and that people who live close together are at higher risk of infection. We want to get masks to those with the highest rates of COVID in Alexandria, those who often live close together. ALIVE! is working with the city and other nonprofits to find ways to get masks to local groups who can distribute them to people in need, and to ensure the masks are well fitted and meet CDC standards. If your congregation can help find masks or make them in large quantities, please contact jayers@alive-inc.org.

- Send a video from your clergy to Lauren Poon lpoon@alive-inc.org to post on our website to encourage people to think and pray about ways they can help others in need during COVID-19.
- Healthy? Help volunteer at a food distribution site or to pack bags of food. ALIVE! is doing more food distribution than ever and we need people to continue to prepare bags for food distribution. Go to Volunteer Alexandria to sign up (see below).
- Share a story about ALIVE! with your civic association, social club, congregation, business organization or on your favorite social media platform. Contact Lauren Poon for more details lpoon@alive-inc.org. We're happy to join a call, or provide more information.

Welcome Lauren Poon

You may have seen Lauren's name when she stepped up as a contractor to help us with Spring2ACTION when its date was moved up by two weeks at the height of COVID. Now it is time to officially welcome Lauren who joined ALIVE! on May 10 as our Development and Communications Manager. Lauren has ties to the entire Washington metropolitan area. She is originally from Alexandria, worked as a paralegal and legal administrator in DC, and received her graduate degree in French Literature from the University of Maryland. She is looking forward to working with our volunteers to raise awareness about our work and connect with the community. She can be reached at lpoon@alive-inc.org.

Closure of the ALIVE Child Development Center

Many of you have heard that the ALIVE! preschool will be closing indefinitely on June 30th of this year. This was a difficult decision by the Executive Board. We will miss the staff who have been working hard to close the rooms and prepare families for a transition to kindergarten and other schools. We will be celebrating the school and our students on June 26th with a contact-less graduation. After the school closes, ALIVE! will begin to assess the early education landscape in the city of Alexandria with the hope of entering that space again in a reimagined way sometime in the future. We want to thank all our amazing teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment to ALIVE! and to the CDC.

Housewares & Furniture

The housewares and furniture programs are still closed until we can be confident that it is once again safe to enter homes. We will continue to update the ALIVE! community when it is appropriate. Please hang on to donations. The furniture program is still looking for a storage space about the size of a two car garage. If you have any ideas on this, please contact jayers@alive-inc.org.

Food In and Out

More food is going out of ALIVE! than ever before to meet an increasing need. In April 98,000 pounds of food were sent to Truck-to-Trunk distributions, local food pantries, meals distribution sites and directly to other nonprofits distributing food throughout the city. We will continue to move food to those in need and are grateful for the support of the city and donors who are supporting our food operations. Keep updated on food distributions on the ALIVE! website www.alive-inc.org or follow us on social media. Facebook: @alive4alexandria Twitter: @ALIVE4AlexVA

Family Emergency Assistance

ALIVE! provides monetary assistance to Alexandria city residents for rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other emergency needs. We also provide food assistance to the homebound. Any member congregation can refer a client to this program. Click here for a referral form. We also take referrals for home delivery and financial assistance from the City of Alexandria.

If a client is COVID-19 positive or thinks they are, please direct them to the Alexandria Department of Health website www.alexandriava.gov/Health. Food from ALIVE! will be delivered by a medically trained volunteer.

ALIVE! House Program Committee

ALIVE! House is starting a new program committee with leadership from Nataki MacMurray and Rev. Kim Young and will begin regular meetings soon. If you would like

to participate. Please contact Danien Johnson, ALIVE! House Director at djohnson@alive-inc.org.

Resources for People in Need

ALIVE! Family and Emergency Assistance Program
(703) 549-3692

www.alive-inc.org/family-and-emergency-assistance-program-alexandria-va

ALIVE! Food Program
(703) 518-5152

www.alive-inc.org/food-program-in-alexandria-virginia

Department of Community and Human Services (referrals and assistance with many other services)
(703) 746-5700

www.alexandriava.gov/DCHSConnect

City of Alexandria, Division of Aging & Adult Services (Frozen Meals Home Delivery Program to any senior)
703-746-5999

www.alexandriava.gov/Aging

City of Alexandria, Office of Housing (emergency rental assistance)
(703) 746-4311

www.alexandriava.gov/Housing

INOVA Cares Clinic for Families
(571) 665-6599

www.inova.org

A SALUTE TO VETERANS



August 1987 - Vice Admiral Al Burl
retires from active duty. Our former
warden is duly honored.

IMMANUEL'S DRAGONS

-- Aleta Y. Powell



Many of you will remember my call for the names of military veterans last fall – the response was so overwhelming that I had to postpone the story until this issue, the debut of our quarterly magazine. No doubt, many more will question why Aleta thinks it appropriate to publish a salute to veterans in the summertime. Given the constitutional and cultural civil war we find ourselves in today, perhaps the timing is providential.

Sheltering in place during a global pandemic affords all of us the rare opportunity to spend time thinking about what this country truly means to us – and how much work we’re willing to do to help it find its moral compass; and create the fair, just, fully-democratic society that mirrors our pledge of allegiance.

The Immanuelite veterans and their families highlighted in this issue range from serving in the revolutionary war to the war in Afghanistan. During a time when so much of our day-to-day lives are anything but normal, isn’t it comforting to reflect on people whose sacrifice and service exemplified the core Christian values that allow us to openly practice our religion in this country? As the pacifist daughter of a WWII veteran, I recognize that the battles to provide and defend all of our freedoms – including the freedom of religion – were necessary, hard-won, and grossly under-appreciated. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this congregation’s moment to salute its veterans. To all of the veterans reading this, we civilians can never say this enough: *Thank you for your service.*

The image with caption at left was taken from an old photo album.

Walter
Senior

Although veterans are listed alphabetically, families are kept together. To locate your family, first place all names in alpha order, then look for the name of your loved one at the top of your list. With few exceptions, text -- including rank -- is listed as submitted.

ALLEN/ KELLOGG/ LUTINSKI

Clyde D. Allen

(father of Dorothy Kellogg)

Dean L. Kellogg

Commander

(father of Jim Kellogg,
stepfather Dorothy Kellogg)

Alfred M.

Lutinski

Colonel

(father of David Lindsey)

ASHTON

**William
Brad Ashton**

U.S. Air Force

(Brad and Melinda Ashton)

BALCARCEL

**Eneida
Balcarcel**

U.S. Army

(daughter of Gilma
Balcarcel)

BEDNAR

Paul Bates Bednar

U.S. Army, Lt. Colonel
(son)

Yolanda Schillinger Bednar

U.S. Army, Lt. Colonel
(Paul's wife)

Richard Bednar

U.S. Army
Brigadier General
retired
Dick (dad) and Judy Bednar)

BIACHE

ANDREW BIACHE, JR.

Captain, U.S. Navy

(late father of Andy
Biache
father-in-law of Alisa
Biache)



While in the Navy, Dr. Andrew Biache, Jr. served as an instructor in aerial photography interpretation at the Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Virginia. After transitioning to the Naval Reserves, he began his civilian career in a classified Air Force program in New York City where he and other scientists worked on remote sensor design and target data extraction capabilities.

BISHOP

Richard Arthur Bishop

Drill Sargent, U.S. Marine Corps
(late father of Nancy Bishop)

*“That photo was taken
days before his 27th
birthday... at Iwo Jima.
Later, he spent time in
Hawaii.*

*It upset him to talk about
the war...”*

- Nancy Bishop, daughter



BLAIR / EATON

Thank You ... for the opportunity to reflect back on all of the family members that have served in the military, it appears to be a family tradition in my case. I think my family tree has been traced back to service in the Civil War, but I will start with more immediate family. My grandfather Orville O. Eaton served in World War I, as did Jonie's grandfather Roy Jackson Marshall, both of them serving in the Army in France. My mom's only brother and my uncle, Ladore Blair, served in the Navy in WW II. My mom (Wanda Eaton) and dad (Ted Eaton) joined the newest military service, the United States Air Force, in 1948 where they met and married. My mom, being one of the first women in this new military service, was selected to march in the January 1949 inaugural parade for President Harry Truman. My dad had four brothers, Otho, Kevin, Gordon and Dick Eaton, all whom served either in WW II or after. Also, Jonie's father, Roy Jackson Marshall Jr., served in the Army. In addition to my career in the United States Navy up and down the east and west coasts, as well as Hawaii and Japan, I had two brothers that served, Joe Eaton served in the Army and my little brother, Greg Eaton, was a career Navy pilot. My oldest sister's daughter, my niece Christy Vest, flew in F-14s and F/A-18s in the Navy before getting out to raise a family, and her husband Chief Petty Officer Dustin Vest still serves today while stationed at Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida. There are numerous cousins on both sides of my family that proudly served too.

Thanks again for letting me take this fun trip down memory lane. I salute all who served and thank their families that love and support their service to God and country.

Very respectfully and sincerely,

Mike Eaton

Commander, United States Navy (retired)

See a poster featuring the Eaton Family members listed below on page 37!

Ladore Blair, U.S. Navy, WWII

Dick Eaton

Gregory T. Eaton, U.S. Navy

Gordon Eaton

Joseph O. Eaton, U.S. Army

Kevin Eaton

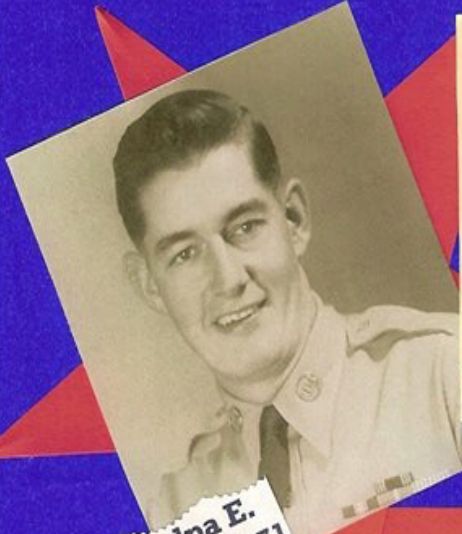
Otho Eaton

Theodore O. Eaton, U.S.AF

Wanda Y. Blair Eaton, U.S. AF

Dustin Vest, CPO U. S. Navy

Christy Vest, U.S. Navy Pilot



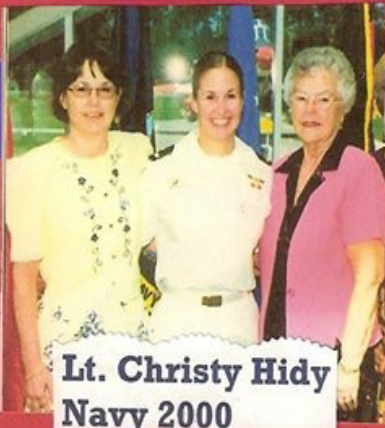
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AF 1948-1971



Great-Grandpa E.
Army WWI 1918-19

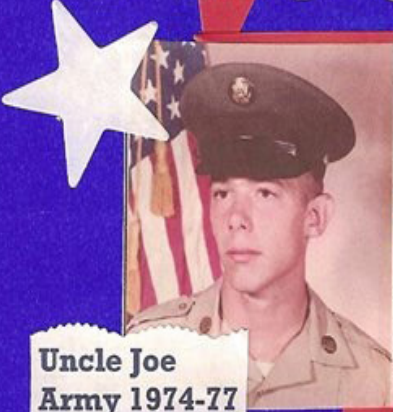


Grandma E.
WAF 1948-51



Lt. Christy Hidy
Navy 2000

We are PROUD of YOU!!



Uncle Joe
Army 1974-77



Uncle Greg
Navy 1987-

Uncle Mike
Navy 1983-

BROWN

Stephen Brown

U.S. Air Force

(Steve and Lani Brown)

Thomas Brown Jr.

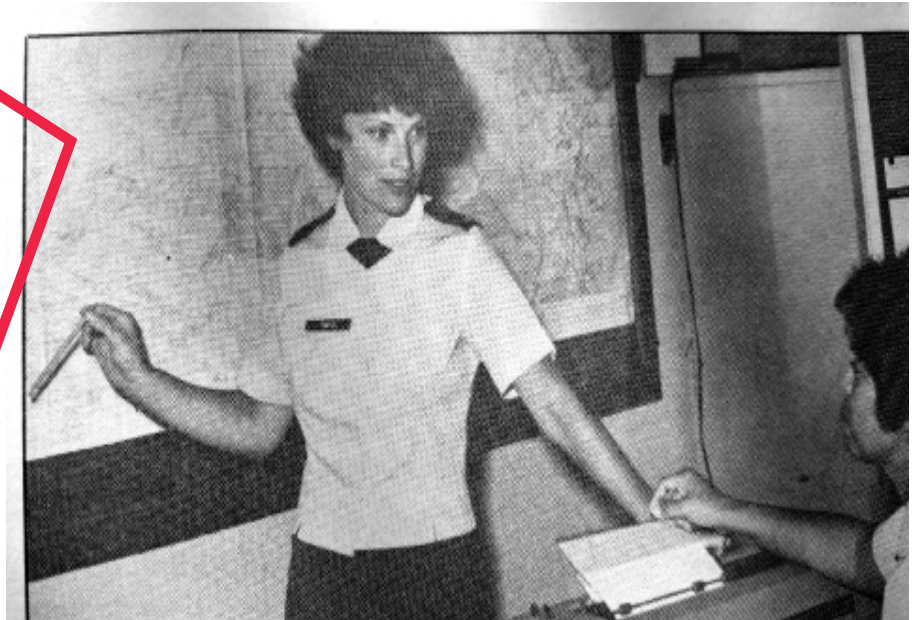
(Tom and Sally Guy Brown)

BRUNS

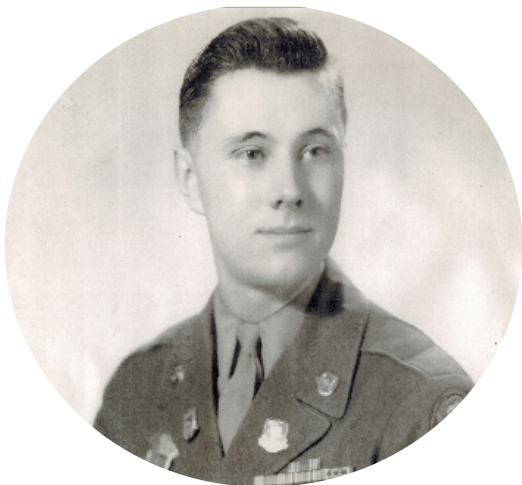
Julie S. Bruns

U.S. Air Force

(Dennis and Julie Bruns)



"I was a 1st Lieutenant in the USAF. Hope this works for you! The photo is in an old magazine I found a couple of years ago."



BURGE

Phillip W. Burge, Sr.

U.S. Army

10th Armored Division, WWII

(late father of Laura Snow)

“...My Dad and his colleague Dr. Robert Anderson, talking to a group of high school students in Luxembourg. He’s holding a photo of himself in uniform.”

Laura Burge, daughter



Following graduation from Glenbard High School in 1942, **Philip Burge** was drafted into the Army. He tested into the elite Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) in engineering at the University of Georgia. This fast-track program was designed

to award a B.S. in Engineering in 15 months. Philip spent two quarters in ASTP before it was cancelled nationwide in 1944, when it appeared that the U.S. and its Allies could win the war before the students could graduate. Philip and the other University of Georgia students were sent to Camp Gordon for 10th Armored Division training. In September 1944, they landed in Cherbourg, France, and proceeded to fight through France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany.

Philip’s experiences in WWII were life-changing. He was always quietly proud of the success and sacrifices made by all American soldiers during this War. In December 1944, Philip found himself, along with other soldiers of the 10th Armored Division, surrounded by the German

Army in Bastogne, Belgium. The Germans issued an ultimatum to “surrender or be annihilated.” The ensuing battle, Hitler’s last gamble, known as the Battle of the Bulge, was intended to push the Allied forces back to the coast. According to historian Peter Schrijvers in his book, “Those Who Hold Bastogne: The True Story of the Soldiers and Civilians Who Fought in the Biggest Battle of the Bulge,” the plan nearly succeeded, and almost certainly would have, were it not for this one Belgian town and its tenacious American defenders who held back a tenfold larger German force while awaiting the arrival of General George Patton’s mighty “Third Army.”

Philip was honorably discharged in January 1946 and returned to the University of Georgia, which offered him immediate admission and full credit for his ASTP coursework.



Posing with members of the honor guard from the U.S. Veterans Friends of Luxembourg (holding flag on left, in blue shirt on far right), are Americans from the Tenth Armored Division Alumni (from left) Craig Charlton, Iris and Bob Anderson, Phil Burge, Laura and Jim Snow.

Bastogne, Belgium
22 Jun 2013

BURKHALTER

**Edward Alan
Burkhalter, Jr.**

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (retired)
U.S. Naval Academy Graduate

**Edward
Burkhalter III**

Edward Burkhalter
Kristin Burkhalter

CAPLES

**James Stehen
Caples**

U.S. Navy

(father of Cynthia Caples
and Sara Caples)

CHRISTINO

**ANTHONY
CHRISTINO III**

Lieutenant Colonel,
U.S. Army (retired)

(Tony Christino and
Adrienne Goins)

CLAUSEN

**James Steven
Clausen**

U.S. Navy

(Jim and Lisa Clausen)

CONDREY/ LANE

Stephen Condrey

U.S. Navy
Arlington National Cemetery

(late father of
Wendy Lane John)

*“I’m also a veteran from the
Air Force. It’s how I met my
lovely husband. 😊.”*

- Wendy Lane John

David John

U.S. Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel

Wendy Lane John

U.S. Air Force

(David and Wendy Lane John)

Ernest “Falcon” John

(late father of Doug John,
grandfather of David John)
Kellogg’s stepfather)

*“(Ernest Falcon John)...was a POW while
serving in WWII. He is deceased and also
interred at Arlington National Cemetery”.*

CORKERN

Will Corkern

Veteran

DAVIS/ HEWSON

John Fuller Davis, Jr.

U.S. Army, Colonel

**Graduate of U.S. Military Academy at
West Point, Veteran of WWII**

(late uncle of Debbie Hewson)

John Fuller Davis, Sr.

U.S. Army, Brigadier General

**Graduate of U.S. Military Academy at
West Point, Veteran of WWII**

(late grandfather of Debbie Hewson)

“(General) John Fuller Davis, Sr., U.S. Army, graduate of The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, veteran of WWI, was on Douglas McArthur’s staff during the Korean war...”

“Grandfather was in the same class as Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley, and James Van Fleet.” [Members of the West Point Class of 1915 which was known as ‘The class the stars fell on’. Of the 164 graduates that year, 59 (36%) attained the rank of general, more than any other class in the history of the Academy, hence the expression.^[2]

“West Point Fact Sheet”. United States Military Academy. Archived from the original on 20 March 2012. Retrieved 19 December 2010

William D. Davis

U.S. Army

**Graduate of U.S. Military
Academy at West Point**

Veteran of Korean and Vietnam wars

(late father of Debbie Hewson)

The Rev. Richard Gurley

Veteran

(maternal grandfather of Tom
Hewson)

“Richard Gurley later became an Episcopal priest -- four of his five brothers became clergy.”

Dr. William Hewson

Veteran of WWI, served as Physician

(grandfather of Tom Hewson)

DEVIGHT

DIFFENDAL

Gary DeVight
Veteran

(Gary and Mei-Lung DeVight)

**Harry
Diffendal**

U.S. Navy

FEARER



Charles Fearer
U.S. Navy, WWII
A2C, Served during WWII

(late father of Mark Fearer)

FORD

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

**Former President of the United
States**

U.S. Navy Reserves, Lieutenant

*Served as a gunnery officer on the USS
Monterey during WWII,
former member of Immanuel*

FOX

Douglas E. Fox

U.S. Army

(late husband of Page Fox)

*Was an active member of Immanuel for
many years, where he taught Sunday
School, among other activities.*

GERHART / STEVENSONTON

Dorothy R. Gerhart

**U.S. Navy
(mother of Ken Gerhart)**

James C. Gerhart

**U.S. Army
(late father of Ken Gerhart)**

Kenneth R. Gerhart

**U.S. Army
Ken Gerhart and Lucia Hadley**

Samuel H. Rowley

**U.S. Navy
(uncle of Ken Gerhart)**

Davis Stevenson

**U.S. Army
(late uncle of
Ken Gerhart)**

GILBERT

James Burnette Gilbert

U.S. Army

(late husband of the late Nancy Gilbert,
and father of Susan Gilbert Howard, and Gloria Gilbert Black)

Served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and in the Army in Europe during WWII.

GLASSCO/ TOLSON



Here is the 1943 Army photo of my father Lawrence A. Glassco. Thanks for collecting these! My father served in the Army during World War II. He was part of the 95th Infantry Division of General Patton's 3rd Army -- pushing the Germans back across France. He was wounded in both arms in the battle for Metz in 1944, and spent the rest of the war in Army hospitals.

-- Rick Glassco.

Lawrence A. Glassco

U.S. Army

(father of Rick Glassco)

Brian Tolson

U.S. Army

(brother of Sarah Glassco)

Greydon Swift Tolson

U.S. Army

(late father of Sarah Glassco)

This is a picture of my father, Greydon Swift Tolson, around 1943. He enlisted at the age of 19. He fought in the European Theater, and was a signal corps lineman (he laid telephone wires ahead of the troops to make communications possible) because as an arborist, he had climbing experience. My parents married just before he enlisted in 1942 and my oldest sister was born in 1943. My mother followed him around the country to all of his training camps, and brought the baby when she could. Dad came out of the war with no injuries, but he seldom talked about his experiences, except to tell funny stories about some of his escapades. He preferred to dwell on the good memories and suppress the bad ones.

-- Sarah Glassco



Seth Tolson

U.S. Navy

(brother of Sarah Glassco)

HENGST/ NEIL / TYSON

Dana Hengst

U.S. Air Force

Chris Stanek and Dana Hengst

Captain Daniel Neil

Revolutionary War

(late father of Dana Hengst)

John Tyson

U.S. Air Force, Korean War

(late father of Dana Hengst)

Fellow Parishioners, I appreciate the opportunity to tell my military story.

I come from a family with long established military tradition. My paternal ancestor, Captain Daniel Neil, served under General George Washington, and was killed in the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777 fighting for our independence from England, and another maternal ancestor was a prisoner of war during the final stages of the Revolutionary War. These men's service to our country formed a backbone of patriotism that ran through



subsequent generations. Their service, like the service of all combat veterans deserve our highest honor and upmost respect.

I am privileged to share that I have an understanding of military service from multiple perspectives. My father served in the newly established United States Air Force during the Korean War, and I became a military spouse and a military service member myself, during the Post-Vietnam era when the military took shape as an All Volunteer Force. When the draft ended, less than 2 percent of the active-duty enlisted force was female. Today, approximately 15 percent of the active duty enlisted force, and approximately 16 percent of the Officer Corps is female.

I and my family thrived in the All Volunteer Force with it's career opportunities that had civilian relevance, good pay, and family friendly quality of life benefits such as good housing, child care, health benefits, family advocacy programs and military stores. Women service members at the time were barred from combat roles, however they and I demonstrated our patriotism and commitment through a willingness to serve.

The United States has nearly 2 million women veterans today, and too often they are overlooked, forgotten or feel invisible. Let's honor all veterans, but be especially mindful of the women veterans in our community, and how we can best thank them for their unique sacrifices and service to our country.

Dana Hengst



HENRY

Douglas Henry
Veteran

HUDSON/ MORTON

**Commander
Harry H. Hudson**

U.S. Navy, WWII

**Captain Bruce E.
Morton**

U.S. Army, Vietnam

(Bruce Morton and
Cynthia Hudson Morton)

HUNTINGTON

Rollin Huntington

U.S. Air Force

Was in the Berlin airlift

Rollin and Ann Huntington

HUSSEY/ HUTCHINSON

Captain Michael Hussey

U.S. Marine Corps

Deployed to the Middle East

(son of Thom Hussey)

Thomas Hussey

U.S. Marine Corps, Sergeant

Vietnam 1968-1969

Ward M. Hussey

U.S. Navy, Lieutenant

Battle of Okinawa

(father of Thom Hussey)

William T. Hutchinson

Fifth Marine Corps, WWI

Croix de Guerre

Lieutenant

(grandfather of Thom Hussey)

JOHNSON, G.

Gordon Johnson

**U.S. Navy Reserve
Lieutenant**

(Gordon and Frances Johnson)

I was an Apprentice Seaman, USNR, from June 1944 - July 1946, (Navy V-12 officer training program); commissioned Ensign, USNR, June 1948; served again on active duty during the Korean War, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OpNav 414D2), retired as LT USNR.

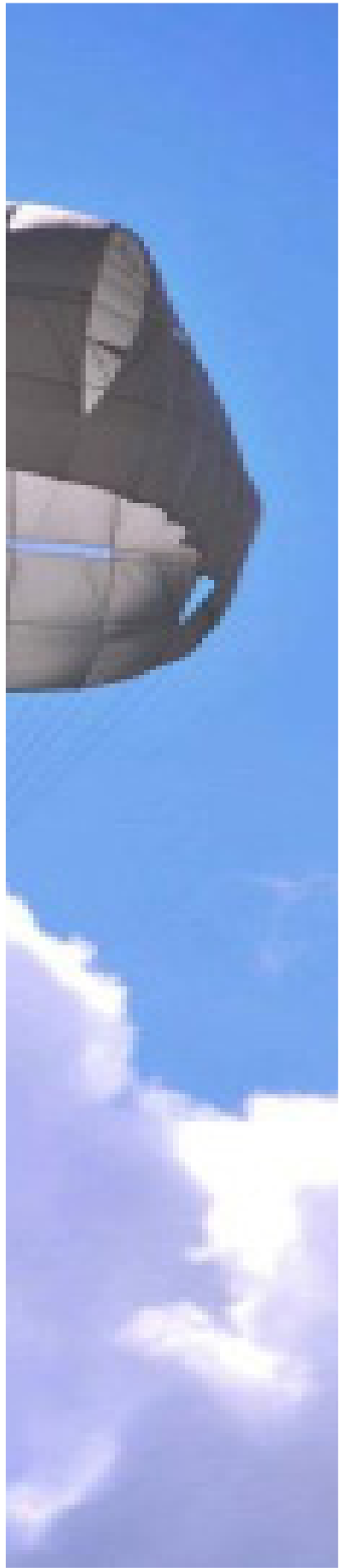
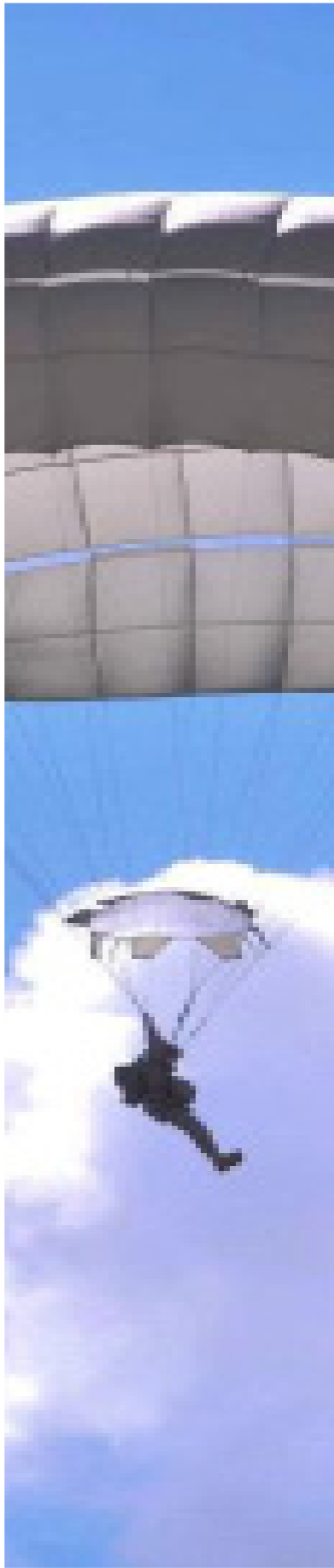
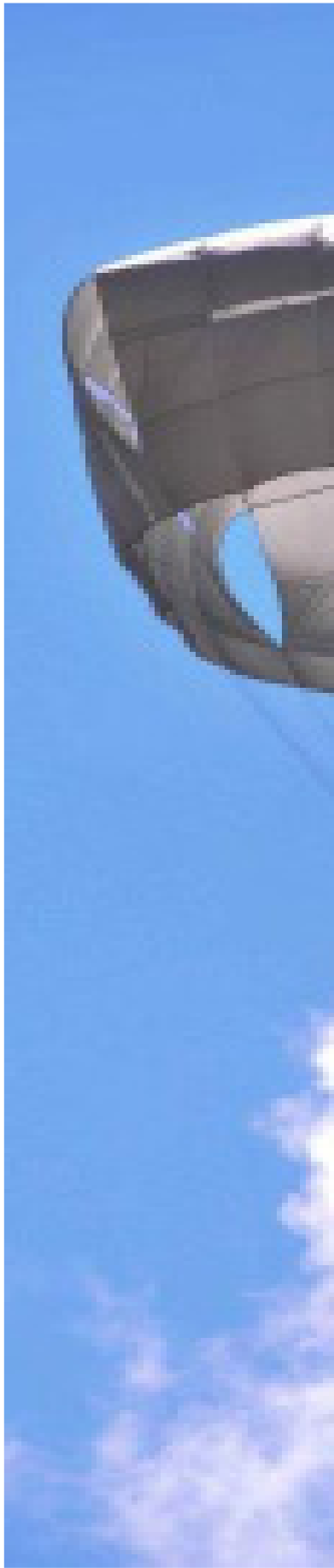
-- Gordon Johnson

JOHNSON, R.

Robert Johnson

U.S. Navy

(Rob Johnson and Ashlei Pujara)





The Rev. Andrew White with Keith in Baghdad, Iraq..

“The first thing you learn in the military is respect.”

- As told to Keith June by his Sergeant Major



Sergeant Major Lonnie Williams and Keith get ready for an airborne operations. Keith is parachuting in the photo at left.



Keith June
Colonel (retired)
U.S. Army
30 years

KELLNER/ PAINE
WISE

D. Edward Kellner

U.S. Navy
(late father of Nancy Wise)

Albert Paine

U.S. Army
(late grandfather of Nancy Wise)

Lester “Buck” Wise

U.S. Army Air Corps
(late father of Jim Wise)

KELLY

**Daniel Morris
Kelly**
U.S. Navy

In 1942 Dan Kelly enlisted in the US Navy and served as a Navy Seabee in 1943, as General Montgomery chased Rommel towards Egypt.

KELLY/ LEVIN
LYNCH

Captain Eugene F. Kelly

U.S. Navy
(father of Candy Levin and C. Kerry Kelly Wade)

Jean Mary Lynch Kelly

U.S. P.H.S., Lieutenant
(mother of Candy Levin and C. Kerry Kelly Wade)

Mom was the first woman to be a Commissioned Pharmacist in the Public Health Service. She served during the Korean Conflict.

Candy Levin

U.S. Navy

William Baldwin Levin

U.S. Navy, Lieutenant
(late husband of Candy Levin)

**PVT Jeremiah Francis
Lynch**

U.S.A.R., WWI
(grandfather of Candy Levin and C. Kerry Kelly Wade)

KIRBY

Kevin J. Kirby
U.S. Navy
Petty Officer, Third Class

Kevin Kirby and
Eilen Monnin-Kirby

Joseph Louis Kirby
U.S. Army Reserves
Colonel

(father of Kevin Kirby)

LLOYD

Arlo Lloyd
U.S. Navy

(late husband of Katie Lloyd)



KURZ

Lloyd A. Kurz
U.S. Navy Commander

(father of Jim Kurz,
father-in-law of Connie Kurz)

MAAS

**The Rev. Jan A.
Maas**
U.S. Army
Air Defense Artillery Officer

MASON

Kenneth Mason

U.S. Army, 1970-1973

(Kenneth and Mia Mason)

McCANN/ McDONALD

John A. McCann

U.S. Air Force Colonel

(father of Chandley McDonald)

During the Second World War Col. McCann flew “the Hump” in the China-Burma-India theatre. He later served in Frankfurt, Germany, Paris, France, and as Vice Commandant of the Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1960s.

J. Kenneth McDonald

U.S. Marine Corps

(Ken and Chandley McDonald)

I was a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years from 1954 to 1958. After training at Quantico I served as a rifle company officer with the 1st Battalion, Third Marines, in Japan and was later assigned to Headquarters, Marine Corps, in Washington. After active duty, I remained in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1972. In that time I served a summer tour in England with 42 Commando, Royal Marines, and later, during the Vietnam War, was executive officer of the 1st 155MM Howitzer Battery, Force Troops, FMF, at Marine Barracks, Newport RI, and advanced to the rank of major.

MITCHELL

Bryant Mitchell
Vietnam Veteran

(Bryant and Madeleine Mitchell)

MURRAY

Robert Murray
U.S. Marine Corps

(Bob and Carla Murray)

PAYNE

Douglas Wilkinson Payne
U.S. Navy, Captain
1952-1980

(Doug and Eloise Payne)

QUINLAN

Candace Quinlan
U.S. Marine Corps
Lieutenant Colonel



RARICK

Marcus Rarick
U.S. Air Force, Captain

RUSTIGAN

George A. Rustigan
U.S. Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel, retired
Vietnam Vet
Twenty-eight year Career
(brother of Jackie Rustigan)

SHOSTAL

Pierre Shostal
D.C. Air National Guard. 1960 - 1966
Rank of A2C
(Pierre and Hilary Shostal)



SMUCKER

The Rev. John Smucker Veteran

(John and Louisa Smucker)

STANISH

Tom G. Stanish U.S. Army, Private First Class

(father of Caterine Stanish)

URBINE

In Memory of Colonel Anthony Wayne Urbine United States Army Medical Service Corps Served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam

(Rosi Urbine)

WALKER

Edward K. Walker

U.S. Navy, Rear Admiral

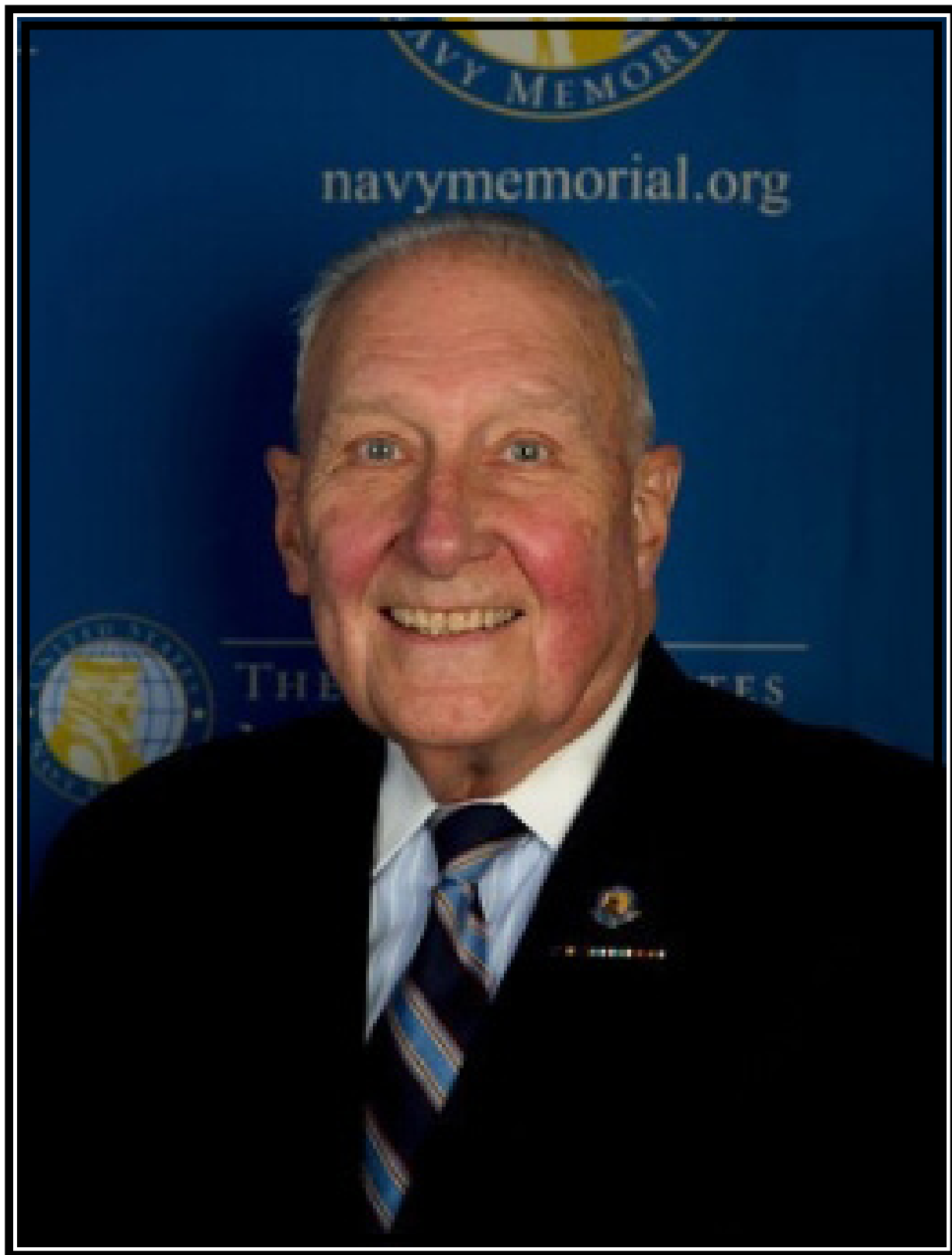
Pearl Harbor, WWII

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1925, Admiral Walker served in battleships until he was “volunteered” for submarine school in 1927. Between 1928 and 1937 he served in a series of submarines: USS R-8 (SS-85), USS R-15 (SS-92), USS R-13 (SS-90), USS S-21 (SS-126), and USS S-31 (SS-136). While skipper of S-21 in the mid-1930s, he was instrumental in the development of the torpedo data computer that proved so successful for fleet submarines during World War II.

He later served on the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force staff, first in gunnery and fire control, and later as operations officer during the early months of the war. He commanded the USS Mayrant (DD-402) during the North Africa invasion, leaving her when she was severely damaged by a German bomb off Sicily. His commands included the attack transport USS Effingham (APA-165), and the oilers USS Elokomin (AO-55) and Canisteo (AO-99). He later commanded Destroyer Squadron 14 and the U.S. Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown before retiring in 1955.

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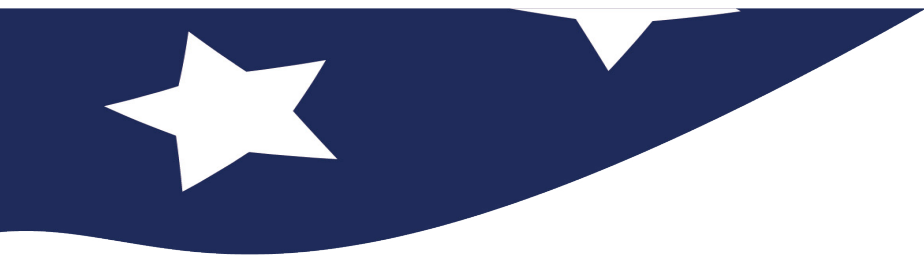
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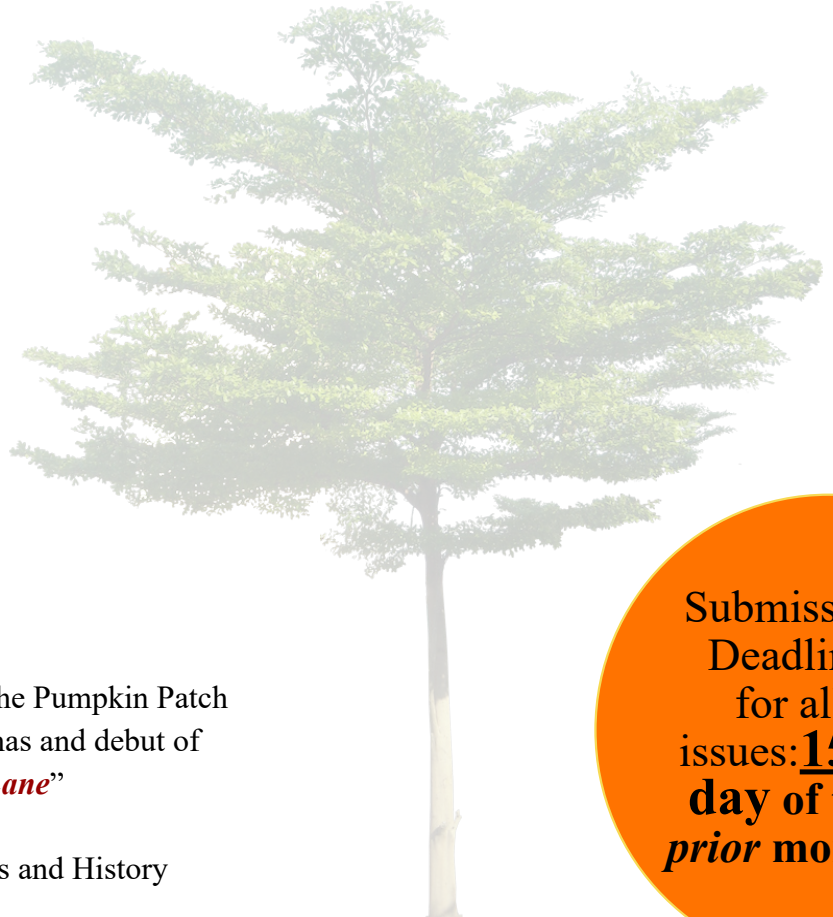
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