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**Abraham K. Ignacio**  
**8 Feb 1922 - 12 Dec 2008**

Mr. Ignacio was born February 8, 1922 in Honolulu, Oahu territory of Hawaii to Alexander K. Ignacio and Violet K. McKeague. He died December 12, 2008 at home in Rocheport. As a teen, "Piccolo", was a member of the Royal Hawaiian Band, Honolulu Jr. Symphony, Honolulu Symphony, A'ia Plantation Band, VFW Band, Shriners' Band, Army Legion Band, and Farrington High School Band.

He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and served four years in the Merchant Marines, before enlisting in the Army on June 5, 1946 in Honolulu. He was the 1st Sargeant of the Army Element at the Naval School of Music, where he was presented a Navy Ship's bell. He became a bandmaster, and enjoyed tours of duty in Austria, Germany, Korea, Panama, and many places stateside. He retired from Ft. Hood, TX in 1976, to Boonville, where he taught at Kemper Military School & Jr. College until 2002.

He married Frances Ann Orr, in Claremore Oklahoma in 1952. She precedes him in death. He married Frances Louise Wright, September 21, 1985. She survives at the home.

Memberships include: Lake of the Woods Golf Course; Three-Dollar Golf Club, Association of Retired Military Musicians; Navy Retired Musicians Association; Cooper Lodge #36 of Boonville; VFW; Life member of American Legion Post #0202, Aloha Shriners of Honolulu; Allied Masonic Degrees (Mid MO 291); Aleppo Grotto; Royal Order of Scotland of the USA; De Molay Legion of Honor of Honolulu; National Sojourners Inc. Kansas City Chapter #63; Chigger-fest Lodge in Brookfield, MO; 50-year member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, USA 32nd Degree, Valley of Columbia, Orient of Missouri, and Valley of Honolulu; Twilight Lodge #114 in Columbia; York Rite of Centralia; Ancient Landmark Lodge #356 in Harrisburg; Sword of Bunker Hill in Columbia; Charter Member of the World War II Memorial Society; World War II Memorial Registry of Remembrances; Grand Lodge of Missouri AF&AM.

National Defense Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Meritorious Service Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupational Medal (Germany); Legion of Merit; Good Conduct Medal.



He is survived by his wife Frances (nee: Wright ), Sister: Alice Kinishiro of Hanalei Bay, Kauai, HI; Brothers: Albert Ignacio of Las Vegas, NV, Nicodemus Ignacio of Hilo, HI and Matthew Ignacio of San Jose, CA; Children: Robert Rodrigues of Kamuela, Hawaii and wife Tove; John Ignacio of Dowagiac, MI and wife Sherry; Abraham Ignacio, Jr. of Columbia; Michael Wright of Augusta, MO and wife Christina; Nancy Bizzle of St. Clair, MO and husband Greg; Nani Fudge of Hallsville and husband Tod; Mark Wright of Breese, IL and wife Ellen. He loved and was loved by 27 Grandchildren, 9 Great Grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, adopted family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the St. Louis Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2001 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131, or Masonic Home of Missouri, 6033 Masonic Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65202.

Lastly, the family extends deep gratitude to Dr. Jerry Kennett and his staff for years of outstanding and extreme medical care of our loved one.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 4:00 pm and at 7:30 pm a Masonic Funeral at Memorial Funeral Home, 1217 Business Loop 70 W, Columbia, MO 65202. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Ignacio will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in February, following a military funeral with full honors.

Jimmy Miles will be the minister for the funeral.

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## 2009 Reunion Update

This will be the first article about the 2009 ARMM reunion in Oklahoma City. The dates will be the 17th through 20th of September. As was discussed in the meeting we have agreed to 90 room nights so we need to fill 30 rooms per night. You need to start calling in your reservations as soon as you receive your newsletter. The name of the Hotel is the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel and the number is 405-455-1800. The cost for the room will be \$96.69 per night (tax included). I will put out the hotel's website in the next newsletter. If you have any problems please ask for John Dinsmore and he will assist you in your needs. The cost per member for the reunion will be \$55.00 this year. Please make out the reunion checks to **Mike Noland** and not ARMM.

You are probably wondering why I am sending you this article since you are aware that Larry Arasmith is the host. Larry is presently undergoing treatment for cancer and he agreed to let myself and Bill Von Kamp co-host the reunion. It is Larry's wish to stay involved and we will assist him in any way we can. I cannot give you any details of his treatment or condition other than he is in the hospital and is being cared for by his sons. It is hoped he will be able to be moved to his son's home in Norman OK. I talked to his son Mark and he said that you can send cards and letters to his home. The address would be:

Larry Arrasmith  
1269 N. Adkins Hill  
Lot #10  
Norman, OK 73072

Let's all support Larry and send him some letters/cards of encouragement. Larry was looking forward to this reunion so I hope we can all step up to the plate and make it a good one. The events are still in the planning stage and there should be a full agenda by the next newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to call either Bill or myself and we will do our best to answer them. You all know how I do reunions so things will not change that much. As I said earlier, the important thing is to get your rooms reserved as soon as possible because the Oklahoma State Fair will be going on at the same time. Take care and have a great holiday season.

**Mike Noland**  
**Acting 2009 Entertainment Chairperson**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 15 November 2008 we have \$6,539.94 in our account. We have no outstanding bills at this time. Several members have not paid their 2009 dues and I would encourage them to do this prior to me closing the 2008 books in December. Remember, present year dues have to be paid to attend the 2009 reunion in Oklahoma City.

I still have several of our new shirts. They are \$20.00 each and there is a shipping charge of \$5.00. I can send two shirts in one package for the same price. Please call me to place an order and I can tell you what sizes and colors we have left. My cell number is 931-216-3221. Hope to hear from you soon. Have a very Merry Christmas and all the best of the New Year.

**Mike Noland**  
**ARMM Treasurer**



## 2008 Reunion Recap

The 2008 ARMM reunion had over seventy members and spouses attending. Although the gathering was small everyone stated that they had a good time. It seems as if a lot of the members chose to stay around the hotel and mix and catch up with old friends. The hospitality room was open to all hours in the evening and members stayed and chatted until it closed. An interesting tidbit to add was that the membership consumed 40 liters of soda pop and this was the first year that I had to replenish the snack table. Guess that is what happens when you get older.

Thursday had an unexpected treat when we were able to set up in the lounge and had a jam session that lasted for over two hours. That was a first for me. What made it great was that it was not planned and that made it all the more fun. On Friday the 129th Tennessee Army National Guard presented a concert with music ranging from marches to old warhorses. What I mean is warhorses as in music not Vic Owens. After the intermission ARMM members were invited to sit in for the second half. Oxygen was close by if needed. I made the comment that the 129th gained over 500 years experience and also gained about 2000 pounds. After the concert we kicked in with another jam session that lasted well into the night. The young keyboard player later told me that he learned more about head charts in one night than in the past. He had nothing but compliments to our musicians.

Saturday was our concert band rehearsal and I think that it was about our longest to date. Bill Von Kamp ensured us that our music was there and in order. I brought along my German Band folder so we quite a bit of music to choose from. Looks like we may have enough music and chops to put on a concert for our 25th reunion. A lot was accomplished during the business meeting and I will leave that for Hank. I would like to add that we had three new members there and we picked up two new life members. The 129th once again provided music for the dinner dance and all the members were impressed with their showmanship and music selection. Randy and his staff provided a great meal and they all went out of their way to see that our needs were met.

I was able to sell about half of our new shirts so please feel free to contact me when you want to order one. I would like to close by saying thank you to all the members who attended and helped me to keep things somewhat organized. I hoped that you enjoyed yourself. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Oklahoma City in 2009.

**Mike Noland**  
**2008 Entertainment Chairperson**

## *In Memoriam*

The following information was forwarded to me. Dan Parrish was not a listed member of ARMM through any of our records. Maybe some of you will recognize this fellow musician.

### Mike Mideiros

Mr. Daniel E. Parish, 58, of Panama City, Fla., passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2008.

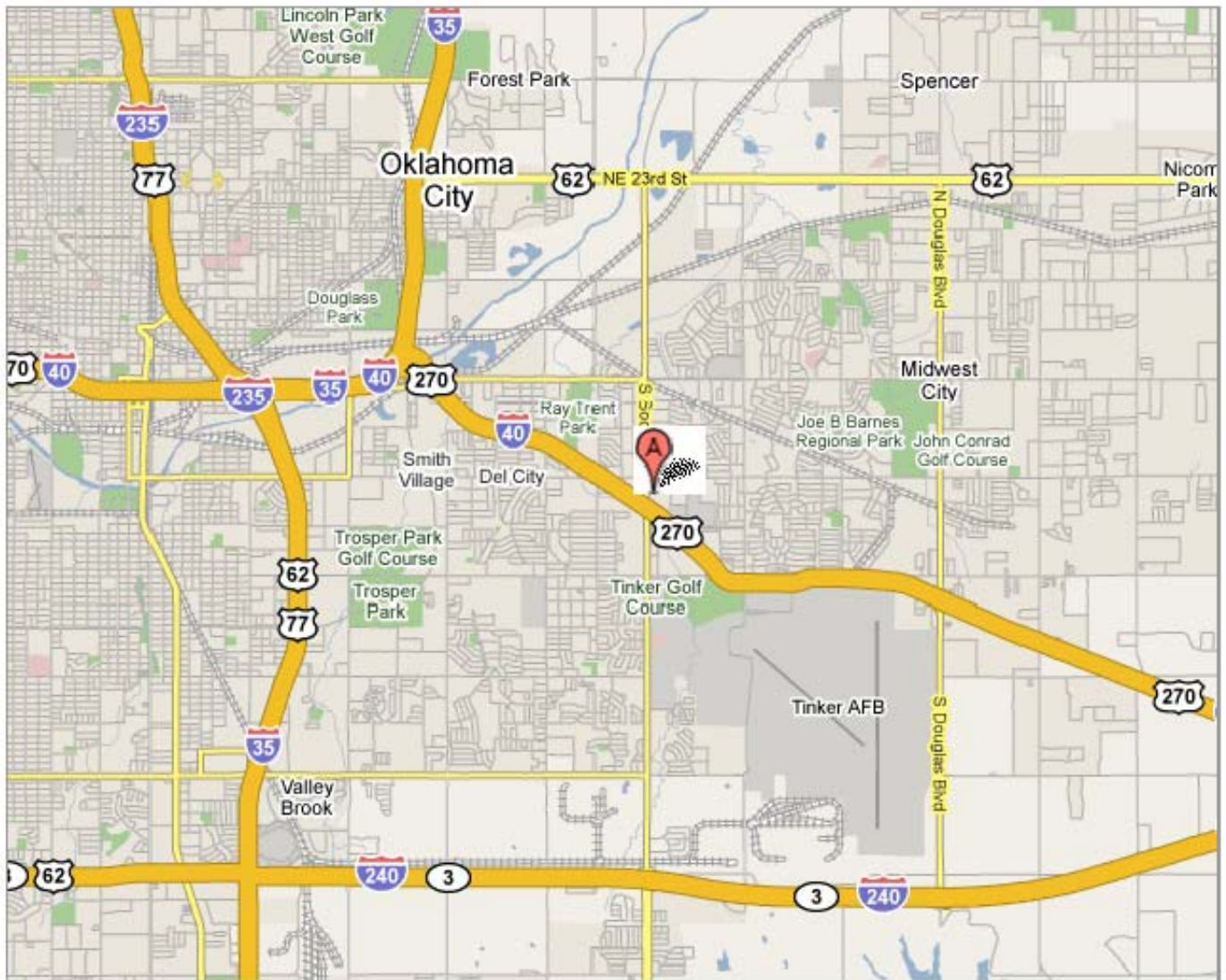
He had been a lifelong resident of the local area. Daniel loved music and nature, and he enjoyed creating and building things. Daniel loved his family and took great joy in his grandchildren. He served in the United States Army. Daniel was a member of the Masons and the Association of Retired Military Musicians.

He is survived by five children, Teresa Hunter and Bruce of Leesville, La., Tracey Zimmerman of Chipley, Fla., Daniel Parish and wife, Anna, of Lynn Haven, Fla., Jim Horn and wife, Charlea, of Wausau, Fla., and Matt Horn of Chipley, Fla.; three brothers, Doyle, Ronald and Ben Parish; sisters, Jen Griffin, Myrtice Clark and Minnie Stewart; and 10 grandchildren. Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Alonzo and Jeannette Parish.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, at Hard Labor Creek Cemetery in Chipley, Fla. Interment will follow. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today, Oct. 10, 2008, at Brock's Home Town Funeral Home.

Brock's Home Town  
Funeral Home  
5907 Highway 22  
Callaway, Fla. 32404  
(850) 874-0818

# Oklahoma City Map



- A. **Sheraton Midwest City Hotel**  
5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK -  
(405) 455-1800

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Status: Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Active \_\_\_\_\_ Former \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ wish my data to be included in any published roster.

Please complete this application and return it along with your check for \$15.00 made payable to ARMM to:



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