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Lourdes alumni military veterans gathered for a photo at Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial on September 15, 2012. Turn to page 12 for names and veterans' stories.

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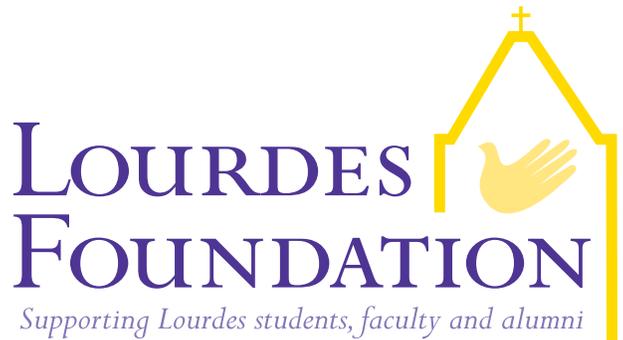
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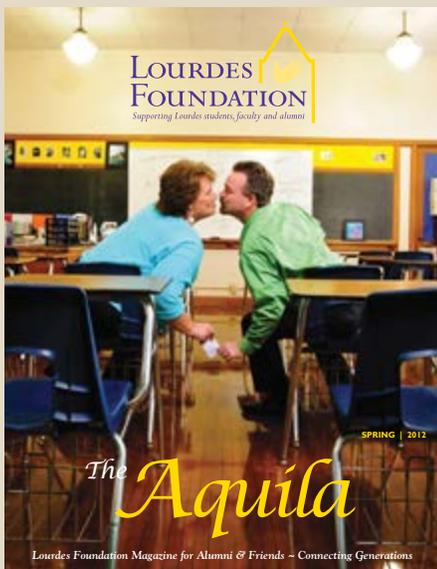
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From Our **INBOX**



“The issue was magnificent. I can’t find words that describe it. When the last one came I didn’t think it could be any better, but this one was “out of this world.” It was great to read about all the graduates of the same class who married. I think at least 80% of them were at LHS when I was there either as a teacher or in the front office. I just want you to know that there were many smiles and tears as I read it each time.”

Sister Jutta Gleichauf

“Read the latest issue of the Aquila. Wow. That is by far the best issue ever published. The look, the length and the interesting subjects gave it a college publication feel. Well done, it was wonderful, a home run.”

Marv Peters, Lourdes High School

“You and staff did a great job on the Spring 2012 issue of the Aquila. Congratulations! I have heard many favorable comments about the appearance and content of The Aquila.

Many thanks for all your hard work!”

Dolores (Dee) Libera '53

“What an amazing issue of the Aquila!!!! We’ve read every word!!!! Thank you for your hard work.”

Luanne Koshire '65

“I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the last edition of the Aquila! It was fantastic! Loved every picture and every word! Well done!”

Cathy Dillon

“It was so fun to see pictures of people we had not seen for years and years. The whole issue was very good looking. Of course, we were very glad to read the article about **Fr. Paul Nelson '53.** I think the Assisi pilgrimage is a great idea.”

Elizabeth Boler '53

“My husband and I recently received our copy of the most recent edition of the Aquila, and I had to write and tell you what a wonderful job you all have done. Keep up the great work!”

Michelle Weedman,
Theology Chair and Instructor

“We always enjoy the Aquila, we especially enjoyed the high school sweethearts article. Thanks again.”

Dan McCoy '56

To Lourdes Foundation

My classmates and I would like to thank you for putting the Lourdes Foundation Reunion Handbook together and sharing it with everybody. The reunion handbook blueprint is what changed a dinner among a few old classmates and friends into a full-blown class reunion.

Thank you, Lourdes Foundation, for laying out the groundwork.

Thomas Atanasia, Woodhaven NY

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“Dammit, we are running out of dolls!”



There was a big response to our “Dammit Doll” article in the last issue of the Aquila. Within a week we received word from the Sisters at Assisi Heights that the gift shop was experiencing a run on their supply of dolls. We checked in with Sister Dorothy Hanson to try to find out just how many dolls they have sold. “Oh, my goodness! The response has been wonderful. We’ve sold hundreds of them! People come in holding the magazine, asking for 10 or 15 dolls. We’ve had to hold several impromptu stuffing parties to keep up with demand.”

If you would like a Dammit Doll of your own, call the gift shop at Assisi Heights at 507/282-7441.



Sneak Preview of The Traveling Eagle!

The spring 2013 issue of the Aquila will include our LHS Traveling Eagle. Just take the eagle with you on your travels, near or far, take photos and send them to us at www.lourdesfoundation.org or post them on our Facebook page: Lourdes Foundation Alumni Connection.

If you would like to print your own Traveling Eagle now, go to our website at www.lourdesfoundation.org or to our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/LourdesFoundationAlumniConnection](https://www.facebook.com/LourdesFoundationAlumniConnection). 



Connor Petersen '10, with the Traveling Eagle at the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt, September 2012

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A heartfelt thank you to all who have served, and to those who are currently serving our great country.

Our last issue of the Aquila was dedicated to the many married couples who started their relationships while at Lourdes High School. (176 couples by our count). It was fun to read their many stories and to share them with you this past spring. Working on that issue got us thinking about the many LHS graduates who have served, or are currently serving our country. We reached out to them on the back cover of our last issue, and we asked them to consider sharing their military story. Many did, and the pages that follow will inspire you. We were honored to receive the stories from our Lourdes High School (LHS) veterans and from those who are currently serving – thank you to all for sharing your stories.

Of course, it is no accident that this issue is timed with Veterans Day 2012. It is our way of honoring the many men and women who have graduated from LHS and went on to serve our country. We are sure you will recognize some old classmates. So please, if you can contact them, tell them you read their story and thank them for their service. We love our veterans!

Special recognition and thanks go to Rich Daly LHS '66 for his help with this issue. Lourdes Foundation honored Rich this past October by presenting him with the 2012 Alumnus of the Year Award. We are very grateful to him.

On a completely separate note, I would like to thank Sue Krecke who has served as Lourdes Foundation's President the past two years. Her leadership and support of our staff was so appreciated. Sue will remain on the board and will serve as Past President for another year. We welcome Tim Geisler as our new President for the 2012-2013 school year and look forward to his guidance.

If you have not been by the "new" LHS, you're in for a treat. Lourdes Foundation is so proud to play an important role in the Lourdes Building Our Future Capital Campaign. Please take time to read the latest update written by the new campaign manager, **Mike Kesler '91**, on page 31 of this issue.

As always, thank you to our many donors who support our important mission of ensuring a vital Catholic education at LHS. Please consider helping us support students who qualify for and are in need of tuition assistance.

Thank you,

Tim Sitzer
Executive Director,
Lourdes Foundation

Our Vision

"Lourdes Foundation is a catalyst for the growth & expansion of Lourdes High School through excellence in education."



Our Mission

"Lourdes Foundation attracts, manages and channels philanthropic resources to ensure a vital Catholic education at Lourdes High School."

Incoming Lourdes Foundation Board President Tim Geisler



After serving Rochester Catholic Schools in a variety of capacities over the last fifteen years, I am looking forward to my term as president of the Board of Directors of the Lourdes Foundation at a time when there is so much happening with Lourdes High School.

The excitement for the new LHS campus continues to grow as we watch the construction progress. Many of us are looking forward to this change in location with mixed emotions as there are so many memories associated with the current building. Rest assured that the new campus will be an extraordinary resource for our students and the entire community for many years to come.

Lourdes Foundation is extremely proud to be a part of this new adventure. The \$2,866,000 from the sale of the Foundation-owned portion of the current student parking lot will go toward the Lourdes Building Our Future Campaign. In recognition of this extraordinary gift, the academic wing of the new school will be named "Lourdes Foundation Academic Wing". This could not have happened without the generous support of our many benefactors over the years and the foresight of previous board members. My sincere thanks to all of you.

I am thankful for the confidence that the Board has placed in me, and for the support of our past President Sue Krecke, Executive Director Tim Sitzer, Associate Director Sheila Rainey and the entire board of the Lourdes Foundation. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to the LHS community and its many generous benefactors.

Tim Geisler
President,
Lourdes Foundation

Lourdes Legacy Society

The Lourdes Foundation Legacy Society was formed to recognize donors who have remembered the Lourdes Foundation in their wills and estate plans. Currently there are about 100 members and the Foundation appreciates and acknowledges the generosity and foresight of these donors.

Previous generations have had educational opportunities at Lourdes and now we are called on to ensure a vital Catholic education for the students of today and tomorrow.

Please consider including Lourdes Foundation in your estate planning.

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- We welcome your submissions of news items, family milestones, recent or 'vintage' photos, story ideas, Sports Hall of Fame nominations, etc.
- **Go Green!** Notify us if you would prefer to receive the Aquila in your email.

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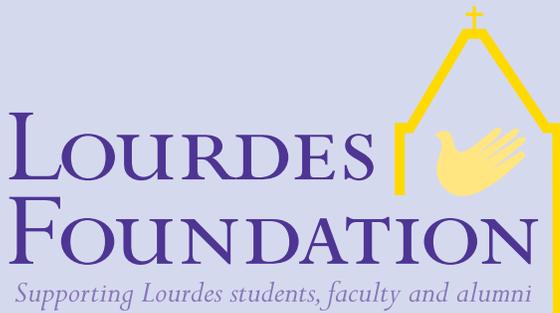
What if you could help Lourdes Foundation win \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$12,500? On **Thursday, November 15**, you can! These prize grants will be awarded to the top three nonprofits receiving the most contributed dollars during Give to the Max Day.

Golden Tickets are back by popular demand. Each hour of the day one nonprofit will be randomly selected to have \$1,000 added to their donations. In addition, at the end of the 24-hour event, **GiveMN** will choose one nonprofit to receive a Super-sized **Golden Ticket**, adding \$10,000 to their donation!

You can help Lourdes Foundation by giving your most generous annual contribution or an additional annual gift on Thursday, November 15. Give your gift through the link on Lourdes Foundation's website (www.lourdesfoundation.org) or go to www.givemn.org and search for Lourdes Foundation.

Thank you for your generous and loyal support,

Tim Sitzer
Executive Director,
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6th ANNUAL Lourdes High School

Sports **HALL OF FAME** Induction
Sunday, December 2, 2012
Rochester International Event Center

5 p.m. Social Hour and Silent Auction • 6 p.m. Dinner

We Congratulate our 2012 Honorees:

Peter Galuska '68 – Football

Tim Ramey '69 – Track

Maureen McAlpine '82 – Basketball

Kevin Rust – Tennis Coach

and honoring the

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Tickets \$30 each or Table of 8 for \$225

The proceeds from this event benefit Lourdes athletic programs.

Tickets available at:

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If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, please contact the Lourdes Foundation office.

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Whatever happened to...

Lourdes Picasso: Jim Kubiadowicz '62

Jim Kubiadowicz Lourdes Picasso

From designing and building trees to portraits of Pope John XXIII, James Kubiadowicz, senior, has shown a great talent in art. Much of the scenery you saw on stage during "Finian's Rainbow" is his work, but his greatest accomplishment was the enormous tree in which Finian McLonergan and his daughter Sharon perched. In oil painting he won first prize in the Art Fair for his portrait of Pope John XXIII.



Jim has decided to go on in the field of art after graduation. He has chosen to attend the Minneapolis School of Art.

Other members of Mr. Gagnon's art class, spending long hours on the stage scenery for "Finian's Rainbow" were Kathy Blackwood, Kathy Miller, Rita Reining and Earl Heenan.

While looking through past editions of the school newspaper, The Lourdes Eagle, we came across an article about the "Lourdes Picasso," Jim Kubiadowicz. Jim is now painting professionally and he graciously agreed to share a bit about his life.

"As I write this, Jude (Judy Lipscomb '62) and I are spending a week on Block Island (just off the coast of Rhode Island), celebrating our 46th wedding anniversary and reminiscing a bit. We were high school sweethearts who could never quite manage without the other. This is as

true today as then. Jude has always been the practical supportive one, and me the dreamer- together, we've had quite a trip."

"After graduating from the U of M, I spent my professional life in a variety of creative director positions within the toy and premium industries. Yes, I'm one of the dastardly people who invented and designed the small goodies found in cereal

boxes and given away by McDonalds-type enterprises. It was challenging, fun and certainly an unusual profession."

"The design world fulfilled my need to draw, sculpt and create. Also, it was rewarding enough to allow Jude to be a stay-at-home mom while raising our two wonderful kids before venturing out into the business world. Today, she manages an optical department for an ophthalmology clinic."

"I've always felt that being an artist is not a choice: it's a condition for which there is no cure other than to accept it and participate. For the past ten years or so, I've been able to address this predicament by launching an encore career as an oil painter. There are more artists out here than oysters and I consider myself very fortunate to have my paintings represented by a number of first tier galleries throughout the East Coast. For this, I am grateful and humbled."

"When our kids stopped roaming around, both settled in New England and we decided to join them, after sixty years of living in Minnesota. Currently we live with our cat, Baxter, in a loft in the arts district of Providence, Rhode Island. The loft serves as our residence, my studio and our departure point for adventures. Neither Jude nor I seem to want to admit that we are getting older. We have no plans to retire. As long as we are healthy, we will continue to travel, explore and enjoy life doing what we love." 

Check out Jim's artwork by visiting his website: jameskubiadowicz.com



Jim Kubiadowicz and wife Judy Lipscomb '62

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Q&A: Alex Kurth '10 talks about his



1. Tell us a little about yourself.

I graduated (from Lourdes High School) in 2010. I am entering my junior year at the University of Minnesota and am majoring in finance at the Carlson School of Management.

2. You played Varsity Hockey for Lourdes – how many years and what position(s) did you play?

I played Varsity Hockey for 3 seasons (my sophomore, junior, and senior years) and I was a forward. I was fortunate enough to make it to the State Tournament twice and serve as a team captain my senior year. It is kind of neat that some of my most memorable high school games were played at Mariucci Arena, where I now work on a daily basis.

3. You have a unique role with the Minnesota Gophers Men's Hockey Team. Tell us about that.

I am the Student Manager for the team. My job involves addressing all equipment and locker room needs and assisting in the overall team operations. The job has a significant time commitment. I am at the rink for several hours everyday. I am paid for the job – so it is not a volunteer position.

4. Do you travel with the team?

I've traveled a little with the team, but will likely travel much more these next two seasons since I am now the oldest Student Manager (there are usually two Student Managers and the one that I worked with my freshman and sophomore years just graduated this past May.)

5. What is your favorite part of the job?

My favorite part of the job is just being around the rink and hockey on a daily basis. It is great to be able to remain around a team atmosphere. Working with the players, coaches, and staff is always fun and they are all great guys.

6. Do you ever get recognized around campus because of your role with the team?

Not a lot – but it has happened occasionally.

7. Do you work very closely with the coaching staff? What is it like on the bench?

All of the coaches are great to work with, and it is fun to talk with them and hear different stories that they have. It is always interesting and hectic (on the bench) when lots of guys are breaking sticks and need new ones, or when they are having issues with their skates or other equipment. You never know when those things will happen during a game so it is important to stay alert and on your toes. The atmosphere on the bench is always very exciting.



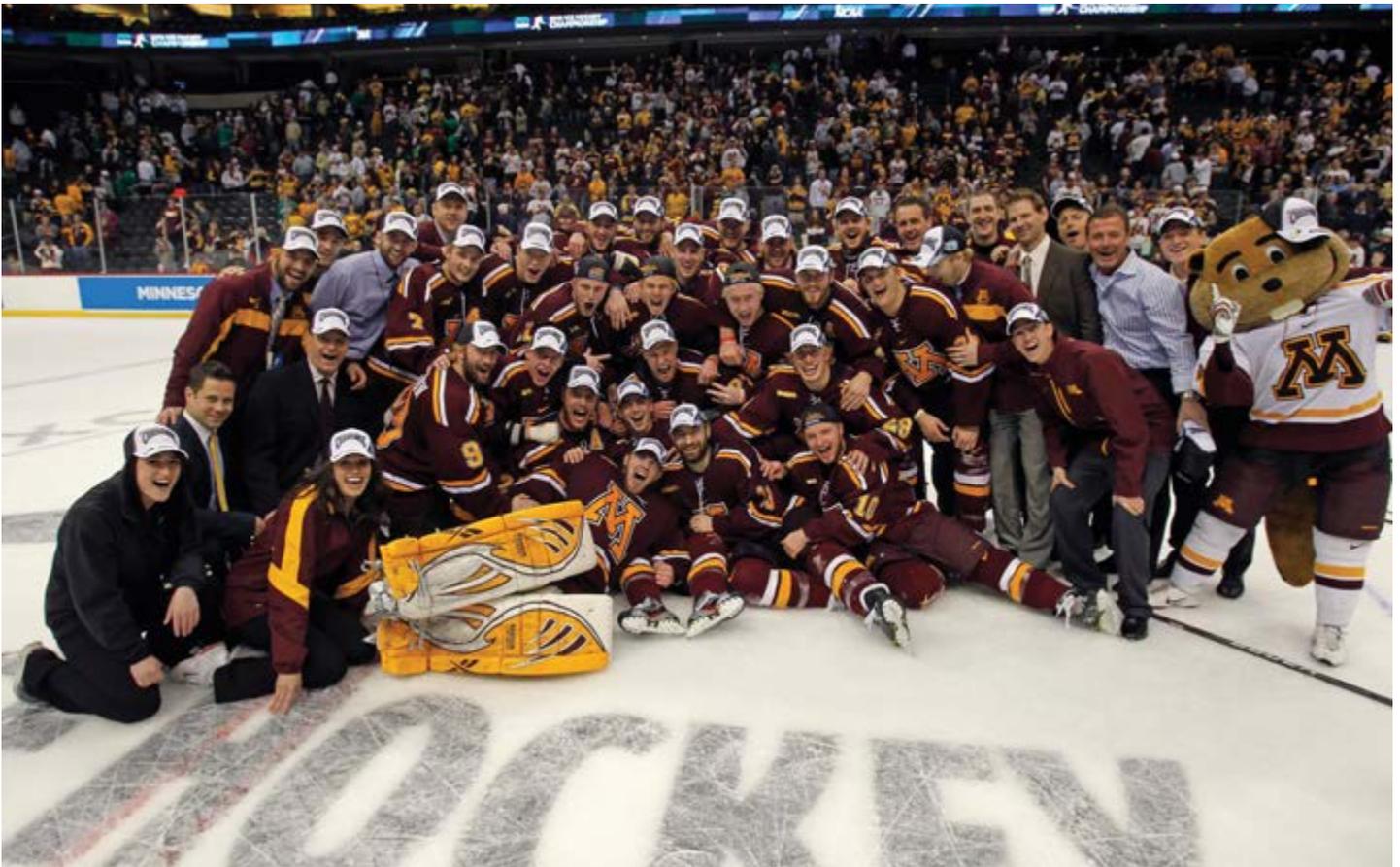
job as a student manager for the Gopher Hockey Team.

8. Do you plan on pursuing a career that would incorporate this experience along with your chosen major?

I have not decided upon an exact career path yet but would love to work in sports in a role that combines my interests in both business and sports.

9. How did you get such a cool job with the Gophers?

I got the Student Manager job with the team through Wes Emmert, who was my boss when I worked at the RAC (Rochester Athletic Club). He had some connections at the University and was great about using them to help me get involved. He had me contact the head Strength and Conditioning coach and also talked to Ali Lucia, Don's daughter, who worked out at the RAC when she lived in Rochester. She spoke with her dad and eventually I was contacted by Lee Greseth, the head equipment manager and my current boss. 🏠



“It is kind of neat that some of my most memorable high school games were played at Mariucci Arena, where I now work on a daily basis.”

LHS ★ VETERANS

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.

~ Cynthia Ozick

On this Veterans Day we are honored to share with you stories of service submitted by three generations of Lourdes alumni. May we always remember and hold close in our hearts those who have died in the service of their country. We offer our humble thanks and we pray for God's special blessing on all those who have served, especially those who started their journey at Lourdes High School.



Pictured at the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial, in Rochester, MN are Lourdes alumni who have served their country with honor.

Front Row: Gary Schoenfelder '66, U.S.M.C.; Rita (Thornton) Cox '65, U.S.M.C. & U.S.A.; Nick Wagner '66, U.S.M.C.; Harold McCoy '53, U.S.N.; Bob Nolden '53, U.S.A.F.; Jim Sullivan '44, U.S.N.; Mike Sell '68, U.S.A. **Middle Row:** Jim Adamson '55, U.S.N.; Terrence Pattinson '65, U.S.N.; Roger Daly '53, U.S.A.; Rich Daly '66, U.S.A.; Jerome Lawler '56, U.S.A.; Richard T. Lawler '66, U.S.A.; Joseph Murphy '63, U.S.A.; Joseph Holland '47, U.S.N. **Back Row:** Peter W. Markus '66, U.S.N. (Seabees); Nick Carter '64, U.S.M.C.; James Carter '66, U.S.M.C.; John C. Boler '47, U.S.N.; David Funk '52, U.S.N.; Bill Fischer '52, U.S.N. (Seabees); Joe Adamson '83, U.S.N.



John Towey '58

I am a 1958 graduate of LHS. I was drafted into the Army in July of 1963 and served until July of 1965. I was assigned a very unusual tour of duty because I had majored in English at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. I spent my two years at Fort Buchanan, an Army base a few miles outside of San Juan, Puerto Rico. While there, I taught English to Puerto Rican boys before they were sent to the U.S. for basic training. Every seven weeks I received a new group of twenty boys at the end of which time they were required to pass a rudimentary English exam before being sent stateside. This language program was instituted during the Korean War because of an incident in which a Spanish speaking officer in charge of Puerto Rican soldiers misunderstood an English command and charged the wrong side of a mountain. The entire company was wiped out as a result. The language program I was assigned to eliminated any possibility of that happening again. I've always been grateful for this tour of duty, with the added perk that my wife and I lived off base a few blocks from the beach in San Juan. Because the war was escalating in Viet Nam, had I been mustered out a month later, I would have been 'frozen' and sent overseas for an additional third year. I was lucky. Most of all I feel fortunate and proud to have been able to serve.

John Towey



Karl Tomaschewski '58

Karl Tomaschewski '58 came to the United States as a child under the displaced persons program following World War II. His family was one of many who lost everything in the war. I had the pleasure of a chance meeting with Karl at Vandenberg AFB in California in the early 1960s, when we were both stationed there. Karl was obviously very proud to be serving in the US Air Force in his adopted country. Karl died in 1994 and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Submitted by Richard J. Campbell Msgt USAF(Ret) '57



Joseph V. Holland '47

In January of 1944, a month before my 18th birthday, I enlisted in the United States Navy. After a physical exam in the Twin Cities, I was sent to Farragut Naval Training Station near Couer d'Alene, Idaho for boot camp.

After boot camp, I was sent to Sand Point Naval Air Base near Seattle to cook-and-bakers' school, since I had worked part time at the Purity Diner for several years. After completing the sixteen-week course on July 28, 1944, I was sent to Solomon, Maryland for amphibious training and was then assigned to the newly commissioned Landing Craft Infantry 1818 as a cook.

After several training runs off the Atlantic Coast, we traveled through the Panama Canal to Hawaii and on to Guam. In Guam I was transferred to Landing Ship Tank (LST) 1029 at Saipan. On the LST, I was one of two cooks, each working alternate 24-hour shifts cooking for nine officers and 99 enlisted men. I was also to man a 20-millimeter gun when our ship was under attack. We unloaded what was left of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions on the shores of Okinawa.

I have a vivid memory of riding out a typhoon in the China Sea; it was almost as scary as being under attack. Due to this storm, the kitchen range busted loose. As a result, the cooks and strikers (cooks helpers) could not cook anything, so we served bologna sandwiches.

The LST was decommissioned at Lake Charles, Louisiana and was later sold to a South American banana company.

Upon my return, I was sent to Norfolk, Virginia and then to Puerto Rico to cook at the Navel base there. A nurse stationed there helped me study for my GED. I was discharged in Jacksonville, Florida and I received my GED with the graduating LHS class of 1947. I was in the inactive Navel Reserve for eight years.



David L Conway '55

After graduating from Lourdes, I left our family farm on July 5, 1955 for the U.S. Navy with John "Beaver" Murphy and a couple other RHS grads. We were both "kiddie cruisers", since we enlisted before turning 18 years old and discharged the day before our 21st birthdays. After boot camp in Great Lakes, I attended numerous electronic training schools in Great Lakes and Norfolk, VA. I achieved Fire Control Technician striker status and then maintained and operated gun control radar for two years aboard the USS Intrepid, CVA 11, also known as "The Fighting 11."

We were based in Norfolk, VA with Naples, Italy as our overseas home port. The ship made numerous Mediterranean and North Atlantic cruises during this time. While anchored in Naples, I visited Rome and met up with my seminarian brother, Gerald. He was studying for the priesthood at North American College Seminary in Rome. While visiting the Coliseum with one of my shipmates, an unknown person took a picture of us. The photo was printed in the Boston Globe, sent to the Diocese of Winona and then sent by an unknown person to my mother.

The Intrepid is now docked in New York City at West 46th street, Pier 86 and has been a national shrine since 1982. We were guests at the museum in October 2011. After 53 years, it was very interesting to see the ship. The ship's innards were mostly off-limits, so my old work spaces were not available on the tour, but I still enjoyed the experience.



Conway family members who served in the military, submitted by **Terry Conway '62**

- Pat '47**, U.S. Navy
- Dan '48**, U.S. Coast Guard
- John '51**, U.S. Army
- Bernard '53**, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force
- David '55**, U.S. Navy
- Terry '62**, U.S. Air Force

I also have two aunts and an uncle who are WWII veterans:

- Bill Conway**, U.S. Army
- Elizabeth Conway**, U.S. Army Nurse
- Caroline Conway**, U.S. Navy



Daniel M. Conway '48

After graduating from Lourdes in 1948, I entered the USCG Academy in New London, CT. While there, I sailed to Europe twice on the USCG Barque Eagle, which is America's Tall Ship.

Upon graduating in 1952, I was commissioned as Ensign and served three years on Coast Guard Cutters sailing out of Boston, MA. I then left active service and entered the USCG Reserve. I served with the Reserves another 23 years in Phoenix, AZ and Long Beach, CA in various capacities including Commanding Officer of a Reserve Unit and finally as a Group Commander responsible for the performance of four Reserve Units. I retired in 1978 with the rank of CAPT.



John Conway '51

John Conway '51 served with the U.S. Army in Germany from 1953 to 1955 as a radio operator.



Bernie Conway '53

The first chapter of my military service began in 1954. **Gene Sutton '53** (RIP), **Dick Davitt '53** (RIP), nine other Rochester area guys and I volunteered for the draft. We went to Ft. Riley, Kansas for eight weeks of Army basic training. I then went to Ft. Campbell, KY, joined the Airborne, and experienced 12 jumps the year I was there. The Korean War was winding down so I finished out my two years at Ft. Benning, GA and returned to Rochester.

The second chapter began in 1959 when **Jerry Brennan '53** talked me into trying out for the Aviation cadet program. This program offered the chance to be an officer and a pilot in the Air Force, if we passed flight training. If we did not pass, we were free to leave the Air Force, as we had both served our military commitment with the Army. We went for physicals and I passed, but Jerry failed with a heart condition.

I went to pilot training in Bainbridge, GA and Greenville, MS. Training was rigorous, but I did well and got a fighter assignment. The day after I received my wings, Judy and I married and left for Arizona. After training in Arizona, our first operational assignment was flying F-100s in the Philippines. My most interesting military flying missions occurred on this tour. The first was a night refueling mission. We were about 200 miles south of the base in a remote section of the Philippines when an oil pressure warning light went on. With the help of the flight leader we nursed the plane home; I had zero oil pressure as I touched down. The second exciting event was while I was sitting nuclear alert in Formosa. I was on alert the night JFK was shot. At 4 AM we were sent to our aircraft, which was loaded with a nuclear bomb. We were in the cockpit with power attached to the a/c awaiting orders to hit our pre-assigned target. Don't you know that little farm boy from Lourdes was wondering how he got there!

We had subsequent tours in Louisiana, Vietnam, England, Phoenix, Tucson, Thailand and Hawaii. Combat tours were one year each in Vietnam and Thailand. I finished my military flying career in Tucson, where I had my own Fighter squadron. Most career people will tell you that it is the best job in the Air Force. I would agree. The military was a great adventure. Our family saw the world and made friends that we will never forget.

Distinguished Flying Cross was my highest award. I avoided getting a Purple Heart which you get for being killed, wounded or shot down. After 20 years of military flying and 10 years of corporate flying, I flew 6586 hours, had 3892 takeoffs and 3892 landings. I am proud and thankful that my number of landings equaled my number off takeoffs! Not every pilot can say that!

Bernie Conway Lt. Col USAF (RET) '53



Richard J. Campbell '57

After graduating in 1957, I entered the US Air Force, and for the first several years, repaired Airborne Communication and Navigation Systems on B-47 and B-52 Bombers and KC-97 Tanker Aircraft.

As part of the rapid missile build up, the USAF switched me to Missile Guidance and Controls on the Jupiter and Thor Missiles. I was on a Jupiter Missile launch crew stationed in Turkey. The Russian's did not like us there, therefore the Cuban Missile Crisis. I was involved in several Thor Missile space launches from Vandenberg AFB, CA, then was sent to a Classified Space Program for the remainder of my 20 years service, until I retired in 1977.

For a second career, I worked in Nuclear Power Control Systems until finally retiring again.

Both my sons are Navy veterans. Jim worked on Shipboard Communication Systems and for the 20 years since he served he has worked in that same industry on the East Coast. Steve is still a "Blue Water" sailor and currently works on ships in the oil fields off the coast of Mexico as an engineer.

Our grandson is now on active duty, serving his country in the Navy, on the flight line, just like his Granddad did at that age, working on FA-18 fighters.

I will always be proud, that our family did, and is still doing our duty to our country.



Rita (Thornton) Cox '65

Rita (Thornton) Cox is a 1965 graduate of LHS. Rita began her military career with the United States Marine Corps in January 1966. While on active duty for over nine years, she served in disbursing and as an active duty recruiter attaining the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. After moving back to Minnesota, Rita joined the Army National Guard and soon thereafter entered active duty with the Guard. Her years with the Guard headquarters in St. Paul included time in the Military Personnel Office in many capacities and in particular as the Chief of the Automated Personnel System for the State. Prior to retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer 2, her last assignment was as Director of Information Management. After retiring, Rita pursued a second career with the Wilder Foundation of St. Paul. She retired from this organization in 2007 as the Administrative Director of Programs.



Emily Monk '10

Emily Monk is a junior at the United States Military Academy at West Point. When asked why she chose to enter West Point, she cites the excellent science and engineering curriculum as well as the opportunity to be a leader and serve our country.

Life on campus at West Point follows a rigorous schedule. Emily is up at 5:30 a.m., works out for an hour, and has a family-style breakfast at 7:00 with all 4000 cadets sitting in their assigned seats. She heads to her first class at 7:30 and attends four more classes in the morning and two after lunch. Emily then practices with the Glee Choir for two hours before participating in required intramural sports. After dinner Emily heads to the library to do homework. By 11:00 p.m. cadets are in their rooms, with their doors closed.

Emily is studying nuclear engineering; half of cadets are engineering majors. She loves Physics and Chemistry and states that Lourdes prepared her well for her science courses. Emily sings with the Catholic choir as well and serves as the Vice President. She adds that her choir experience at Lourdes provided a good foundation for her choir roles at West Point.

Fall weekends bring football games which cadets are required to attend. As Emily points out, it is an easy obligation since everyone is eager to attend! The Glee Club sings the national anthem at the home football games, and at other events as well, such as some baseball games at Yankee Stadium. As a West Point cadet, Emily's tuition is covered, uniforms are provided, laundry is done and she receives a monthly stipend. She has leaves over major holidays as well as three weeks off during the summer.

When Emily graduates in 2014, she will have earned a Bachelors degree in Nuclear Engineering and will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. During her senior year she will select a job field from sixteen different areas, including aviation, intelligence or the Military Police. She has a minimum obligation of five years of active duty and three years in the reserves.

Emily's love of the sciences, her desire to be a leader, and her love of her country all make West Point a wonderful match for her training.



James Just '48

James Just '48 was a member of the 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and fought in the Korean War. He was killed in action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on October 27, 1951. Sergeant First Class Just was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.



Dan J. Vick '80,

I attended medical school on an Army Health Professions scholarship and was commissioned a Captain upon graduation from the Medical College of Virginia in 1994. Following an internship and pathology residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, in 1999 I was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Pathology at DeWitt Army Community Hospital in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, just outside of Washington, DC. My wife, Anne Marie, and I lived in the Maryland suburb of Silver Spring, resulting in an 85-mile round trip for me each day. My daily homeward route took me past the Pentagon.

I arranged to take leave on Tuesday September 11, 2001 to help Anne Marie with our newborn twin daughters. When I called company headquarters that morning to officially sign out on leave, I heard a lot of chatter and radio noise in the background. When I asked the company clerk what was happening, she replied that the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon had been attacked by airplanes.

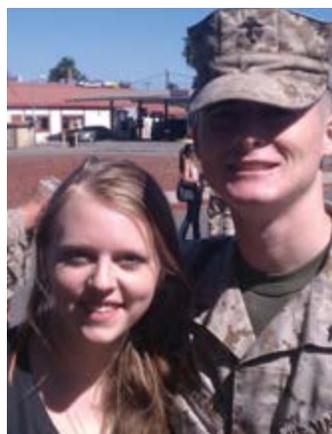
My department chief soon called to tell me to report back to work immediately as the hospital was expecting casualties from the Pentagon. My trip around DC to Ft. Belvoir was an odyssey as traffic jammed the beltway. I arrived there after a lengthy commute only to queue up in a long line of vehicles attempting to enter the main gate. The previously open post now had heavily guarded gates complete with machine gun nests. Each entering vehicle was searched. After waiting awhile, I got out of my car, walked up to the sentry and informed him that I needed to get to the hospital as we were anticipating casualties. They had me drive up to the outgoing lane and quickly searched my car before waiving me through.

An emergency operations center had been set up in the hospital from which we monitored radio traffic with two of our ambulance crews at the Pentagon. That day, we received five "walking wounded" victims. The more seriously injured personnel were sent to hospitals in the metro DC area. I returned home late that night. Although my usual route past the Pentagon was now detoured, I could see the large facility burning for several more days. For awhile, other military pathologists and I were on standby

to travel to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, where the remains of the dead were going to be brought for autopsies. However, it soon became apparent that most of the remains would have to be identified using DNA because of the intense blast injuries; we were ordered to stand down.

Following an assignment at Ft. Gordon, GA, I left the Army as a Major in 2003 to enter private practice. I enjoyed my nine years in the Army, but will never forget those horrific days of September 2001 when our sense of national security was shaken.

*Dan J. Vick '80, MD, MBA
Former Major, United States Army Medical Corps*



Dan Armstead '06

After graduating from Lourdes, Dan Armstead enrolled at University of Wisconsin-Stout, but when he arrived he found that he was unsettled and wanted more from his life. He wanted to do something honorable and respectable, and for him that meant becoming a Marine. He enlisted in January 2010, and later that same month he found himself at boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. Within a year, he was headed to Okinawa for a six month mission. Corporal Armstead operates a 26 ton AAV (Amphibious Assault Vehicle), capable of delivering 21 troops from ship to shore. Dan is also still working toward that bachelor's degree while serving on active duty. He enjoys his work, in spite of the month-long training missions, and he loves the tight-knit brotherhood of the Marine Corp. "It's the biggest and baddest," he says with obvious pride in his choice.

He says that his time at Lourdes prepared him well for the challenges he faces, in his job and in school. He credits his teachers at Lourdes with encouraging his desire to learn and instilling a love of reading. "Lourdes prepared me morally and ethically as well," he added. Lourdes also provided him with a companion- **Sara Korsmo Armstead '08** - to whom he gives credit for having the "hardest job in the Marines-being a Marine wife."



Erich Parks '09

Erich Parks, class of '09, has been a man on the move since his days at Lourdes. He enlisted in the Navy two years after graduation and initially participated in Naval SEAL training in Coronado, CA. After a few weeks, he decided that role was not the best fit for him and has since been stationed in Pensacola, FL and San Antonio, TX. He soon will transfer to a naval base in Bremerton, WA.

Erich is in the Military Police and is a Master-at-Arms, K-9. He recently completed 12 weeks of dog training in preparation for his new role. He will meet his new partner (a dog) when he arrives at the naval base in Bremerton, WA. Erich explained that most dogs can be trained for these roles, but the ones selected to serve are the "cream of the crop." He could be matched with a German or Dutch Shepherd or with a Labrador. The dog is always a rank above its handler, so the handler can be charged if the dog is mistreated.

Erich spoke of the two great dogs his family had while he was growing up, Tanner and Stewey. He has an interest in dogs and loves this new role. He was selected for this assignment from a group of 50 in the Military Police boot camp. Quite an honor!

Why did Erich decide to enlist in the Navy? Erich explains that hearing his father's stories about serving in the Military Police in Italy influenced his decision. He also has two cousins serving in the Army and Navy.

Aside from the time spent learning his new role as a K-9 Military Police Officer, how does Erich spend his days? He eats three meals a day in the chow hall, works out to maintain a good level of fitness and visits art museums to take in the local culture. He also really enjoys going to dance clubs. As a former Eagle Scout, he loves to hike and camp. He currently has weekends off and is allowed 30 days of leave each year.

Erich sums up his current life in the Navy, saying, "I couldn't be happier!"



James (Jim) J. Podein '67

US Army, Sargent E-5
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Delta Company 1st Battalion 506 Infantry 101st Airmobile
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After graduating from Lourdes in 1967, I attended RSJC until I dropped out of college in May 1968. While working as a driver at Rochester Sand and Gravel I was summoned by the Armed Forces. I reported June 19, 1969 at 5:15 in the morning for induction at Local Board No. 79 in Rochester's Post Office.

I traveled by train to Ft. Lewis, Washington for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). Following AIT, I went home to say goodbye to mom and dad at the end of October.

I departed from Ft. Lewis November 9, 1969, and arrived at Cam Ranh Bay in the Republic of Vietnam, where I pulled two weeks guard duty. I was then transported by truck to Camp Evans near the Vietnam Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) over the Thanksgiving Holiday. At the end of November, I received a free helicopter ride to the jungle, or bush, where I spent five months serving as a Radio Transmitter Operator (RTO). My last six months I served in the rear at Camp Evans as the Delta Company Mail Clerk.

After serving eleven months and sixteen days in Vietnam, I departed Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Vietnam on October 26, 1970. I arrived at McChord AFB Washington over 15 hours later on the same day. I returned home on a 30 day leave then reported to Ft. Knox, Kentucky November 29, 1970 where I continued my service until I applied for and received "an early separation to attend school" and received my honorable discharge March 19, 1971.

Diana and I married in 1992 and moved to Colorado in 1994. We have two sons (one deceased), three daughters, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

I have been sober since June 9, 1986, and have been in PTSD recovery with the VA since 2003.

My thanks goes out to all veterans and I send a heartfelt blessing to my fellow Vietnam veterans.



George Francis Pougiales '41

George, a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and lifelong resident of Rochester, was born to John Pougiales and Agnes Howald on December 22, 1923. He died on March 12, 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital with his four children at his side.

On December 7, 1942 after a short time at Junior College and just before his nineteenth birthday, George enlisted in the Air Corps. He received his orders and took up active duty on February 22, 1943.

George first reported to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri and was then transferred to Moorehead, Minnesota where he passed tests to become a Cadet. He then moved to Santa Ana, California to be tested for his position. He was classified as a navigator. The next stop was Las Vegas Gunnery School, followed by orders to report to Hondo, Texas, where he became a full Cadet and got a pass to go home for two weeks. He was in Texas again for navigation school and then on to Harrington, Kansas. He then left for New Jersey, where he and fellow Air Force members got on the "Dominion Monarch" for the twelve-day sail to the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. They took a train to Stoke on Trent, England, and rode trucks to Kettering, Grafton Underwood.

George served from July 1, 1944 to January 21, 1945 with the 8th Air Force in England as a combat navigator on a B-17 "Flying Fortress." After 10 missions, George received an Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy-occupied continental Europe." George put in a total of 35 missions over enemy territory and "lots of slow timing to see if the motors worked." When they had flights, he was out of bed between 2:30 and 4:00 a.m. Once, when the plane was too low on gas to make it back to the base, George had to bring the plane down with only the "G" box, at a point 25 miles on the safe side. At separation from service, he held the rank of 1st Lieutenant wearing the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters and the ETO ribbon with four battle stars.

After his discharge, George graduated from Rochester Junior College, and in June 1950 he graduated from the University of

Minnesota Law School. He was an assistant Olmsted County attorney for twelve years and had a private law practice until he retired in 1985. In 1955, he married Dr. Mary Lomas Price, with whom he had four children. George was an early and strong supporter of the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial.



Nick Carter '64

I have always seen a parallel between my nuns at Lourdes and my drill instructors in the Marine Corps: after long, in-depth analysis, I would say those nuns were considerably tougher than those drill instructors. They instilled in me a certain mental toughness, and enhanced those skills associated with the art of escape and evasion. I realized the consequences of my actions when I did not have my Latin assignment done, or was caught engaged in horseplay with my fellow classmates prior to Sister Treara's English class. It was the same as having a dirty rifle or wrinkles in your uniform. In all seriousness, I have never regretted my Catholic education or my short stint in the military. Those long ago experiences still evoke memories. I saw much in Vietnam, some good, some bad. I observed a piece of history that is now shown on the History Channel, PBS, and the Military Channel. My initial exposure to war was the 1968 Tet Offensive. I joined a Marine infantry company that had been decimated 6 weeks earlier by a withering North Vietnam Army (NVA) ambush. My tour was later cut short by a large explosion and I was medevac'd back to the Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. I was eventually discharged from the military after several months in the hospital. And unlike several of my military peers, I came back to a conservative Rochester with full employment opportunities. I tell people to this day, that I was always in the right place in Vietnam, except twice. In closing, I never, in those precarious times, lost my compassion for my fellow man, or the realization that there was a God.



Gretchen Leyendecker '07

I received military training through Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Upon graduating from the College of Saint Benedict in 2012 with an Elementary Education degree, I commissioned as an Ordnance officer: I will be stationed in Fort Bliss, TX with a forward support company (FSC) with the 1st Armored Division. While most college students enjoy their summers on the lakes in northern Minnesota, cadets spend their summers developing leadership and basic military skills. As an ROTC, I had the opportunity to attend the Leader's Training Course, Leader Development and Assessment Course, and Cadet Troop Leading Training.

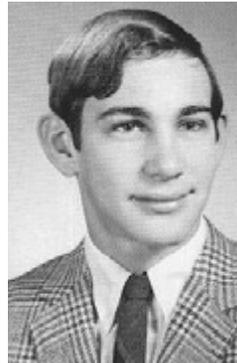
The Army values loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Lourdes instilled each of these values in me. If you read the LHS mission statement, you can see it is no wonder how Lourdes produces such great leaders. Teachers, coaches, and mentors I had at Lourdes taught me each and every one of these values.

Lourdes has a great educational system. Teachers expected us to have the integrity to do our own work and students had the duty to complete our best work. They also taught us out-of-the-box thinking. Lourdes' athletic program teaches students to be dedicated to a team and physical fitness. Top athletes come out of Lourdes and top leaders come from those teams. This is because Lourdes hires great coaches to model leadership and excellence. As an athletic captain, I learned to lead by example. I couldn't expect things out of my teammates that I didn't expect out of myself. My teammates and coaches taught me pride, complete dedication to my team, to be a selfless athlete and how to push my teammates for the betterment of our team. I will treat my soldiers the same way.

Lourdes also taught me to be a good Christian. Soldiers face challenges that any civilian career will not face. Nothing can prepare a leader to send a soldier into a situation where they would have to give the ultimate sacrifice. My faith and the people who surround me - my soldiers and family - are the only things that will get me through a decision like that. Lourdes taught me that there is always somewhere to go and that I am never alone.

I have had so many teachers, coaches, and mentors as well as many great classmates and teammates. We all helped each other grow.

I know I am not the only one who took experiences from high school and used them in my career. Thank you to all my mentors who helped me grow into the person I am today.



Mike Sell '68

After graduating from Lourdes in 1968, I served in the Army from November '69 to June '72. I had basic training at Ft. Bragg and wheeled vehicle mechanic school at Ft. Leonard Wood. I went to Frankfurt, Germany for the rest of my time. I worked in the motor pool at the 97th General Hospital and had a really good time—three of my buddies from Rochester were also in Germany and we were able to get together for lots of weekend activities. It was the best duty you could ask for—no nights, no weekends, no field duty, no guard duty, no kitchen patrol. After discharge, I went to RCTC and got my associate degree as an RN. I worked at St. Mary's Hospital for ten years and after that at the Rochester Fire Department for 26 years. I am still living in Rochester.



William Peter Dvorak III '00

Staff Sgt William Peter Dvorak III graduated from Lourdes in 2000, when he entered the United States Marine Corp. He has received the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal and is a Drill Instructor and CH-53 Maintenance Officer. His active duty service extends through 2012. Staff Sgt. Dvorak is a graduate of the University of Phoenix, and is married with two daughters. He and his family currently live in San Diego, CA where he currently works as a Consultant to Military in a civilian Corporation.

- Awards: Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal
Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Special Assignment: Drill Instructor
CH-53 Maintenance Officer



Josh Wilcken '10

*Pictured above right: **Josh Wilcken, '10** with his twin sister, **Jessie Wilcken, '10***

After graduating from Lourdes, I began eight and a half weeks of basic training in August 2010 at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. I stayed there for my security forces training until March 2011. Then I left for Aviano, Italy where I will be stationed until March 2013. I don't yet have my next assignment, but currently work with security forces and have been doing a lot of traveling. My experiences so far have been great. In my off time, I have also been taking some college classes.



Terrence Pattinson '65

Terrence Pattinson, M.D. '65 is a Commander in the US Navy Reserve. He has 28 years of combined active and reserve military service spanning 46 years. Dr. Pattinson earned flight surgeon wings from the Navy and Air Force.

From 2007 to 2008 Dr. Pattinson served in Anbar Province, Iraq, as a Navy medical officer assigned to a Marine Corps unit. He has served as a flight surgeon with Marine aviation units and as a battalion surgeon with Marine ground units.

Dr. Pattinson recently retired from the National Aeronautics and Space administration. He practices emergency medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Paul Anthony Tobin '62

Paul Anthony Tobin graduated from Lourdes High School in 1962. Following a two years of college, he entered active duty on January 5, 1965 and was delivered to North Chicago, IL for training. After graduating, Paul served as a ward corpsman in Kittery, ME and after a year, he was transferred to the Fleet Marine Force Base at Camp Lejeune, NC for training with India Co. 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, followed by a four-month training exercise in the Caribbean. Paul returned to the States and proposed to girlfriend Lorette L. Lavoie on Christmas Eve before returning to the Caribbean for a second rotation. Paul and Lorette were married September 16, 1967 and in December of the same year, Paul reported to a training center in South Vietnam. For a year, Paul delivered supplies and served as the personal driver for the Chief Corpsman and he returned home to his wife on December 15th, 1968.

To read Paul's whole story "Sailor in the Bush," please visit our website, lourdesfoundation.org.



Kelly Allen Sobeck '82

Kelly Allen Sobeck '82 served in the Naval Reserve. Petty Officer 2nd Class Allen served as part of Amphibious Construction Battalion One from 1992 to 2000.



Harold (Harry) Hines '63

I served in the U.S. Army from March 1966 to March 1968. I was drafted into the Army after attending Rochester Community College for two years. After basic training at Fort Leonardwood, MO, I attended classes at Fort Eustis, VA. As this is the same base where the Army Band is based and trains, we listened to marching bands practice throughout our schooling. I was trained as a Transportation Movements Control Specialist; we learned how to accurately transport anything in the military.

In August 1966, I was sent to Cam Rahn Bay in South Vietnam for one year. I was assigned to the 870th Transportation Company which is part of the 1st Logistics Command. Our company and a few others were responsible for unloading equipment and supplies, like ammunition and fuel, needed by troops in the field. The Cam Rahn Bay deep water port and two smaller ports, supplied bases in central and northern South Vietnam. The southern portion of South Vietnam was supplied by the large port in Saigon, which is now called Ho Chi Minh City.

My assignment was to verify and document that all equipment and supplies shipped from the U.S. actually reached Vietnam and was unloaded at our port facility. I also helped ensure that the required type of vehicle needed to deliver the supplies was available. We then informed the drivers where to deliver the supplies. There was an endless stream of incoming ships, each taking anywhere from a few hours to a few days to unload. Each company worked 12 hour days or nights every day of the year. We alternated working days and nights every other month. The night shifts were less hot and very much appreciated. We were able to see combat action across the bay particularly at night, but were never directly involved.

I was fortunate not to be in combat in Vietnam due to my job assignment. I attribute my fortunate assignment to the quality education I received at Lourdes and Rochester Community College, and a little luck. Most of us in the military at that time were 18 to 21 years old.

After Vietnam I was transferred to Fort Bragg, NC, home of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. I was assigned to be a supervisor

of a Military Post Office at a Personnel Services Company which was part of a Brigade Headquarters company. As this was before computerization of the military, the post office was very busy. I was discharged from the Army seven months later when my two years of service concluded.

I want to express my appreciation & gratitude to my fellow veterans who answered the call of their country and did everything asked of them and more. I particularly hold in high regard those fellow soldiers who were in combat.



Adrian Maurice Tobin '56

After graduating from Lourdes, several friends and I joined the Navy on a "Buddy" program. We flew out of the Rochester airport on a chartered plane for boot camp in June 1956 in North Chicago, Illinois. Over the next few weeks we relearned how to dress and care for our clothing, the rules of the Navy, Naval history, and expectations of a Blue Jacket.

From September 1956 through April 1957, I attended Aviation Service School in Norman, Oklahoma and completed training in Memphis, Tennessee. From April 1957 to November 1959, I was assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron # 11 out of San Diego, California.

The squadron consisted of radar planes. On board there were pilots, controllers who ran radar, technicians, mechanics, metal smiths and electricians. The main squadron was based on North Island in San Diego, California. I was originally based on land, but in January 1959 I saw an opportunity to become a sea-going sailor and I volunteered for a cruise.

My mates and I trained for three months on a couple of local carriers in San Diego. Eventually, my crew was assigned aboard the USS Ranger in April 1959. The first port-of-call from stateside was Hawaii for about three weekends. We then sailed to Japan where we were stationed for one month. We lost one plane during the cruise. The plane's engine quit just before it landed on the carrier. It plunged into the sea, and a support ship picked up the crew.

We then flew our aircraft to Okinawa and went aboard the USS Yorktown for a week of operations. The Yorktown dropped us off in the Philippines where we spent a month and a half before going to Yokosuka, Japan.

When we got back stateside, our detachment was sent to Virginia Beach, Virginia for one month. By the time I returned to California, I only had about two weeks left on active duty. I was discharged after three years, four months and 16 days with the Navy. I returned to Minnesota, where I worked construction for a time, until I took a job with IBM in Rochester.



Daniel E. Kimball '82

Senior Chief Dan Kimball '82 is a native of Rochester, MN. After graduating from Lourdes, he went on to play a year of junior hockey for the Waterloo Blackhawks in Iowa, before playing four years of college hockey at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1991 and attended basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL before proceeding to Fireman Apprentice Training.

In July 1991 he received orders to Holyloch, Scotland and reported to the USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33) to the Engineering Department for Boat Operations. It was at this time he decided to strike for the Master-at-Arms accession program, and he subsequently graduated from MA "A" School at Fort McClellan, AL in 1992.

Since then he has served on-board Naval Support Activity La Maddalena, Italy; Fleet Training Group Norfolk, VA; Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in Norfolk, VA; Naval Support Activity Gaeta, Italy; Commander Naval Activities UK out of London, England; Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3 at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska; and Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Crete.

In 2009, he was assigned to Naval Air Facility Misawa where he has served as the Security Officer; Assistant Security Officer/ Senior Enlisted Advisor and acting Command Master Chief. Responsible for four Chief Petty Officers, 72 Sailors and 21 civilian Japanese guards, he provides managerial and technical expertise in force protection, anti-terrorism, and law enforcement across Northern Japan.

MACS Kimball earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York and also graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy Class 10 Gold 2006. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal (two awards), Good Conduct (six awards), as well as various unit and campaign awards.

Senior Chief Kimball departed Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan in June, 2012 and reported to Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, NH for his current tour of duty.



Tomas M. Ferguson '87

Tom graduated from Lourdes in 1987 and enrolled at the U of M under ROTC, graduating in 1991. After graduating from medical school at the University of South Dakota, he was assigned to Eisenhower Army Center, Ft. Ga. for residency in Infectious Disease. His next duty was at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX and Wm. Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX.

Tom has done two tours of duty in Iraq.

He is currently doing duty at Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and son, Edward.



Jim Sullivan '44

I graduated from Lourdes on June 4, 1944 and left for the Navy the next day.

I went into boot camp in Farragut, ID, then on to San Francisco, then Hawaii, where I trained with a Naval detachment of 21 men attached to the 10th Army Division.

After several months of training, I went on to Okinawa. The Okinawa invasion was April 1, 1945 (Easter Sunday) and I was there for 9 months. I returned to the States and was assigned to the USS Dixie destroyer as a Destroyer Tender until my discharge June 5, 1946. I married the prettiest girl in town, Joanne Distad, in 1948 and we will have been married for 65 years in May, 2013.



Patrick Wenté '90

ILT Patrick A. Wenté graduated from Lourdes High School in 1990 and joined the United States Army in 1995. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO as a 12B, Combat Engineer. Upon completing basic and AIT in 1995, he was assigned his first duty station in South Korea, where he was assigned to B. CO 44th ENG BN, 2nd Infantry Division. He then Permanent Change of station (PCS) to Ft. Carson, CO where he was assigned to 43rd Combat Engineer Company, 2/3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment as a Armor Personnel Carrier (APC) driver. In 1998 Specialist Wenté fulfilled his obligation and decided to End Time of Service (ETS) and joined the Colorado Air National Guard as a 68N; Avionics Repair Specialist and 93P; Flight Operations Specialist. He attended AIT at Ft. Eustis, VA and Camp Williams, UT for both of those specialties. Spc. Wenté re-enlisted for active duty in 2000 as an Automated Supply Specialist (92A), where he attended AIT at Ft. Lee, VA. Upon graduation at Ft. Lee, VA, he was assigned to Ft. Bragg, NC where he spent 2.5 years. During this time at Ft. Bragg, he deployed to Kosovo from Oct 2001 to April '02 to support KFOR4B, Peacekeeping deployment. In 2003 SGT Wenté received orders to head back to Korea, where he was assigned to B. CO 1/6th Cavalry Attack BN, for another year. Upon his return back to the States in 2004, he was stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA for 18 months attached to a signal battalion, where he submitted a packet and volunteered to be assigned to 160th SOAR(A), Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Night Stalkers) at Ft. Campbell, KY. He was selected to attend 160th SOAR(A) assessment course called "Green Platoon," in the middle of 2005. After completing 160th assessment course, he was assigned to F. CO 1/160th SOAR(A) at Ft. Campbell, KY, deployed 1 month after completion of the assessment course. Staff Sergeant Wenté deployed to Iraq in support of operation Iraq Freedom in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008/2009. SSG. Wenté moved on to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) in April 2009, and was commissioned as a 2LT in the Field Artillery branch. 1LT Wenté requested to change branches, and was transferred to the Chemical Corp branch and is currently an officer in the Chemical Corp at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Airborne!

1LT Wenté has been married to Claudia Morello Wenté for 13 years. They have 2 boys; Nicholas 13 and Lucas 5, and a cat, Jonah. The family lives in Oak Grove, KY. 1LT Wenté is currently finishing his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with Emphasis in Marketing at National American University and will complete his degree in early 2013.



Mikki Wenté '86

Mikki Wenté graduated from Lourdes in 1986 and then went on to graduate from UW River Falls. A few years later, she enlisted as an Army cook so she could be guaranteed an assignment to Korea. After her assignment to Korea she was sent to Kansas and experienced 9-11. After watching faith in action she decided she wanted to do more to nourish people than provide physical food. She went back to school to work with the military church to become a Chaplain Assistant. After her training, she was sent back to Korea to run the 2nd Infantry Brigade chaplain's office as the first female to hold that position in over 40 years. She could count all the females in her unit on one hand.

Mikki did not see deployment until three years later, when she went to Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, with the 10 Mountain Division stationed out of New York. After she came back from the Middle East, she was sent to South Carolina for two years, where the Chaplain's Corps does all their training. She is just now returning from a three year assignment in Germany.

Mikki can now be found working in the Installation Chaplain's Office, surrounded by the majestic mountains at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Pro Deo Et Patria



Steve Wente '67

In November of 1968, with the draft hanging over my head, I decided to take my father's advice and enlist in the US Navy. ("You'll have a roof over your head and have 3 square meals a day").

Upon graduating from boot camp in San Diego, CA, I reported to Naval Station Treasure Island in San Francisco. After one year, I was sent to Pre Com School at Charleston, S.C. and from there I went on to Boston Navy Yard, where we picked up the brand new USS Kansas City.

On the "Shakedown Cruise", we made stops at Norfolk, San Juan, P.R., Guantanamo Bay, Curacao, The Panama Canal Zone and Acapulco, Mexico and finally our homeport of Long Beach, CA.

While at sea I was promoted to Petty Officer and upon arrival back in Long Beach, I was again transferred to Naval Station Subic Bay in the Philippines. I was ordered to the 7th Fleet Mobile Logistic Support head quartered at Subic with detachments at the Naval Air Station in the Philippines, DaNang, and Japan.

After two years, with the war winding down, my unit was decommissioned and I was sent to Mare Island Naval Shipyard as Sub Squadron liaison to the USS Proteus.

While serving there, the war flared up and my former unit was reactivated. All members still on active duty were ordered to return and 24 hours later, I was on a plane heading to Manila.

After six months of additional deployment to Vietnam and Thailand, my time was up. I traveled halfway around the world, to at least ten states and a dozen foreign countries. If there was one promise the Navy kept, it was: "Join the Navy and see the world."



Paul Ewing '46

I graduated from Lourdes High in June, 1946 and three months later, I enlisted in the U.S. Army. We spent a few days at Fort Snelling in the Twin Cities before taking an Army train to Fort Lewis in Washington State for basic training, which lasted eight weeks. The day after Thanksgiving, we boarded an Army transport ship headed for Yokohama, Japan.

After a rough 16-day voyage, we arrived in Yokohama on Dec. 11, 1946, and stayed in a temporary holding camp until the end of the month. We were quarantined because of scarlet fever, but I sneaked out of our warehouse quarters to attend Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and then went to the USO (United Service organization) for coffee and donuts. On New Year's Eve we arrived at our assigned camp and the celebration was on! It was a wild time in the camp's BLUEROOM.

Our camp was an engineering construction battalion assigned to re-construction of a bombed-out major air base named Yokota, about 25 miles northwest of Tokyo. My job for the one-year tenure in Japan was as the motor pool dispatcher, making out trip tickets for the truck drivers working on the runways at the huge air base. For a period, I was on duty for 48 hours and off 24. I slept on a cot in my office and rarely needed to work at night.

On a weekend in August, 1947 three buddies and I took off and climbed Mount Fuji, a beautiful cone-shaped mountain. It is somewhat over 14,000 feet and in a recent newspaper article was ranked #10 as the most difficult mountain to climb.

Except for the area downtown, Tokyo was devastated by U.S. bombs during World War II. My rank in the service was T-4 (sergeant), which I was proud to wear on my sleeve.

After one year in Japan, I returned via Yokohama on Dec. 1, 1947. We arrived in Seattle and I was discharged from Army service. I took a train home and arrived in mid-December 1947.

I am pleased and proud to have served in the Army of occupation in Japan for one year. I have fond memories of the overall experience. As a veteran of World War II, I joined the American Legion, and in later years was given a paid-up life membership.



Viet Nam and the Lourdes Class of '66, by Rich Daly

It was October 1968 when fellow Lourdes '66 graduate and good friend **Bill DeWitt** and I received our draft notices while attending Rochester Junior College. By early December, Bill and I had both enlisted for two years in the Army with orders to report in January. About the same time, our close friends and classmates **Nick Wagner** and **John Bruzek** joined the Marines. John was the first to go, so to commemorate the first of our departures, we cut a dollar bill into 4 pieces and promised we would join them back together when all of us were out of the military and back in Rochester.

Before Bill and I left, we spent a lot of time with long-time friend and Lourdes classmate, **Gary Schoenfelder**. Gary, a Marine, had just returned from Viet Nam where he survived the longest battle of the Viet Nam war, a 77 day siege at Khe Sanh. During that battle, US and South Vietnamese forces together suffered 703 killed and 2,642 wounded. The North Vietnamese are estimated to have lost up to 15,000 dead and wounded.

In January 1969, Bill and I were sent to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for Basic Training. We weren't alone. Good friends and classmates **Jeff Brown, Rich Lawler**, and brothers **Matt and Ed Kuisle** (LHS '65) were also there. Rich Lawler would eventually serve in Germany, Matt Kuisle in Alaska, and Ed Kuisle in Viet Nam. Jeff Brown had already returned from a tour in Viet Nam.

For the four of us that cut up that dollar bill, we spent our tours in different parts of the world. John Bruzek served in Okinawa. Bill DeWitt was stationed at Long Binh, Viet Nam. Nick served with the 3rd Marines just south of the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Viet Nam. After that, Nick served as a Marine MP in Okinawa and then at Camp Lejeune in South Carolina. With only a few weeks left in the Marines, Nick was shot and severely injured while serving as a guard on a late night bus carrying fellow Marines back to base.

My unit, the Army's 11th Infantry Battalion, 5th Division actually replaced Nick's 3rd Marines on the DMZ. Ironically, I spent time in places Nick had visited only months earlier. Places like Dang Ha Mountain, the Rock Pile and Mother's Ridge. While I served in an

infantry combat unit, I was lucky and for ten months we saw no real combat. Then, on the morning of August 10th, 1970, while in a night time position near the DMZ, our company was attacked by a unit of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). Several people in my platoon, including myself, suffered minor injuries and as a result we left Viet Nam a few days later.

On New Years Eve, 1970, Bill, Nick, John and I, met as agreed on what was known back then as Dayton's corner and put our dollar bill back together. The Post Bulletin photographed our reunion and did an article on the story.

Viet Nam touched a number of 1966 Lourdes graduates. Close friend **Pete Markus** served two tours in Viet Nam with the Navy Seabees. **Jim Carter** and his brother **Nick** both served as Marines in Viet Nam. **Steve Breese, Steve Brossard, Dan Dinneen, Scott Kuluvar** and **Mike Wolters** all served in the Viet Nam war.

In January 1969, classmate **Jim Sursely** lost both legs and his left arm while serving in Viet Nam. Jim stepped on a land mine while on a combat mission with the 17th Armored Cavalry of the Army's Americal Division. Jim has since served as a local, state and national leader in the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), including serving as the National Commander in 2004. Jim was also named DAV "Outstanding Disabled Veteran" of the year in 1993.

One classmate, **Jim Wagner** (no relation to Nick) made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Jim was killed in January 1968, while serving in Viet Nam.

Other Lourdes graduates that I know served in Viet Nam include **Mick Kane, Pookey Delaney** and **Rick Arens**. **Greg Brown** served as Navy Corpsman taking care of Viet Nam Vets at Bethesda Naval Hospital. And that's just the names I know!



Pictured left to right: Bill DeWitt, Nick Wagner, John Bruzek, Rich Daly



Adam Leyendecker '05

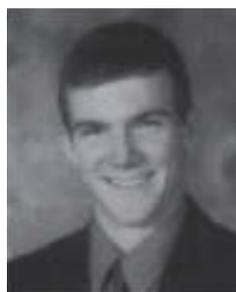
The name tape on my right breast pocket reads LEYENDECKER. My left breast pocket reads U.S. MARINES. In 13 weeks of basic training they teach you that your last name is MARINES because it's your family. We live, eat, sleep, train, and cry together. Marine Corps boot camp was tough mentally, emotionally and physically, but the biggest learning experience of my life started on March 16, 2011. That was the day my unit loaded onto a C-130 and flew into Afghanistan where we would spend the next eight months in temperatures reaching 130 degrees. There I found out what an all-volunteer force of young men are really willing to do for each other to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness-- what we value most in America.

I'm often asked in the States, "Were you ever overseas?" I always reply "YES" in a strong, confident tone. Sometimes I hear "Thank you," but just as often I hear, "We shouldn't be over there." The truth is I haven't forgotten 9/11 and how it shook our nation. Our work in Afghanistan is making our world a better place. I've been around Afghanis. They are sick of being at war. They want the peace and stability we are giving them. Our troops over there are fighting, training and keeping their nation safe. But, we also have troops building schools, hospitals and places for elections. We are giving Afghanis hope, and also keeping constant pressure on an enemy opposed to freedom and justice. I am proud of my time in the Marines and every Marine I've served with simply because they share my burning passion to protect what we believe in at all costs. I've fought alongside, prayed, shed tears, and climbed mountains with my fellow Marines. The Marine Corps challenges me every day, but that doesn't stop me from thanking God for the United States Marines.

Lourdes provided me with a moral foundation and leadership skills which helped me become who I am today. Teachers like Mr. Spring, Coach Peters, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Weinman, Mr. Decker, Mr. Englund and many others would not allow me to quit, even though I was stubborn with my studies. They pushed me to carry on, even if it meant spending extra time studying. That perseverance has carried over to the Marine Corps. I never find myself quitting, no matter what challenge I face.

My Marine Corps awards include Afghan Campaign Service medal with one star, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, NATO ribbon, OverSeas Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Ribbon, and a Global War on Terrorism Ribbon. I am a Brown Belt in Marine Corps Martial Arts. I reenlisted to the Marine Corps for another four years last October when I was in Afghanistan. I am currently stationed in Buffalo, New York serving active duty as the Marketing and Public Affairs Director while attending the University of Buffalo.

Semper Fidelis-Always Faithful



Neil Murray '03

I graduated from Lourdes in 2003 and I joined the Air Force National Guard in February of '04. I've been with the 128th Air Control squadron out of Volk Field, Wisconsin for the past 8 years and our mission is to coordinate and control close air support, tactical air reconnaissance, and tactical airlift.

I was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2006 for just four months and luckily I never saw any fire or attacks; but being in another country where they have so little was quite an experience. When I got home, I began searching for colleges to attend and, this past May, finally graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a BFA in Industrial Design. I do have a deployment coming up- 6 months long in the Middle East- but I can't release much information on it.

I was awarded "Airman of the Year" for the state of Wisconsin in 2006 and have received the Air Force Commendation medal for participating and excelling in a number of missions. Looking back on Lourdes, in numerous sports and even in the classrooms, the most important thing that I probably still use today is the attitude that the worst thing that can happen is to fail and quit. If you fail and push on, sooner or later you will succeed.



McCoy brothers - Ralph '52, Harold '53, Gordy '50 and Ronald '48

Christmas of 1950 was the beginning of our connection with the U.S. Navy. My two older brothers, Ronald '48 and Gordon'50, left for training at Great Lakes, Illinois, along with twenty others from the area, including eight graduates of Lourdes High School. Ron '48 went on to become a Seabee and saw duty at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the Mediterranean. Gordy '50 went to the west coast for duty as a radio operator; on the U.S.S. Suisun, a seaplane tender. They made several six-month cruises to Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines and other ports in the Far East.

Ralph '52 joined the service in 1952 and after training at the Great Lakes, he also went to San Diego and later was transferred to Gordy's ship, the U.S.S. Suisun. A few months before Gordy's discharge in 1954, he transferred to the U.S.S. Badoeng Strait, an escort carrier going to Tacoma, Washington while the Suisun prepared for another cruise to the Far East. Ralph remained on the Suisun until his discharge in 1956.

I joined shortly after graduation from Lourdes High School in 1953. At the time there was a large backlog waiting to be called, so I was surprised to be called right away. It seems I was to take the place of someone who had an appendectomy- never did find out if that was true. Anyway, to my fortune or misfortune I found myself on the bus to St. Paul. The next day after taking the oath, along with about twenty other people, we were on a train heading for San Diego. After training and a short leave, I was assigned duty aboard the U.S.S. Gurke, a destroyer operating out of San Diego. My two brothers and I did see each other a few times in San Diego before shipping out to various ports in the Far East. In 1955, after Gordy's discharge, Ralph and I happened to be in the Philippines at the same time. We were docked at the Naval Station in Subic Bay, had a little time together that night and then the next morning we headed in different directions.

Gordy, Ralph and I all came back to Rochester to live (Ronny was married and stayed on the East Coast). The four of us did not get together again until Aug. of 1958.

Harold McCoy '53



Kevin Tobin LHS '80

I began my career in 1983 serving in the United States Navy at the Recruit Training Center in Orlando, FL. After graduating from boot camp in early 1984, I moved on to Religious Programs Specialist an "A" school located at Keesler Air Force Base in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Upon my completion of school in April of 1984, I reported to my first duty station on the USS Independence- homeport, Norfolk Virginia. Shortly after my arrival we departed on an Indian Ocean cruise, our first port-of-call was Palma de Mallorca, (my favorite, as I would return there three more times over a span of three years). We spent 10 days in Palma before cruising in the Indian Ocean for the next 104 days. After 90 days aboard ship, we had our "beer day." Where each crewmember received 2 cans of beer for their consuming pleasure - there was a lot of bartering going on that day!

Returning to Norfolk in January of 1985 the Independence was scheduled to go to dry-dock for a year. I was sent to the USS America (CV-66) later that year and departed for the North Atlantic.

The America left on a 6-month Mediterranean cruise in early 1986. This was considered a dream cruise as we made port calls about every two weeks for 6-7 days each. We were about to make port calls in Alexandria, Egypt and Hypha, Israel when we made a detour to the Gulf of Sidra. On April 15, 1987, by order of President Reagan, a joint operation took place between the Air Force and the Navy to hit strategic targets in Tripoli and the Benghazi strip. It was a number of years before the world heard anything out of Moammar Khadafy.

We finished that cruise and shortly after, the America went into an extended dry-dock in Portsmouth, Virginia. I worked there in the Chaplain's office where we did a complete overhaul of the spaces. My job involved a lot of paper work; setting up for Sunday services, running the shipboard library and making crewmembers feel comfortable when they came to see the Chaplain.

Upon my return to the States, I attended college and graduated from several programs in the paramedical fields. I'm living in Duluth, MN and working as an Operating Room Surgical Technician.



John P. Kingrey '67

My Valentine's Day card in 2006 was a set of orders to report to Fort Bliss, Texas, in 12 days to begin a 179-day deployment at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. While away, I wrote articles for the Minnesota County Attorneys Association newsletter.

As I write the last Notes From the Field column, it is just over 120 degrees and it's not even summer yet. There are the occasional power outages, which result in a rush to locate the nearest flashlight, silent mutterings over the document you just lost on the computer, trying to figure out how you are going to continue the client meeting that was just thrown in the dark, and of course, melted candy bars. As my deployment at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait winds down, I am reminded of the many experiences that I've been blessed to be a part of:

- Witnessing the Oath of Allegiance for Naturalization taken by 57 soldiers, representing 27 different countries. This is the last step in the citizenship process and our office is instrumental in assisting soldiers to navigate the cumbersome process. To see the pride and joy as the soldiers raised their hands and recited the oath in the middle of a combat zone is a sight I will never forget.
- Presenting the Rules of Engagement brief to Georgian soldiers before they deployed to Iraq. It was a reminder of the real dangers faced by our soldiers and coalition members and the responsibility placed in our hands to ensure they receive solid training before they head north.
- The bi-weekly legal assistance visits to soldiers at outlying camps in Kuwait. Of course, the trips had their own stories: the camels crossing the road (and lizards), careening off the road and literally driving across the desert to reach our destination, always traveling with weapons.
- The etcetera category: exposing your five senses to experiences never before felt; the missed birthdays, homecomings, and holidays; the support from friends and strangers; cards from whole classes of elementary school kids; the camaraderie of fellow soldiers who become close friends; the pride of putting into action what I've been trained to do over the last 20 years; seeing a small part of the world that I'll never experience again; receiving your body armor, gas mask, and weapon and wondering what lies ahead; the 0430 physical training.

By the time I return, my legal assistance section will have seen over 1,200 military and civilian personnel and I personally will have advised over half of them. I have been continually reminded of the responsibility that has been entrusted to me as a Judge Advocate General Officer. It is a responsibility one does not take lightly.

I have been proud to serve with and advise the soldiers I have come in contact with. They are professionals, committed to performing the task that brings them here, fiercely loyal and dedicated to their fellow soldiers, and they look forward to returning home to family and friends. So do I.

LTC John P. Kingrey (Class of 67) retired in 2009 after 30 years, 2 months, and 23 days of service.

John M. Schaar '87

This article originally appeared in the Change of Command Program – 2nd Tank Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC.



Lieutenant Colonel John M. Schaar

Lieutenant Colonel John M. Schaar was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was raised in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1991, he graduated from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He was commissioned in April 1992 and upon completion of The Basic School in September, Lieutenant Colonel Schaar reported to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division and then attended the Armor Officer Basic Course from February to May 1993. Upon graduating from Armor Officers Basic Course, he was assigned as the Platoon Commander for 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company.

Subsequently, he served as the Executive Officer for Alpha Company. In April 1996 he reported to US Space Command where he served as the Marine LNO. In November 1997, he received orders to Tactics Training and Exercise Control Group, at the Marine Corps Air Group Combat Center in 29 Palms where he served as 'Coyote 45A' the assistant armor representative and the Fire Support Team coordinator. After completing 28 Combined Arms Exercises he was assigned to the Armor Officers Advance Course, in Ft Knox, Kentucky during January 2000.

Following completion of the Advance Course in June 2000, he returned to 1st Tank Battalion, where he served as the Commanding Officer of Charlie Company. In May 2001, he was reassigned as the Battalion Operations Officer. In August 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Schaar was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C. where he served as the Marine Corps Armor and Anti-Armor subject matter expert as well as the Tank and Light Armor Vehicle occupational field sponsor. In February 2003, he was assigned to the Operation Enduring Freedom Combat Assessment Team and subsequently attached to Regimental Combat Team 7 with whom he served as the Assistant Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I. Upon completion of his assessment team duties at the close of OIF I, he returned to the Pentagon.

During July 2005, Lieutenant Colonel Schaar was reassigned as a student to the Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia. After graduation in 2006, he was transferred to the United States Central Command, Operations Directorate where he served as the Executive Assistant to the J-3, the USCENTCOM LNO to CJTF-82 in Afghanistan, and the Branch Chief for the Central Gulf Maritime Division. After completing his tour and graduating the Joint Forces Staff College, he was designated a Joint Qualified Officer in 2009. Transferring to Okinawa during the summer of 2009 he was assigned to the III MEF G-3 where he served as the 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Operations Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Schaar assumed command of 2d Tank Battalion in July 2010 and recently returned from deployment as the II MEF (Forward) Assessments Officer In Charge in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel Schaar's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Lieutenant Colonel Schaar is married to the former Miss Rebecca Hammarlund of McHenry County, Illinois, and they have three children. Son Aidan is seven, two daughters Hannah is six and Lynnea is three.



John S. Boler '78

John S. Boler; Class of '78, graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1982. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served in the 82nd Airborne. He resigned in 1992 and then joined the North Carolina National Guard. He served in Bosnia from July, 1997, to March, 1998. He completed service as a major.



John Boler '47

John Boler '47, enlisted February 1, 1949, and served until February 1, 1953. His last rank was 3rd class Petty Officer. He served mostly in the Philippines during the Korea War.



Paul Boler '48

Paul Boler '48, was in the Navy from 1949 to 1953. Paul died on March 14, 2005.



“...the worst thing that can happen is to fail and quit. If you fail and push on, sooner or later you will succeed.”

~ Neil Murray '03 Air National Guard,
on what he learned at Lourdes High School

The Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project (VHP) in 2000 as part of the American Folklore Center at the Library of Congress. The mission is to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. Learn more about this project and how you can help by visiting www.loc.gov/vets.

New Lourdes High School Principal Suzanne Lagerwaard



On June 18th RCS Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Mrs. Suzanne Lagerwaard as principal of Lourdes High School.

Mrs. Lagerwaard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Florida, a Masters of Education degree from the University of Minnesota, and completed the Education Leadership Program through Winona State University, securing a K-12 principal licensure. For the past four and a half years, she served as the Associate Administrator of St. John the Evangelist/St Pius X Schools.

"As a Catholic school servant leader it is my honor and privilege to continue to cultivate Lourdes High School's exceptional educational traditions, with each of us serving one another, in this great work of building His kingdom" stated Mrs. Lagerwaard.

The Lourdes Foundation welcomes Mrs. Lagerwaard to Lourdes High School!



Interior panoramic view of the new school

www.lourdesfuture.org



*To Alumni and friends of
Lourdes High School,*

Thank you to Lourdes Foundation for the opportunity to share information about, not only myself, but also the **Lourdes Building Our Future** campaign.

As I begin my new role with Rochester Catholic Schools, I am excited to help lead the

effort to finish the first portion of the Lourdes Building Our Future campaign. As of this date, we have had over 1,500 families contribute over \$14 million to the campaign. We have less than \$1 million to go to reach our goal of \$15 million. Truly, it has been a team effort to get us this far and that same effort is what is needed to push us through to the final months of the campaign.

It is hard to believe that just a year ago the groundbreaking ceremony took place. Now a true "campus" environment has emerged at this beautiful site on 24 acres in northwest Rochester. A tremendous amount of work has taken place in this short period.

Gabled roofs above each of the building's entrances are proving to be prominent and recognizable features. All windows have

been installed and the limestone masonry on the chapel tower has been completed. Landscaping around the building has begun and the practice fields, our first ever "green space", are nearing completion, as backstops for both baseball and softball fields are finished. All major mechanical systems are in their final phases, classrooms are being painted, ceramic tile is being installed in the restrooms and the science lab workstations have arrived. Remarkable progress has taken place and soon our building will be filled with life as our students enter the building next fall.

If you have any questions regarding the campaign or how you can get involved and make a gift, please feel free to contact me at the Advancement Department of Rochester Catholic Schools (507) 424-1817 or mkesler@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us. To make a gift to the campaign or see construction in "real time" visit LourdesFuture.org

Thank you to all who have helped make this dream of a new school become a reality!

Sincerely,

Mike Kesler '91
Campaign Manager/Advancement Supervisor
Rochester Catholic Schools

Snapshots: LHS Construction 2012





Fine Arts Department

Spring 2012 Highlights

Many LHS students participated in the Minnesota Visual Arts competition at the Mayo Civic Center this past spring. Two Lourdes students received "Best in Show" awards: **Anna Glenski '12** received the award for her sculpture titled 'Closure' (she incorporated buttons and zippers into her ceramics); and **Ryan Braun '14** received the award for his digital photography titled 'Variation on a Linear Theme' (notice the effects of the train's vibration on the water in the second photo). As "Best in Show" winners their artwork was displayed at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul for a special exhibition in May 2012.

The Lourdes marching band participated in Rochester's Memorial Day Parade which ended at Soldiers' Field Memorial. The LHS and Rochester Catholic Schools Junior High Marching Band also played in the Rochesterfest parade in June.

Four LHS students received Minnesota Music All State Awards this year: **Kate Mayhew '13**, **Alissa Nelson '13**, **Jacob Nordman '12**, and **Beth Sherman '12**.

Last spring, the Lourdes Fine Arts Department produced Irving Berlin's *Call Me Madam*—a musical romantic-comedy based on President Harry Truman's appointment of the first woman to the office of U. S. Ambassador. Students on stage and in the orchestra pit as well as many behind the scenes were directed by Mrs. Mangan, Mrs. Phelps, Ms. Kate Pleskonko, Mrs. **Angela (Poterucha) Dahlgren '07** and Mr. Robert Gardner, with choreography by Ms. Katie Cook. Once again, our LHS students performed at a professional level.



Sports Updates

BOYS GOLF

The boys golf team finished 2nd in the HVL with a 13-2 record and four players achieved individual HVL honors. Mark Pagel and Ben Weir tied for 5th, Gabe Salerno finished 16th, and Michael Dearani finished 18th. Three players also qualified for the section tournament: Michael Dearani placed 9th, Kyle Kapraun tied for 17th, and Mark Pagel tied for 21st. The Teams Most Valuable Player for the season was Mark Pagel, and our teams most Improved Player for the 2012 season was Michael Dearani.

GIRLS GOLF



The girls golf team placed 3rd overall out of 12 in the HVL Conference. They then finished 2nd at the Subsection Tournament (only 2 teams advance) at Northern Hills Golf Club to advance to the Section IAA tournament at the Jewel in Lake City, where they finished 4th overall.

GIRLS SOFTBALL



Lourdes Fastpitch enjoyed a successful 16-6 record. They were 3rd in the HVL with a 11-2 record. Three of their losses were to AAA schools. The team was MSHSL All-State Academic Gold, with a GPA of 3.84. Seniors Becca Garry, Katie Greve, and Morgan Maiers were named to the MSHSL Academic All-State team. All-Conference were Sam Macken, Morgan Maiers, Alyssa Nelson, and Hannah Nelson. Sam Macken was also team MVP and 1st team All-State!

TRACK & FIELD



Lourdes Track & Field had a very successful season, qualifying sixteen boys and girls for the state meet. The girls' 4x800 meter relay team of Meredith Rolfs, Shannon Strickland, Camila Bedoya, and Mallory Adamson placed 10th. The boys' team of Brian Williamson, Adam Wade, Kane Carstens, and McKay Carstens came in 1st in the 4x200 meter relay. Brian, Kane, and McKay also took 2nd in the 4x400, along with Alex Glynn. Both of our boys' relay teams also broke school records!

BASEBALL



The Lourdes baseball team rebuilt and rebounded this season, finishing 13-9 overall after a 6-12 finish in 2011. The turnaround was due in large part to our gifted seniors and a very talented younger core of players. After a huge road victory against powerhouse La Crescent, the team suffered a mid-season slump, but made it to the Sub-Section semifinals before they were eliminated by Stewartville. Zach Scheckel and Jason Samuelson received HVL All-Conference and All-Section Honors and Jason was also awarded AA All-State Honors as a junior.

LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012



LHS graduated 100 seniors in May 2012

Photo courtesy of Mike Young '71 with Varsity Photos

Air Force
Butler University
College of St. Benedict
College of Saint Scholastica
Colorado College
Creighton University
Drexel University
Fort Lewis College
Grand View University
Gustavus Adolphus
Iowa State University
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lake Superior College-Duluth
Macalester College
Marquette University

Miami University
Mills College
Minnesota State University, Mankato
North Dakota State University
Northwestern University
Rochester Community and Technical College
Regis University
St. John's University
St. Louis University
St. Mary's University, Winona
St. Olaf College
Santa Clara University
Simpson College
South Dakota State University
Stony Brook University
University of Arizona

University of Minnesota-Duluth
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of North Dakota
University of Saint Thomas
University of South Dakota
University of Texas at El Paso
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Viterbo University
Winona State University

August 27, 2012: The End of an Era The last "first day of school" at 621 West Center Street



1950's



Bob Nolden '53 and his wife, Joyce, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on April 28, 1962 at St. Joseph Ridge Catholic Church near La Crosse, WI. They have been blessed with four sons and eleven fantastic grandchildren. Their family hosted a party to celebrate on May 12, 2012.



John Sibley '61 and his wife, Lois, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, hosted by their children,

on September 1, 2012. The couple has six children and nine grandchildren.

1960's



Steve Moran '69 is not one to toot his own horn – at least not about his accomplishments! We recently discovered that Steve was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in 2009, joining great musicians like Bob Dylan, Judy Garland, Bobby Vee, and Prince. Steve performed with the University of Minnesota marching and concert bands, taught music in Sanborn and New Ulm Public Schools and still tutors today. Steve plays several different instruments and in various bands, occasionally joining Gene Eiden, The Polka Dots, and the Jolly Brewers. For more information about the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in New Ulm, MN, their website is: www.mnmusicallofame.org

1970's

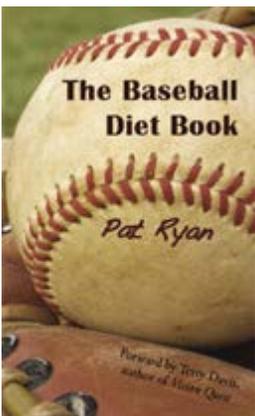
Tim Kelley '74 was one of the ten players selected to join the All-Time Men's Golf squad in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as part of the conference's 100 year history. When Tim Kelley graduated in 1974, he was the all-time leading scoring in Rochester. Tim played at Wisconsin-River Falls from 1976-78. During his time at River Falls, Kelley won a pair of individual section championships and twice competed in the Division III national tournament.

1980's



Paul K. Downes '85 was named one of Minnesota's Super Lawyers of 2012.

Paul joined the firm of Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey as a partner in 2002. Downes received his J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1992.



Patrick Ryan's '66 "The Baseball Diet Book" won't offer tips on slimming down, but this collection of short stories will appease readers' appetites for small-town America's favorite pastime. Pat's book is available at www.amazon.com



Maureen McAlpine '82 became the 11th woman inducted into Rochester Quarterbacks Club Hall of Fame. McAlpine was a talented basketball and track star at Lourdes. She went on to make the Iowa women's basketball team as a walk on, earned four letters and was a co-captain her junior and senior year. After Maureen's induction, Marv Peters said, "In our profession, rarely do we know if we have done a good job. After hearing Maureen last night, we certainly are doing a good job. She talked about her foundation at St. Pius, her advancement through Lourdes, which propelled her success at the University of Iowa and now her career at the U of W LaCrosse. A great night for Maureen and a wonderful night for the teachers and coaches of Lourdes and RCS."

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1990's

Denise M. Prow (Kruise) '99 finished 116th in the Boston Marathon. Denise played basketball and ran track and cross country at Lourdes. Congratulations Denise!

Michael Hohberger '97 married Barbara Birch in April 2012 in Red Wing, MN. Barbara is a Strategic Commodity Specialist at Crenlo. Michael is a 2001 graduate of St. John's University and is a Copy Editor with the Rochester Post Bulletin.



Jennifer Habermann '98 married Saumil Mehta on July 28 at St. Peter & Paul Parish in Milwaukee, WI. Saumil is a VP and Assistant General Counsel for GoGo LLC in Itasca, IL. Jennifer is President and owner of Lyric Resources in Chicago, IL.

Paul Warner '98 married Lindsay Morgenstern on September 1, 2012 at Irvine Park in St. Paul, MN. Paul is an anesthesiology resident at Mayo Clinic and Lindsay is a medical student at Mayo Medical School, both in Rochester, MN.



2000's



Carl Laskowski '00 married Stephanie Burton on June 9, 2012 at Wooddale Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN. Carl is a Post Doctoral Fellow in Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA. Stephanie is an Infectious Disease Control Practitioner at the University of Chicago Hospitals in Chicago, IL. The

couple met in college, through mutual friends.

Mary Erickson '09 recently accepted an internship in Washington, D.C. through the College of St. Benedict. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to live and work in Washington, serving in congressional offices, on committee staffs, and in nonprofit organizations while earning academic credit.



Pete Spratte '09 dreamed of playing Division I college hockey since first tying up his skates. The former LHS defenseman realized that dream on May 21, 2012, when he officially committed to play for Lake Superior State University in Sault St. Marie, MI. Pete played for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in Junior A, Tier II North American Hockey League

for the past three seasons. When asked about his signing with LSSU, Pete said, "it's absolutely a dream come true."



Hilary Molloy '03 married Michael Joachim on June 30, 2012 at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester, MN. Hilary is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic and Michael is a computer programmer for BuyOnlineNow, also in Rochester, MN.

Mallory Graham '01 married Erik Arthun on May 27, 2012 at Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point, MN.



Matthew J. Petersen ('01) married Rachel L. Johnson on October 30th, 2011 in Clearwater Beach, FL. Matt and Rachel met in Chicago and moved to Philadelphia, PA a few months after their wedding. Matt works at Transamerica in Philadelphia and Rachel works at eBay. Matt hired a photographer to capture his surprise proposal while on a trip to Paris. The building in the background is Notre Dame Cathedral.



James Rodriguez '04 married Kara Mendez in the Spring of 2012. Both are graduates of the University of Minnesota and employed at Medtronic. The couple met through the Society of Hispanic Engineers.

Molly Shea '01 married Jonathan Erdmann on May 25, 2012 at Pax Christi Church in Rochester, MN. Molly is a Registered Nurse at Mayo Clinic and Jonathan is a sheet metal worker at HiMec Mechanical, in Rochester, MN. The couple met at a concert through mutual friends.





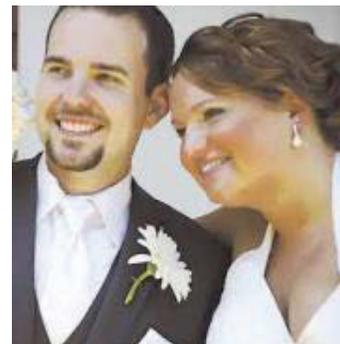
Jonathan Wasko '00 married Michele Blackstone on May 27, 2012 in Boston. Michele is a marketing manager for Service Point Solutions in Boston. Jonathan is completing an MBA at the University of Rhode Island and is a category insights manager for Pfizer Consumer Healthcare. The couple met two years ago in Santorini, Greece.

Kristin Edwards '03 married Mark Tekippe on August 18, 2012 at Pax Christi Church in Rochester. Mark is an engineering manager at Spectrum Design Solutions in Minneapolis. Kristin is a medical technology underwriter at Travelers Insurance in St. Paul. The couple met eight years ago at Iowa State University.



Jessica Ryan '04 married David Vincent Morgan on June 1, 2012 at Spruce Mountain Ranch in Larkspur, CO. **Cristin Stuart '04** was the maid of honor.

Cassie Freund '06 received her MA in Conservation Biology from Columbia University on May 16, 2012. For the next six months, Cassie will be volunteer coordinator for Ou Trop in Borneo, Indonesia. Her duties will include coordinating research activities for visiting volunteer researchers at the base camp located in the Sabangau Forest in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Ou Trop's activities include peat-swamp biodiversity research, forest ecology, and involvement in ape research and conservation.



Sarah Ann Amato '06 married Ryan Jon Messmer on August 4, 2012 in a garden ceremony at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. Sarah is a recent graduate of Augsburg Lutheran College in Minneapolis with a social work degree. Ryan is a recent architect design graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Katie (Vanselow) Zuehlke '98 named Recipient of \$10,000 Award for Excellence

The following story is an excerpt taken from an article by Tom Westman which appeared in the Annandale Advocate.



Sandra Cordie, Director of Educational Programs and Katie (Vanselow) Zuehlke with her award.

Katie (Vanselow) Zuehlke '98, a kindergarten teacher at Bendix Elementary in Annandale, MN is a recipient of a 2012 WEM Outstanding Educator Award for Teacher Achievement, an honor that is accompanied by a \$10,000 award.

Zuehlke is one of six educators being honored by the WEM Foundation and Synergy & Leadership Exchange for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to student learning. She is one of two recipients of the WEM Foundation's statewide Teacher Achievement Award, which recognizes exemplary teachers who support, inspire, and assist students.

As a kindergarten teacher, Zuehlke gives students the very best start to their educational experience. They develop the ability to function as self-regulated learners who can independently apply skills. She brings family and the community into her classroom via Explore Kindergarten night, family reading nights throughout the year, a classroom blog, and summer reading backpacks to keep students engaged in reading.

"Katie Zuehlke's passion, commitment to her students and education, and her enthusiasm for learning is contagious," says a parent of a former student in Zuehlke's class. "When students graduate from her classroom, they leave with tools for success!" 🏠

Where are you, Missing LHS Alumni?

The Lourdes Foundation would like your help in locating the following Lourdes graduates so we can keep in touch about alumni news. If you know the address, telephone number and/or email for any of the listed alumni, please send them to:

Sheila Rainey by phone (507-289-2584), email (lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us) or mail
Lourdes Foundation,
1710 Industrial Drive NW,
Rochester, MN 55901.

Thank you for
your assistance!

LHS Class of 1948

John Bowron
Loretta (Lica) Callahan
Paul Campion
Fabian Carroll
Robert Coleman
Genevieve (Kocer) Engle

LHS Class of 1958

Mary (Coninx) Callaci
Raymond Dieckmeier
Richard Durand
Romella (Mayhood) Durand
Beverly (Heimer) Darrall
Vernon Edstrom
Judy (Clark) Goodwin

LHS Class of 1963

Linda Blake
John Boller
Nancy (Duffy) Elkins
Doris (Daley) Heisner
Donald Krause
Clara (Cole) Marcum
Louise McNamara

LHS Class of 1968

Kathryn (Towey) Bainbridge
Mary (Dolan) Blake
Richard Broich
John Boespflug
Timothy Brennan
Mary (Wooden) Conway

Sherry (Sweeney) DeBoer
Michael Ellinger
Cynthia Florin
Sherry (Sweeney) Friedman
William Ferguson
Timothy Fogarty
Michael Galegher
John Gardner
Jan (Briese) Grundhauser

LHS Class of 1973

Sharon Blee
Stephen Chrysler
Nolan Koreski
Laureen (Dolan) Larrison
Lawrence Micek
Brigh (Rolstad) Mueller

LHS Class of 1978

Scott Bartholomew
Anne Barry
David Clark
Steven Connolly
Mary Beth (Marek) Dotson
John Daly
James Decker
Robert DeFrang
John Gander
Richard Johnson
Aimee Kearns
Brian Kesler
Gary Kirckof
Katie Klauda

Joe Krolak
Annie (Lawler) Olson

LHS Class of 1983

Diane (Freeman) Arnold
Kathleen (Crowley) Berger
Vickie (Byer) Carter
Cheri Diderrich
Deirdre Doyle
LaRita (Whalen) Fenske
Denise Foster
Sandra (Sibley) Gerick
Renee (Stewart) Hester
Mara Hoffman
Laura (Bazzett) Jordan
Doyle Kahabka
Danita Kerrigan
Chris Latterell
Stacy (Wenger) Lunardini

LHS Class of 1988

Colleen (Ernste) Abernathy
Heather (Sadauskis) Alderman
Joseph Christenson
Catherine (Wenger) Condon
Karen Conrad
Brett Cucchiara
Xavier Daive
David Driscoll
Thomas Endrizzi
Denys Erickson
Jill Erickson
John Fierst

William Giese
Jay Gikas
Katherine Heimsness
Carolyn (Eischen) Iversen
Jill Mahon Johnson
Laura Johnson

LHS Class of 1993

Tony Jett
Channa Kuch Tastsides
Christina McConnell
Tram Ngo
Enrique Sanchez
Robert Strange

LHS Class of 1998

Zachary Danielson
Barry Hewitt
Aaron Livingston
Wesley Nigon
Mark Schmitz
Elizabeth Smith
Samarashay Sullivan
Reka Vasas

LHS Class of 2003

Caela Baker
Paul D'Agnolo
Jay Kasner
Alex Koenigs

Peace & Sympathy



We Will Remember

Our sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Please remember them in your prayers.

Robert B. Lawler '36	Elizabeth (Ellison) Yochum '71
Elaine (O'Connell) Stokes '46	Dr. Daniel G. Pesch '74
Rodney Brown '52	Marcy Micek '82
Mary (Breckle) Manahan '53	Donald A. Brown
James F. Ludescher '59	Michael Bendel
Robert S. Krebsbach '61	Dorothy M. Gauthier
David R. Rossman '64	Fr. Joseph Keefe
Dennis R. Manning '65	Kathleen "Kathy" Lynaugh Ingersoll
Michael Kerrigan '68	Mrs. Betty Milkanin
Mary Lou "Lou" Reitemeier '70	Gene Skladany
Helen Regina Cullen '70	Frank L. Vondrashek
Kathleen (Wente) Green '71	

If you would like to inform the Aquila of a loved one's death, please contact the Lourdes Foundation and we will include the information in our next issue. We make every effort to publish accurate memorial information. Please accept our apology for any unintentional omissions. To update our records, please contact us at: Lourdes Foundation Office, 1710 Industrial Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901 or by phone at 507-289-2584 or by email at lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us

History Mystery

In our last issue of **The Aquila**, we asked you to identify these two LHS hockey players. If you guessed **John Brunkhorst '03** and **Brandon Harrington '04**, you were right



What do these girls, pictured in the 1947 Lourdian, have in common?



Be the first to contact us with the correct answer and you will win your choice of Lourdes Foundation apparel items or a "Go Eagles" gold hankie!
Call us at 507-289-2584, or send an email to lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us.

Fall 2012/Winter 2013 Calendar

DECEMBER 2012

- **6th Annual Lourdes High School Sports Hall of Fame** – Sunday, December 2, at Rochester International Event Center. For more information or tickets, visit our website at: lourdesfoundation.org

MARCH 2013

- **Vanselow Scholarship Fish Fry** – Friday, March 15, 2013 at Rochester International Event Center

APRIL 2013

- **Hearts of Gold, A Purple Tie Affair** - Benefitting Lourdes High School. Saturday, April 27, 2013. Rochester International Event Center, Rochester MN

MAY 2013

- **LHS Graduation** – Friday, May 24, 2013

JUNE 2013

- **Last day of School** – Friday, May 31, 2013

SEPTEMBER 2013

- **Dedication of new Lourdes High School** – Sunday, September 15, 2013
- **LHS Homecoming** – Friday, September 20, 2013

If your class is having a reunion, please let us know so that we can put this information on our website.

One family's outlook on *philanthropy*

William B. Leary Family Scholarship

The Lourdes Foundation is proud to announce its newest scholarship, created by the Leary family, in memory of their beloved father and patriarch, **Bill Leary '59**.



"Last summer the family was sitting around the fire up at our cabin and we started talking about starting a scholarship. We thought that it would be a great way to honor Dad, and help a family in need at the same time," says **Brian Leary '85**.

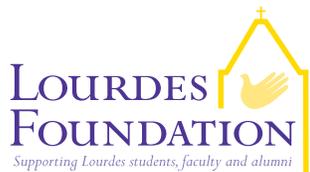
Bill Leary and his wife, Jan, were married for 43 years and were both advocates for the importance of Catholic education. Bill attended Catholic schools in New York State until his father was transferred to Rochester in 1957, enabling Bill to finish his last two years of high school at Lourdes. He then attended Marquette University and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Bill returned to Rochester and worked at IBM for many years before he retired and co-founded Pemstar. Bill and Jan sent their three children to St. Pius School, and all three are Lourdes alumni: **Brian '85, Chris '86, and Jennifer '88**. Jan and Bill spent many years volunteering at both St. Pius and Lourdes.

Brian explains the family's outlook on philanthropy this way: "One of the things I took away from my time at Lourdes and Rochester Catholic Schools was that we have a responsibility, not just to ourselves but to others, and we hope this scholarship will help a family's hope for a Catholic education become a reality!"



For more information about starting a Lourdes Foundation scholarship contact our office at 507/289-2584, or send an email to Tim Sitzer, Executive Director at lourdesfoundation@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us

Pictured left to right, Chris Leary '86, Jan Leary and Brian Leary '85. Photo by Shawn Fagan – Fagan Studios.



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From the wall at Rochester’s Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial