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Grayson, GA, Jason Pair of Marietta, GA. and Ryan Pair of Marietta, GA and his 7 great grandchildren.

After serving for 8 years in the US Army where he played in the West Point Military Band, Art graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1958. He then had a long career with the Internal Revenue Service. After retiring, he spent the next 25 years working in commercial real estate. Art was very active in his church and community and had great love and pride for his family who will miss him dearly.

The visitation will be at Lowndes & McLane Funeral Home in Tucker on Wednesday, February 25th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dr. Dave Kivett will officiate the funeral services at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church on LaVista Road in Tucker, GA. A reception will follow the service. Interment will take place at Floral Hills Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association or St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Lowndes & McLane Funeral Home, Tucker, GA. in charge of arrangements. 770-491-3021

## Art Kibbe

**8 Feb 1922 - 12 Dec 2008**

ARTHUR D. KIBBE, 80, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, February 22nd at his home in Atlanta, GA. where he lived for the past 40 years. He was born in Cortland, NY on April 14, 1928. Art was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan, who passed in July 2008. He is survived by his sister Joyce Rice of Kissimmee, FL and his brother Richard Kibbe of Annapolis, MD. He is also survived by his three daughters, Janice Birchem of Roswell, GA, Jenette Samoray of Shady Dale, GA. and Jill Pair of Dawsonville, GA. In addition, he is survived by his 6 grandchildren; Chad Eriksson of Bozeman, MT, Nikki Smathers of Clyde, N.C, Chris Smith of Snellville, GA, Kelli Saldana of



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## *In Memorium*



### **Larry Arrasmith**

**16 Aug 1938 - 18 Dec 2008**

Died of cancer in Norman, OK. The funeral was scheduled for 27 Dec 2008 at Fredregill Funeral Home, 310 N. Center St., Zearing, Iowa. Larry will be loved and missed by his family and those of us in ARMM who knew him.

**Mike Mideiros**  
**ARMM Secretary**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of 23 February 2009 we had \$6,803.16 in our account. Please start sending in your 2009 dues as soon as you receive this newsletter. 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. See you at the Oklahoma Reunion.

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

# 2009 Reunion News

**DATES:** Thursday 17 Sep 2009 thru  
Sunday 20 Sep 2009

**LOCATION:** Sheraton Midwest City Hotel  
Contact: Amanda Blessing  
5750 Will Rogers Road  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
(405) 455-1800

**COST:** \$96.69 per night (we need to have 90  
room nights or 30 rooms per night  
times 3 nights)

**MEAL & REFRESHMENTS COST:**

\$55,00 per person attending

Please make out the reunion checks to **Mike Noland** and not ARMM.

The plans for the 2009 ARMM reunion are set in stone and things are going smoothly. The Oklahoma National Guard Band has confirmed that they will provide the entertainment for Friday night and provide a combo for the dinner dance on Saturday.

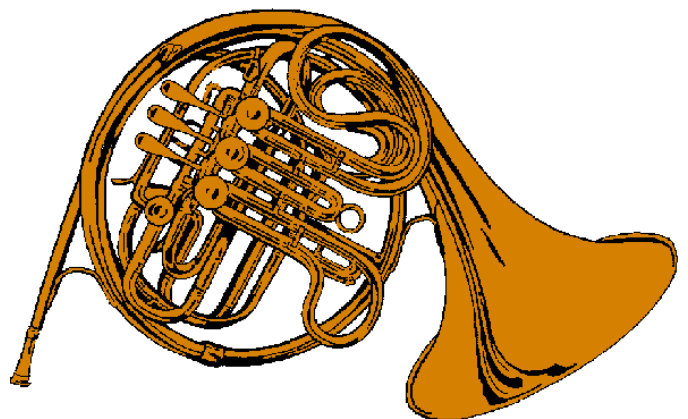
There is just one slight problem and that is the lack of members who have not reserved a room. At our last meeting it was agreed that members would start making reservations as soon as the first newsletter came out. To date there are six rooms reserved. We have guaranteed the hotel 90 room nights (30 rooms times 3 nights) for the event. Anything less than the required room reservations will be paid for out of our funds. Please make your reservations as soon as you receive this newsletter. FYI: the Oklahoma State Fair will be going on at this time and I don't know what impact this will have on the hotel and the reservations. Be safe and reserve now. If there are any problems with making your reservations, please contact Amanda Blessing at 405-455-1800 or her direct line at 405-455-1825. If you plan to arrive early or stay a few days late, you will continue to get your rooms at the reunion rate.

You also need to send me your \$55.00 for the reunion as soon as possible. We have always been slow in this area but since Bill and I are 500 miles from the reunion site, we need your money ASAP. This allows us to help the hotel with a headcount for

the meals and lets me buy things early for the hospitality room. I will get there about one day ahead of the day and that is not much time to get things set up and do some damage control. Larry had this really going well before he passed away so let's make this a good reunion for him.

One final note and this is not meant to sound morbid. This year we have lost Iggy, Art Kibbe, and Larry Arrasmith. All three of them enjoyed our reunions and my memories of them are based around me seeing them once a year. This is what reunions are all about. It gives us a chance to see old friends, spread the BS, and confirm or deny rumors. We never know when there will be another vacancy in that big military band in the sky so let's all meet in Oklahoma and have a good time. If there are any questions feel free to contact Bill von Kamp or myself.

**Mike Noland**  
**2009 ARMM Reunion Co-Chairperson**



## Chaplain's Corner

I'm convinced that each one of us can tell countless stories about the most memorable or maybe the most ridiculous ceremony we ever performed while we were on active duty. I remember playing for a boulder in the middle of the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. There was no one in the audience except for the local officials who were obligated to attend. I also had the honor of playing the 50th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1991. It was exactly five decades after that incredible ". . . date that will live in infamy." There were so many dignitaries at Pearl Harbor that year: President George H. W. Bush, General Colin Powell, Senators, Pearl Harbor Survivors, state and local officials, and the list goes on.

Have you ever thought about the greatest ceremony of all time? Have you ever wondered about the most important guest that actually showed up at that ceremony? In 2 Chronicles, Chapter 5, at the dedication of Solomon's Temple, it says that "All the Levites who were musicians – Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives – stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God."

Just imagine – 120 priests sounding trumpets – no wonder the Lord showed up!

Seriously, here was a ceremony that was so pleasing to the Lord, his presence and his glory filled the temple. Can you imagine how awesome that would be if he came to a ceremony that we were playing and because the cloud filled the room, we couldn't play anymore?

Since we are living in New Testament times, we can invite the Lord into our hearts and live with his presence every day. All you have to do is ask! You don't even have to perform a ceremony. Do it today. He'll show up when He's invited!

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"We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1Cor. 15:51,52, NIV)



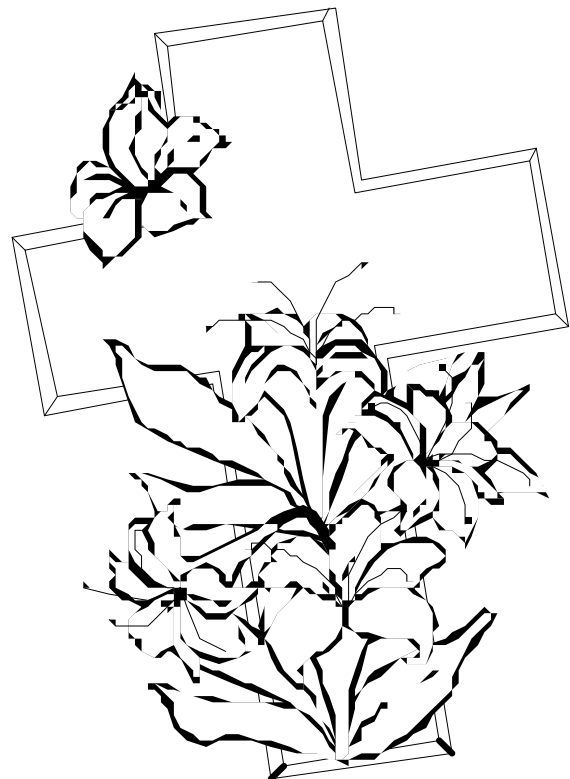
## Prayer Corner

To All,

I would like to start another section in our newsletters where everyone can be notified of needed prayer for members and the passing of our fellow military musicians. Please email me or Mike Mideiros with the contact information and we will ensure that it is included in the following editions. This is where we will list the names and you can pray for them and contact them if you desire.

Pray for:

Finley Hamilton



## REUNION ATTENDANCE FORM

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children or Others: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance: \_\_\_\_\_

Beverage Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Beer Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Wine Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

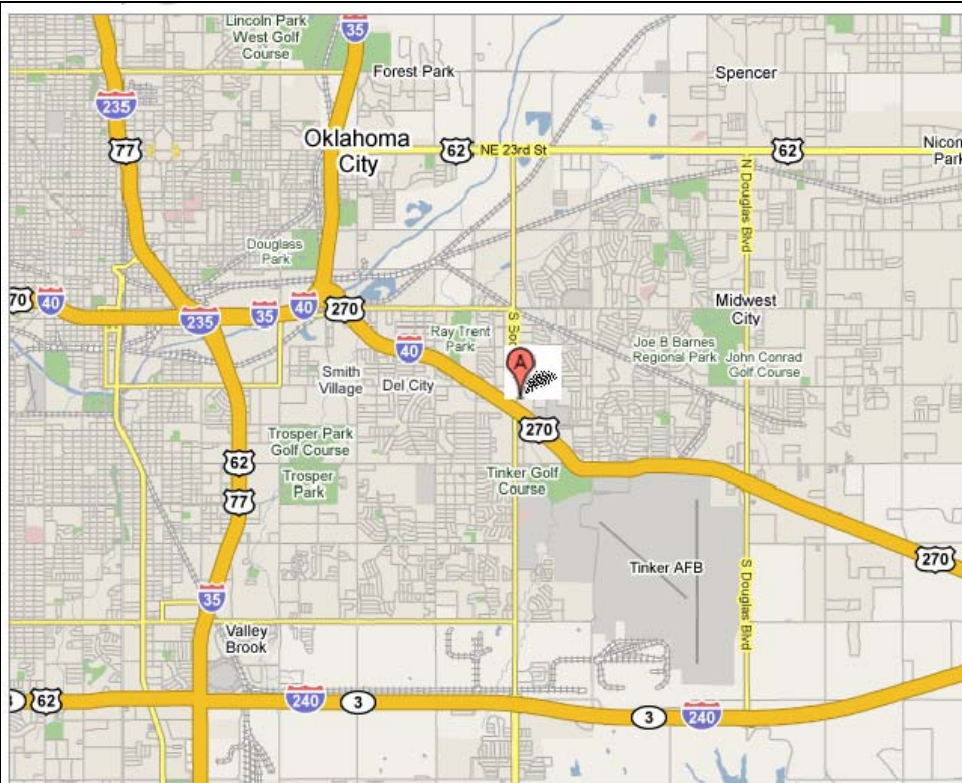
Liquor Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Things I would like to do in Oklahoma City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this application and return it along with your check made payable to **Mike Noland** and mail to:



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**A. Sheraton Midwest City Hotel**  
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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION**

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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