MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

It hardly seems possible that another year has almost passed. The summer picnics have ended and it’s time to start thinking and planning for the holiday season. I know ... it’s only October. But as the hot and humid days of summer end, and the leaves begin to change colors and drop from the trees symbolizing the beginning of fall, it can only mean one thing---time to start planning for the winter activities. But before I venture off into December, I need to report on the happenings since the last newsletter!

On August 4th, I attended the Change of Command ceremony at the McNally building whereby COL Howie Cohen relinquished command of the WHCA, and COL James Lien assumed command. COL Cohen is retiring from the Army early next year and I would like to thank him for his outstanding support of the 1600 Communications Association throughout his tenure as Deputy Commander and Commander of WHCA, and wish him well in his retirement. He was very supportive of the Association and its activities, as evidenced by his participation in our events throughout the year, and we hope we continue to see him at Association events. I recently met with COL Lien, the new Commander, and he has agreed to be our guest speaker at this year's Holiday Dinner Dance, which I am very much looking forward to! COL Lien, just as past WHCA leadership has been, is very supportive of the Association and we look forward to working with him and the Agency in the upcoming years.

On August 24th, I had the pleasure of attending a farewell retirement dinner for MG Trudy Clark, deputy director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). The next day, on August 25th MG Clark retired from the US Air Force after 33 years of service. While in WHCA, she was the Commander of the Staff Support Unit and a well-respected Presidential Communications Officer (Trip Officer). MG Clark has been a long-time member and supporter of the Association, attending numerous events throughout the years. On behalf of the Association, congratulations on your retirement and best wishes.

The annual Camp David Chapter Picnic was held on September 9th but, unfortunately, I was not able to attend. Judging from the feedback I’ve received, all who attended had a fantastic time! Warren and Carol were the ultimate hosts, and no one left hungry. Several people have told me that it was their first time attending and plan on making it an annual outing. Take a look at just some of the pictures from the picnic included in this newsletter. Thank you Warren and Carol. I will be there next year.

The final Association event of the year is just around the corner. The annual Holiday Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, December 9th, at the Spate Hall on Ft. Myer. This Association tradition is a great way to kick-off the holiday season. Look for the invitation around the middle of November. It’s not too early to start making plans to attend now.

And lastly, membership renewal time is just around the corner. Don’t forget to renew.

Helen Pennington
President

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TAPS

We recently learned of the passing of two of our Association members.

Barry Schwartz passed away on September 13th. He was affiliated with WHCA from August 1968 to March 1972. His wife, Kathy, who currently resides in Florida, survives him. If you knew Barry, and would like to contact Kathy to offer your condolences, please contact Glenn Arnett.

Charles Rambo passed away on June 8th at his home in Arlington, VA and services were held on August 15th at the post chapel on Ft Myer, VA. Charles was a retired Army Colonel and retired State Department civilian employee.

The Association extends its deepest sympathies to the families.

WEBSITE UPDATE

If you’ve been wondering when we’re going to update the website with a new look and content, please note … WE'RE ALMOST THERE! The site has been redesigned and tweaked and we are in the final stages of transferring the domain to a new provider. We expect the new site to launch by the end of October (the domain will remain www.1600commassoc.org). We are confident you will find the redesigned site to be cleaned up and easier to navigate with the information maintained in a more current state. We’re so very close! Stay tuned …

PSB STICKERS

The sale of the PSB stickers has been great. Thanks to your generosity, we have sold over $3,000.00 dollars in stickers to date, with the net proceeds going to the scholarship fund. We still have more to sell, so if you haven’t purchased yours yet – don’t worry. You can obtain them from Ron Thomsen, by contacting him via email or regular mail and make a request. If you plan on attending the Dinner Dance this year, stickers will be available for purchase there as well. If you would like to purchase one or more of the stickers ($5 each), please make your check payable to Ron Thomsen and mail to him c/o 311 South Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3603.

CAMP DAVID PICNIC

From all accounts, this was another successful annual Camp David Chapter Picnic thrown by Warren and Carol Suker on the 9th of September. The turnout was great, with more than 60 Association members and their families attending! Several “old timers” were there including LT Moore from South Carolina and Frank Orehowsky from Ohio. Ron Knowles won the 50/50 raffle and Warren announced that we made $200.00 for the scholarship fund. The weather was great, the food delicious and, as usual, Warren and Carol did an outstanding job of hosting the picnic. Take a look at just some of the photos from the picnic on the following pages. The rest will be posted on the website. If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment and thank the Sukers for all their hard work in putting on such a wonderful event.
Camp David Chapter Picnic 2006
TREASURER’S REPORT  *(Submitted by Glenn Arnett)*

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

- **Michael Ohaneson** lives in Alexandria, VA and served from January 2003 to August 2006.
- **Dr. Rick Weil** lives in Cranberry, Pennsylvania and was assigned to the Camp David Detachment from 1986 to 1991.

**NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Congratulations new Lifetime Members **Kevin “Chip” Alleman**, **Diane Merlock** and **George T. Splain**.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS**

Thanks to **Edward Grunberg** for his generous donation to the Scholarship Fund.

**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

Congratulations to the winners of this year’s scholarship awards. This year, the Association gave away $6,700.00 in scholarships to Association family members.

- **Adam Wanta, grandson of Ron Linden**, received a $1,500.00 scholarship. Adam is a freshman attending the University of Wisconsin, Sheboygan, studying business management and business finance.
- **Samantha Star Easter, granddaughter of Charles Easter**, received a $1,500.00 scholarship. Samantha is a freshman attending the University of Arizona, Tucson, studying journalism.
- **Chris Jenkins, son of Tina Jenkins**, received a $1,500.00 scholarship. Chris is attending Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA and has completed two semesters, with a goal of receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Government, with a focus on Strategic Intelligence.
- **Chelsea Ray Horne, granddaughter of John Dowling**, received a $700.00 scholarship. Chelsea is a freshman at Santa Fe Community College with a goal of obtaining an AA degree, followed by enrollment at the University of Florida-Gainesville to earn a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice-Forensic Science.
- **Monica Ryan Barger, granddaughter of Ed Barger**, received a $500.00 scholarship. Monica plans to attend Howard County Community College, with a focus on Elementary and Special Education.
- **Monica N. Rice, daughter of Dwight Rice**, received a $500.00 scholarship. Monica will be attending the Thomas L. Cooley Law School, in Lansing, MI this fall with a long-term goal of obtaining a law degree.
- **Kellie D. Starr, daughter Richard and Susan Starr**, received a $500.00 scholarship. Kellie is a student at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, with plans to graduate in May 2007.
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We have had a total of 156 members who have either renewed or became new members in 2006. However, there are over 30 members who did not renew for 2006 and were removed from the Active Roster.

We hear from many folks who say they never receive a bill or an invoice for dues. Our plan is to remind everyone in the newsletters, that the dues year is January to December, thus making payment due in January of each year.

Please remember the dues are $20.00 per year. Notification comes in the first newsletter of the year and is re-published in subsequent newsletters.

Below is a small form to fill out and send with your dues. Also please let us know of any address, email address, or other information change.

1600 Communications Association Membership Renewal

NAME: __________________________ SPouse NAME: __________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________
HOME PHONE: __________________________ WORK PHONE: __________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________

Please make check payable to 1600 Communications Association and mail to P.O. Box 160, Washington, DC 20044. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for reply.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SOBs (Same Old Buddies) Lunch: The SOBs will host their monthly “members only” luncheon on Tuesday, the 7th of November at the Holiday Inn, Vantage Point Rooftop Restaurant, located at 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Rosslyn, VA. Lunch starts at 11:30.

The SOBs also host a second luncheon each month whereby spouses and members of the 1600 Association are invited to attend. The October luncheon will be held at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant on October 26th. This is strictly a social event. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pat Patterson at pj4fun@aeitv.net or telephone him at 703-569-7078.

Dinner Dance: Planning is underway for the 38th Annual Holiday Dinner Dance, and I hope that you are making your plans to attend. The fun will began with cocktails at 1900, followed by dinner, the official program, and then dancing into the night. A flyer with all the details, as well as your invitation, will be mailed by the 13th of November. Hope you will join us.

CALL FOR HISTORY! ... OUR HISTORY, THAT IS!

As a part of updating the website, we need your assistance in documenting the many gaps in the 1600 Communications Association history. If you can fill some of these blanks in for us, please forward information to any board member. Following are a few of the information points lacking:

- In what year was the Association actually started?
- Who were the founding members? When were the bylaws adopted and who was involved in authoring them?
- How did the Shrimp Feast tradition get started? How did the Golf Outing come about?
- What about the Dinner Dance history? Who started it?
- Who was the first “lifetime” member?

As you can see, there are many questions that we would like to have answered for reference and these are just a few of the initial questions. If you can shed some light on our history, please send it to us. Our goal is to document as much of the history as possible and make it available on the website for your enjoyment. Again, if you can answer some of these questions (and many more!) send the information to any board member or to the 1600 Communications Association, P.O. Box 160, Washington, D.C. 20044.

WHITE HOUSE TRIVIA

In the August newsletter, we included a small paragraph on White House trivia, which was well received. So we plan to continue to add similar items of interest in each newsletter.

Did you know that ... the famous emergency hotline, whereby the President could have immediate contact with the Kremlin wasn’t established until 1984? Prior to 1984, the only direct contact with the Kremlin was a teleprinter link, which supplied text messages that had to be translated.

WHCA TRIVIA

Continuing the trivia theme, who was the first Command Sergeant Major of WHCA and what was his term? Does anyone know whom the first female officer or enlisted member was to join the Agency (1st commissioned female officer, 1st female Warrant Officer, 1st female enlisted service member)? If you know these answers, send them to me. Answers to be published in the next newsletter.
Again, a **BIG** thank you to Warren and Carol Suker for their hard work at the Camp David Picnic!

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The following email was forwarded by SGM Helper. The email was sent to SGT Matthew Pippin, a current member of WHCA, from Ron Walker, whom he met on a recent trip to Jackson Hole, WY. Some of you Same Old Buddies might remember him. Ron was part of the WH Advance Staff during the Nixon Administration and wanted to express his gratitude towards WHCA.

Hi Matt....it was terrific to meet you @ SENATOR KYL event. The VP has been my friend for over 35 years. When I said how much WHCA has meant to me....you had no idea !!

I go back to President Nixon when he asked me to establish the first WH staff advance office. General Al Redman was the WHCA commanding officer and it was with him, along with the other elements of Presidential travel, that I began the process of everyone working as a team. Since that time the WH Advance office has grown dramatically, and I hope there is still the same respect and recognition of your professionalism today.

During my time I advanced all 50 states, some 25 countries, and, at the request of President Nixon, advanced his 1972 historical trips to the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union. And obviously, WHCA was a integral part of all those trips.

So, once again, let me thank you for your service and those of your colleagues. You represent the finest.

Sincerely, Ron Walker, alias WHCA code name “Roadrunner

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I continue to receive positive feedback from you about the newsletter look and content. Your feedback is welcomed. But the credit really goes to Jeanne Taylor. Not only is she volunteering her time putting the newsletter together, she is also volunteering to assist us with the update of the website. Thank you, Jeanne, for your support.