



84th Railsplitters Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Railsplitters Association

August 2015



Upcoming Special Events

- 11 Sep 2015** RAD Ft. McCoy (Friday)
- 19 Sep 2015** Steak Fry Cookout (Saturday)
- 11 Nov 2015** Veteran's Day (Wednesday)
- Feb 2016** Valentine Dinner (TBD)
- May 2016** Dining Out (TBD)



War Memorial Ballroom



Railsplitters Board of Directors

2015 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on June 11, 2015, at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. A discussion and vote affirmed a name change of the Association to the **84th Railsplitters Association**. The meeting was followed by a celebration of the Army's birthday in conjunction with the Milwaukee AUSA Chapter, and an update on veterans' benefits by Tom Ludka, a Waukesha County Veterans Services Officer. Attendees were invited to tour the renovated "New" Milwaukee County War Memorial.

New 84th Alumni Members

It's great to see our membership is still growing. Please welcome our new members.

CSM Daniel Zebrauskas	KY
MSG Jim Schmidt	WI
MSG Sandra Heim	WI
SFC Patricia Kebbekus	WI
SFC Rudolph Papa	WI

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2015 Association Dining Out

On 2 May 2015, we held our annual gala event, the Dining Out, at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove, WI. From braid on the members, to sparkling spouses, it was another success. Mike's Music provided a very nice background sound for the attendees. We hope to see you at a future Dining Out.

84th Railsplitters Association Sunshine Club

Mary Orley is our volunteer who graciously continues to maintain this supportive function, sending out sympathy and get well cards. Please forward any information or correspondence for Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. to Mary Orley either at her home phone number: 414-425-0256 or to her email address: maryo_44@yahoo.com. Let's keep a good tradition going.

With great sorrow and sadness, we report the following passing:

James Johnson, COL (USA Retired)
Stanley (Alan) Williams, LTC (USA Retired)
Steve Hagen, CSM (USA Retired)
Ronald Stubbendick, SFC (USA Retired)

Members and Spouses Encouragement during recovery: Lynda Krieger, Pat Cottrell, Ray Franecki

Your Army Official Retiree Title

Please remember, your title does not differentiate between active or reserve component retirements:
John Q. Doe, COL (USA Retired)

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." Dwight D. Eisenhower



From the President's Desk

Summer Greetings to all fellow Railsplitters

I hope everyone has been having a happy and enjoyable summer. As you may or may not know, the name of our organization was officially changed to the "**84th Railsplitters Association**" at our annual meeting held June 11, 2015, at the newly renovated War Memorial Center. The meeting was well attended. Everyone enjoyed seeing the progress that has taken place and the honor and respect that is returning to this beautiful location. Members of the board are currently working on new clothing apparel for this name change and we are hoping to have items available for sale at our annual Steak and Chicken Fry.

The Steak and Chicken Fry is our next major event coming up. The date is Saturday, September 19, 2015, at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith Legion Post #419 starting at 4 PM. Casual attire, jeans or shorts are the dress for the day. Keep in mind that this event is our annual fund raiser for the year so bring your checkbook and bid generously for the auction items. Donations appreciated. Keep in mind that the Retiree Appreciation Day will be held at Ft. McCoy on September 12, 2015.

Initial plans are underway for our annual Valentines Dinner, to be held in February, our Dining Out, is usually held in May and our Annual Membership Meeting which will be held NEXT June 2016. More information on these events will be coming out soon. The annual Bill McKeown golf outing is scheduled to be held Sunday, September 20, 2015, at Brightondale Golf Course in Kansasville, WI. Please contact Kathleen McKeown at 414-379-5443 for more information.

Election of board members were held at our annual meeting in June. I would like to welcome our new members: LTC Thomas Abts, 1SG Holger Machwitz and MSG Goldie Schuh to our board. We look forward to working with all of you. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those members who left the board this year.

Your hard work and efforts over your term helped make our organization stronger and more successful.

Col Dean P. Orley, (USA Retired)
President
84th Railsplitters Association

New 84th TC Deputy Commanding General



BG Walter takes oath from MG Carpenter BG Walter unfurls his first flag
The 84th Training Command officially welcomes the deputy commanding general, **Brig. Gen. Aaron T. Walter**, to the Command. Walter was officially promoted in a ceremony on Fort Knox, Kentucky, June 6, 2015. *Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 84th TC Public Affairs.*

Milley Confirmed as Army Chief of Staff

General Mark A. Milley's nomination to become the 39th Army chief of staff was approved Wednesday by the Senate, and President Obama nominated an Iraq War veteran to become undersecretary of the Army.

The Ivy League-educated Milley would succeed General Raymond T. Odierno, who will retire after 39 years of service. No dates have been set for Milley's swearing in or for Odierno's retirement. *AUSA*

Chief: A too-small Army dares our enemies to make a move *By Michelle Tan, Army Times*

As the Army prepares to cut 40,000 more soldiers in order to fit into a shrinking budget, the service is in danger of becoming too small for an increasingly dangerous world, the Army's top officer said, and that may embolden our enemies to act.

"If we get small enough where some of these [world] leaders don't believe the Army can respond or deter them, if you can't ... deter them from believing they can accomplish something ... that increases the threats and danger to the United States," Odierno said in an exclusive sit-down interview with Army Times. "And

I don't know what that level is, but I think we're getting dangerously close to that level now."

Since 2012, the Army has cut 80,000 soldiers and shut down 13 brigade combat teams, including two in Germany and one in South Korea, to reach an end strength of 490,000.

The service will cut 40,000 more soldiers for an end strength of 450,000 by the end of fiscal year 2018; another 30,000 soldiers could be forced to go if sequestration returns in fiscal 2016, beginning 1 Oct.

AHF, AUSA join forces to build National Army Museum

The Army Historical Foundation (AHF) and the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) have joined forces with a shared vision: To provide the Army, its soldiers, their families and the public with The National Museum of the United States Army.

This vision, a world-class educational destination, has resulted in an affiliation agreement between AHF and AUSA. "AUSA has been the leading supporter of AHF's efforts to get the museum built from the outset of the Capital Campaign. AUSA's joining forces with AHF on this priority project at this time will have a huge rippling impact," said Lt. Gen. Roger Schultz, USA, Ret., AHF's president, in announcing the affiliation agreement.

Adding, "Our mutual efforts will accelerate museum construction, expand both entities' education programs designed to preserve the history and heritage of the Army and its soldiers, and to stimulate Capital Campaign fundraising."

Schultz explained that under terms of the affiliation, AHF and AUSA will remain two separate and distinct organizations. "The only structural change is a newly constituted AHF Board of Directors," he said. *AUSA*

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series

A pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites. Each pass covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well as

standard amenity fees at national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. A pass covers entrance and standard amenity fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free. The five agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program are: National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation

Free Annual Pass for U.S. Military

Available to U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard and also, Reserve and National Guard members. Must be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site by showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173).

Senior Pass

\$10 Lifetime pass: For U.S. citizens or permanent residents age **62** or over. May be obtained in person at a federal recreation site or through the mail using this application form. The cost of obtaining a Senior Pass through the mail is twenty dollars (\$20). Ten (\$10) for the Senior Pass and ten (\$10) for processing the application. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.

May provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services. Generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.

Access Pass: Free

For U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.

www.84thdivalumni.com

The 84th Railsplitters Association is pleased to provide its members a place to go for information about the Railsplitters. If you have an idea for something you want to see on the website, please contact me at:

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Peter (Skip) Pochowski

"Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy." Margaret Thatcher

Fort Knox MWR and Activities

84th Training Command Military Ball

Friday, September 11, 2015; Social Hour 1730hrs-1830hrs; Receiving Line 1830-1900hrs; Dinner 1900hrs-2400hrs. Cost: \$50.00; Uniform: ASU with Bowtie or Mess Dress; Civilian: Formal Evening Attire
RSVP NLT 24 August 2015
Refer question to SGS Office: 502-624-7646

Fort McCoy MWR

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) 11 September 2015
Sign in begins at 0700 in Bldg. 905 (AM 0800-1200), with refreshment provided; Bldg 90 (Benefit Fair 1200-1500), **McCoys** provides lunch for a nominal fee.

On post lodging is available at the IHG hotel in the main building, with a retiree rate.

Fort McCoy Retirement Services Newsletter-HONORS
Be sure to make use of this newsletter. It lists regional RADs, and many useful programs, telephone numbers, and websites.

http://www.mccoy.army.mil/Services/ACAP_Documents/HONORS_2015.pdf

Army Echoes Jun-Sep 2015

In the current edition of Army Echoes, Page 17 has a directory of valuable websites for you. Page 18 lists Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs) worldwide from August through November.

Immediately notify **DFAS** about any changes to your mailing or email address to ensure you receive Army Echoes and all of your DFAS notifications involving your income tax withholding, Survivor Benefit Plan, Arrears of Pay beneficiary, and your retired or annuitant pay. **Do NOT send any changes of address or email to Army Retirement Services!** The fastest and surest way to update DFAS is to use **myPay** <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. You can also call DFAS at (800) 321-1080 or call your local RSO found on page 15.

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>

"On matters of style, swim with the current. On matters of principle, stand like a rock."

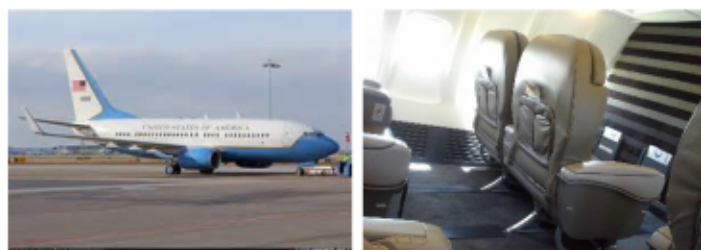
Thomas Jefferson

Veterans Day 2015 Deals

Many establishments offer specials on or near Veterans Day. Be sure to check with the local stores/restaurants. Below is a sampling of some offers:

Olive Garden	Denny's
Food Lion	Lowe's Military Discount
Chilis	Home Depot Military Discount
Famous Dave's	Golden Corral
National Parks	Dollar General
Texas Roadhouse	Applebee Restaurants

ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL



One Sunday in mid-July we got up at "zero dark 30" for a drive down to Scott AFB, IL, and an early afternoon flight to Andrews AFB. The aircraft was an Air Force C-40 (executive 737), with the three of us passengers sitting in the first class section. Andrews AFB has a rental car desk in the terminal, but is closed on Sunday.

I prefer to stay at Air Force or Navy lodging when traveling Space A. Naturally, Andrews had a big conference that week, and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling was booked for Sunday night. We did a "bag drag" out the gate and across the street to the Quality Inn lodging. The Metro bus stops outside the gate, so we took one to a local shopping center for dinner. Two years ago, I ordered two metro rail/bus passes online and the credit on them was still good. The pass saves time, and can be used should you not wish to walk all over the Washington Mall area.

Monday, I walked back to the terminal and picked up our two day rental car. We decided to take a leisurely drive past Mount Vernon on our way down to Quantico Marine Corps Base and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is just outside of the main gate, and is free to all. The outside of museum is deceiving. It is built into the earth and is like an iceberg, most of it is below grade. It encompasses the Marine Corps history, from its inception, to the current era.



Main Entrance to Museum



Museum Rotunda

On the lower level, you wind your way through the different iterations of the Corps, with paintings, maps, videos, artifacts and movie theaters. The second level has a café and pub. They are in the planning phase of an expansion to the museum. This is truly one of the finest military museums that we have ever visited. If you are near D.C., take the time to visit it.

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But the Marines don't have that problem." President Ronald Reagan

With the somewhat inclement weather, we decided to head back to the Capitol area and stop at one of my wife's favorite outdoor sea food joints. Outside the fence line behind Flag Officers Row at Fort Myer, VA, (now JB Myer-Henderson Hall) and just northeast of Arlington Cemetery, sits the Quarterdeck Restaurant, 1200 Fort Myer Drive. It is very hard to find, along with finding parking in a residential apartment area.



The Quarterdeck Restaurant



Iwo Jima Memorial

That evening we stayed at JB Anacostia-Bolling Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS). We stayed there in the past and liked the facilities. With the focus on security, many bases close some gates after business hours, so don't trust a GPS. This base has large Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) component. Also, the Presidential Marine Helicopter Fleet must now be stationed there, because they were sitting about 300 yards from our building.

The next day was time to do the National Mall. We find that if you get the Mall by 9-9:30, there is street parking somewhere. It has been sometime since we visited the Air and Space Museum, it being closed the last time we tried to see it. (Wear shoes that are comfortable and hydrate)

After a brief stop at the Washington Monument and World War II Memorial, we strolled over to the Jefferson Memorial (it was also closed the last time we tried to see it). East of the Jefferson is the Warf area, which sells fresh sea food and has walkup food stalls.



After lunch, we hit the Museum at the Washington Navy Yard. It does not take very long to go through this museum, but well worth the time. One thing I have noticed in recent years, especially in the D.C. area, are the large number of civilian employees on military bases. When the force structure changed in the last decade to the "operating and generating forces", many generating force positions became "9 to 5" jobs.

We headed north to Pasadena, MD, between Baltimore and Annapolis, to spend the night at a cousin's house on Rock Creek, a backwater of the Chesapeake. The following morning we drove down to National Harbor and a huge convention center to pick up our one-way rental car to drive back to Scott AFB, since no flights were headed west. We dropped off the Andrews rental and headed west to visit Harpers Ferry.

Harpers Ferry lies about 1 1/2 hours west of D.C., just south of Frederick, MD, off of I-70. Aside from the history with John Brown, it was the site of the largest surrender of union troops during the Civil War. There was a \$10.00 admission per car, but if you are over 62, you can get a lifetime pass for the same price. Two hours later we were back on the road to stay over at Scott AFB. The following morning, I drove the rental car to the St. Louis Airport, since it was the closet drop off point for a reasonable price. The Metrolink train starts at the airport and ends at Scott AFB. After getting off the train, the on base metro bus dropped me at lodging. After having lunch at the Club, we then took the trusty SUV back to our home of record in Wisconsin.

Happy Traveling!

World Travelers Jerry and Lisa

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