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The LaGrange Fire Dept and Veterans Assoc. are holding their 4th annual Craft Fair on Oct 24, 2009, at the Marion C. Cook School, Howland Rd, LaGrange from 9-4. Spaces available for \$15. To reserve your space contact Jen Baker at 943-2402 or jrbaker@mainstream.us.

BROWNVILLE: The Brownville Elementary PTO will be hosting a day of scrapbooking on Saturday, October 24 at the Brownville school gym from 9:00am - 6:00pm. Lunch and a 6' table will be provided. Cost is \$15.00. If you plan to attend please RSVP by calling Jaime at 965-8759 by October 17 as we have limited space.

HALLOWEEN DANCE



FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2009

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MILO TOWN HALL

GRADES 6, 7 & 8

PENQUIS - MILO - BROWNVILLE &

LAGRANGE STUDENTS ONLY

COSTUMES OPTIONAL - GAMES &

PRIZES - CONCESSIONS

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION CALL 943-7326

42nd Annual Hunters Breakfast Penquis Valley High School

4:30 am to 8:30 am

October 31, 2009

Sponsored by the Junior Class

All you can eat buffet!

4\$ is advance, 5\$ at the door



Milo Community Hospital to focus on Health Care again

The old Milo Hospital, now **Hobnobbers**, sitting half way up the hill on West Main Street in Milo, is the place to be Saturday October 17th from 2 – 4pm to discuss the future of health care in rural Maine.

Join Maggie Allen (Maine's Democratic National Committee Woman) along with Shelby Wright of OFA in a discussion about health care and how you can help make a difference. Now is the time to speak up and speak out about what you think needs to change to make health care in America more affordable and more available with better, healthier results.

Buy yourself a cup of the finest coffee Piscataquis County has to offer and join local community leaders in open, frank, non-biased conversation about the impact TABOR will potentially have on our communities and state. Many thanks and much appreciation to Valerie Robertson of the Hobnobbers for her willingness to provide this opportunity for our communities.

Shelby Wright is chair of Penobscot County Democrats and currently working full time for OFA (Organizing for America) a continuation of the Obama campaign. Their task is to help accomplish legislation that Obama campaigned on via grassroots movement. She lives in Hampden and her husband is a tugboat captain. They are former fisherman from the outer banks of Carolina and good earthy people. Maggie, who is from east Madison, has a masters degree in education from Yale and is pursuing a doctorate at the university.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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Milo's Terrific Kids

Mrs. Carey - Our Terrific Kid from last Friday has been sick this WHOLE week so we would like to honor Cheryl Cianci again



- and hope she's feeling better!

Mrs. Walker - We are so pleased to honor this real Terrific Kid this week from our Kindergarten family. He is making great progress and has watched his two older sisters come to Milo Elementary for years!!!! HE knows what morning jobs to do and is learning his daily routines like a super trooper. He may be small but he has a real big kind heart and shares with all his friends. Congratulations to Maxwell Osgood!!!! WAY TO GO!!!!

Mrs. Hayes - Our terrific kid does work in two rooms for many teachers and he never complains! He cooperates with students and staff, he is a great friend to all, and he does his best every day. He works at home with his family and he loves to read new books. We are proud of Isaiah Conary and the many good qualities that he offers to our school community. Thank you, Isaiah, for being the best "you" every day.

Mrs. Barden - Our terrific kid is a super worker. His writing looks like computer!!! He is the neatest first grader. His reading and math are stupendous. AND he has a terrific little sister too. We are soooo happy to say that Dylan Shaw is our terrific kid.

Mrs. Hussey - This week my Terrific Kid is a cheerful, helpful, cooperative, and friendly little girl. MacKenzie Shaw comes in each morning with a smile, ready to do her best on all her work. She follows the "I-Care" rules of our classroom and is a good friend to her classmates. She's an active listener and hard worker. Congratulations MacKenzie!

Mrs Tardiff - Emily Herbest - This girl has the best handwriting ever. She works hard and is a good friend to her classmates. I'm glad to see that she has gained confidence in herself. She is a bubbly, outgoing girl who makes my day. Congratulations, Emily!

Mrs. Dunham - Our terrific kid shows a lot of energy and enthusiasm for school. She gives her best effort every day. She has become quite an author. Her word choices and voice are really showing in her stories. She is kind and helpful to her classmates and teachers. She is always willing to go the extra mile for a friend. We love having Cymeria Robshaw in our class.

Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid is a wonderful young lady. She is a hard worker. She has a great attitude. She is helpful to everyone. She is eager to learn new things this year. She is getting ready for testing and I am sure she will do great. Way to go Diamon Price.

Mrs. Whitney - 4Whitney's Terrific Kid this week has been very flexible with the schedule for testing. He has also shared all week about a new puppy that they have just gotten at home. I appreciate his enthusiasm and sharing. My terrific kid this week is Sonny Natalino. Great job!

Mrs. McMahon - Mrs. McMahon's Terrific Kid this week is Kelsey Robinson. Kelsey comes to school every day ready to do her very best work. She is organized, motivated and confident in her skills, all of which is helping to make her a very successful fourth grader! Congratulations to Kelsey Robinson!

Mrs. Knowlton - 5K has been working hard this week on learning how to write great settings that 'set the mood' for a story. We have a TERRIFIC writer in our class to recognize this week. She is a member of the band, the Outing Club and the Civil Rights team. She is VERY inquisitive, responsible and respectful and she is always enthusiastic about her learning! Congratulations to our terrific kid -- Krista Dearborn.

Mrs. Gillis - This girl is organized, thorough and neat, With skills like these, she can't be beat, She's joined our group of Veterans' Singers, If you ask me, she's a real hum-dinger!

Congratulations, Emily Spack

Mrs. Clukey My terrific kid this week had a difficult time adjusting to life here at Milo Elementary. However, during the past few weeks he has turned things around. He comes in every day willing to get right to work. He is always doing things to help out in the classroom. The NECAPS went a lot smoother because this student kept the pencils sharp all week. So for these reasons Gerald Badger is the TK from 6C this week.

Ms. Dixon-Wallace - - This week's Terrific Kid is a student who could be TK every week. He always has his work completed and is very helpful to his classmates. He is an active member of the Civil Rights Team and soon to be a more active member of band (he found his music folder!!!). This week's TK will not be with us next week, due to his being in Washington DC, representing us at the People to People Conference. We are



looking forward to hearing all about everything you learned. Congratulations to Jarod Webb.

Brownville's Terrific Kids

K- Evan Bolstridge 1- Karri Whitten 2- Cory Ouellette 3- Brooke



McKenzie 4- Wyatt Keller 5- Jazmyn Gray 6- Entire class Peacekeepers of the Week Cayden Cyr and Luke Coover Brownville Staff Wears Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness



Penquis Valley High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Rooster:

Girls soccer coach Teri Morrill; Assistant coach: Erika Morrill; Manager: Miranda Royal
 #2 Sadie Zambrano, #3 Rachel Emery, #4 Kendra Hall, #5: Carolyn Bess, #6: Hannah Bess, #7: Morgan Hall, #8: Mindy Downing, #9: Hayley Durant, #11: Sara Lemik, #12 Shelby

Fowles, #13: Kambrea Atkinson, #16: Brooke McLaughlin, #17: Alexis Larson, #18: Jamie Kleinkauf, #23: Jessie Moulton, #24: Caitlyn Durant, #30 Alyssa Gray

The PV Varsity Boys soccer team who are currently ranked 7th in Class C Eastern Maine, #1 Anthony Murano, #2 Shane



Emery, #4: Richie Russell, #5: Colby Brown, #6 Brandon Foss, #7: Justin Artus, #9 Tyler Pelletier, #10 Jesse McLaughlin, #11 Lucas Grinnell, #12 Austin Fogg, #13 George Cowing, #14 Alex Drummond, #15 Jerell Arefein, #18: Cody Herbest, #21 Jason Durant, #23 Bryan Russell, #26 Bryant Lugo, #30 Philip Larrabee, #31 Greg Hathorn, #32 Taylor Delano Coach: Jason Mills (pictured): Chris Cowing & Travis Ellis (absent) Managers: Zully Rodriguez and Holly Smith

Penquis Valley Golf Team

Left to Right: Clay Stevens, Mike Johnson, Justin Ottmann:



Coach: Jeremy Bousquet. Absent: Derek Johnson and Alex Zelkan.

The Little People Nursery of Milo visited the Milo Fire Department during fire prevention week. Firemen Ricky Bradeen, Brian Glidden, and Sparky the fire dog gave a tour of



the fire department and fire trucks and provided information on fire prevention.



This little fireperson is Katelyn Lunn.

Milo Free Public Library News
Judith D. Macdougall

Our volunteer crews were such a help during our library moves with our renovation that I wanted to show them how much we appreciated all their help, and I wanted to thank them again when they were all together. I asked Jeff, the town manager, if we could have a pizza party as a way to express our appreciation. He said it would be fine and told me to arrange it.

I spoke to some of the ladies who were still assisting us in shelving. They thought a party sounded like a fun idea, too, and they would certainly be glad to attend. Pam and I decided to hold the party downstairs in the library on Thursday, October 1, from 11:30-1:00 to allow for flexible lunch breaks. I then called everyone I hadn't spoken to personally and was pleased to discover that many of the crew were interested. Wonderful. The teens could not make it for a luncheon due to being at school. Somehow I had naively thought they could get away during lunch hour. I ordered a variety of pizzas from The House of Pizza and was surprised to have them offer us an extra cheese pizza free, making our count 9. I was a little apprehensive when I had ordered 8 that there would be enough, but with the extra one there would be plenty. The House of Pizza also sent two 2 liter bottles of soda-my choice. How nice! I purchased more soda, vegetables and dip with library funds. The pizzas were on the town. I also planned to bake the sweets-chocolate chip cookies with nuts or mini M&M's (which indicates to my grandsons that these cookies are safe to eat as they have no nuts), brownies, and molasses cookies for those who can't or don't want to eat chocolate.

Thursday and time for the party arrived. My husband made coffee, as I have never learned; we put ice, the sodas and a gallon of water into the cooler as folks began to arrive. Just before 11:30 the delivery girl brought in the 9 pizzas and the sodas and the party began. There were 20 of us there out of a possible 24 who had said they might come. Of course, the men sat at one table and the women at another. Everyone could have as much pizza as they wanted and no one should have gone hungry. The vegetable platter went well, too, although not like the pizza, of course. The chocolate chip cookies turned out to be the most popular dessert, and I was complimented on my innovative M&M idea. Gradually folks left as their lunch hours were over, and just a few of us remained to talk over the party and the move.

The next day, Friday, October 2, we held a librarians' luncheon. As you can see this is a column about eating. There were 7 of us at Elaine's Café and the topic of the day was again the Move. Thankfully, unlike last month, this time the renovations were finished (more or less). I had taken pictures so everyone could see some of the events we were speaking about. The five men moving the big radiator into place elicited comments. It was also remarked how strange the library looked without furniture in some sections.

I promised a list of books 2 weeks ago and here are September's newest titles.

Anderson, Christopher	BARACH & MICHELLE
Atwood, Margaret	THE YEAR OF THE FLOOD
Brown, Dan	THE LOST SYMBOL
Burke, James Lee	RAIN GOD
Cleeves, Ann	RED BONES
Diamant, Anita	DAY AFTER NIGHT
Gabalton, Diana	AN ECHO IN THE BONE
Patterson, James	THE MURDER OF KING TUT
Piper, Don	90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN
Sparks, Nicholas	THE LAST SONG
Woods, Stuart	HOTHOUSE ORCHID

Library Winter Hours

Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

A Note Of Gratitude from The Brownville PTO

We would like to send a thanks to all who have supported the Brownville Elementary PTO and playground committee in our efforts towards raising money for our playground!! It has been almost a year since we have started actively trying to raise money for our playground and we now have almost \$6300.00!!! That is truly unbelievable in these hard economic times. The support from our local businesses, parents, and members in our community has been unanimous.

I want to extend a special thank you to Andrew Larson's family. We have received over \$2,000.00 in memory of Andy. He was a very special person to many and will always be remembered by all those that knew him or had the opportunity to meet him.

We are very fortunate to have the generous support from some of our local businesses. Milton Smith, of Smith's Grocery and Lunch, has been very generous to our cause and also for many other different events involving the children. He has generously donated towards several of the fundraisers over the last year!! Thank you, Milton, for your continuous support!!!

We also want to extend our appreciation towards several other businesses in our area: Earl Gerrish and Sons, JSI Store Fixtures, Total Image Salon, The General Store and More, Field of Dreams Greenhouse, and The Junction Store (old KC's place). Also, a local historian/author of interest, Bill Sawtell, and the director of Piscataquis Community Economic Development Council, Dr. Kenneth Woodbury. Dr. Woodbury has been involved in helping our school in applying for a \$25,000.00 grant.

Most recently, we raised close to \$600.00 at the Jamboree. Thank you, Ronnie, for giving us that opportunity! Finally, a special thank you to our local Kiwanis for all that they do to benefit our children and our community. We received

\$1800.00 from the golf tournament this summer. This was a big help towards our goal, thank you!!!

Without the support of our community and local businesses, we wouldn't be where we are today! Our cash goal is \$10,000.00. I never would have imagined that we would be more than half way to this goal within a year. Thank you everyone for all of your support!!

Everyone, look for the upcoming order form for poinsettias again this year to help raise money for our playground!!! Any questions regarding this please call Joy McKenzie at 943-3417.



On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Troop 884 of Milo visited PAWS for a tour of the shelter and to see the cats. During the visit the Troop learned about how PAWS helps in the community with stray cats and what it does to help care for the cats. They were able to take a tour of the shelter and visit with some very special kittens. They learned that each volunteer that helps at PAWS has a very special job. Girl Scout troop 884 presented PAWS with a donation of cat food and cat toys. A very special Thank You goes out to the volunteers of PAWS. 2 kittens were adopted from the shelter by the girls and their families.

Paws Raffle Winners: Bench - Rusty Lawson,
Hospitality Hair And Nails Certificate - Mike Comeau,
Hobnobbers Certificate - Wayne Finkle,
Toaster Oven - Bryce Levasseur,
Movie Package - Wayne Finkle,
Baked Goods - Becky Young. Winners Drawn By
Holly In The MFU Deli. Thanks To Everyone Who
Bought Tickets Or Donated Money, Donna, Janet
And Sandy.

Weight Watchers

If anyone is interested in joining us at Milo Elementary for an At-Work Weight Watchers program this fall please contact Deanna DeWitt at 965-0049 (afternoon and evenings). This would be for a 12 week program and would have to be paid for in advance of the class starting.

The Park Street United Methodist Church of Milo is pleased to announce that we will begin holding Sunday Morning Worship services in the Church Chapel Room beginning Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Please use the parking lot entrance when entering the church, as renovations will continue in the church attic area and sanctuary. We thank the Masonic Lodge of Milo for their generous support these past 4

months in allowing the church to use their building for worship services.

For additional information call the church office at 943-2609 or Rev. Michele St. Cyr at 943-7322.

Theresa Mudgett

This picture just looks like fun! Mrs. Russell had her Kindergarten class at the Cook School using the parachute in P.E. last week. She always provides our students with such



great activities.



Haley, Ethan and Kyle were pumpkins last week when they presented "In the Pumpkin Patch" to the K-1 classroom at the Cook School. They did a fantastic job.



Cook School News

Kaela Perry, All of Grade 2, and Jordan Prendergast were honored as Terrific Kids at our October 9th assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Kaela is my terrific kid this week. Kaela always comes to school with a smile on her face. She knows

when it is time to get to work and always does her best. She also has one of the best laughs I have ever heard!

Mrs. Johnston: I have a special group of T-kids this week. Second grade has been very cooperative during the third grade testing. They have been shuffled to other classrooms and had their schedules changed; yet they were still responsible, respectful and hard workers every day. I am very proud of them!

Miss K.: Jordan is a Terrific Kid every day. She works hard and asks wonderful questions. Jordan is a kind friend to all. She does her homework and gets her planner signed. She is putting great effort into the NECAP testing. Keep up the great work, Jordan.

Bus Kids: Lucrechia Lyman, Aubrey Cooper, Colleen Demaris

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Autumn, Alyssa, KyLee, Kaela, Bree-Anna

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

JOSEPH P. CHAISSON POST 41 FALL RAFFLE RESULTS.

LYNN YANOK OF SEBEC -- \$250.00 MILO FARMERS UNION
MARK HEATH OF BROWNVILLE-- \$250.00 BAILEY LUMBER
KATHY THOMAS OF HOLDEN --\$250.00 ANY RITE AID STORE
JANET LUMBRA OF MILO \$250.00 MILO HOUSE OF PIZZA

THIS RAFFLE PROGRAM IS A WIN -WIN SITUATION FOR ALL AND THE PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IN LEGION PROGRAMS SUCH AS ORATORICAL, BOY STATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, ETC. BE WATCHING FOR THE WINTER RAFFLE WHERE THE PRIZE WILL BE HEATING OIL.

Submitted by: Richard L Graves Sr Post Adjutant

Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 honors local Dirigo Girls State participants.



Chairperson(s) Janet Kluj and Cathy Graves honored Girl State participants:



Morgan Hall (shown in 1st Photo) and Sara Lemik of Penquis Valley High School were presented with the American Legion Auxiliary Good Citizenship Citation. Both young ladies spoke before a crowd during a dinner meeting on how well they enjoyed the Girls State Program and the new friends they made while attending and participating in the various portions of the program. Mr. Russ Carey of Penquis Valley High School was present and spoke on how appreciative he was that the Auxiliary and Post for sponsoring this annual program. He is already working on getting participants for this coming year.

Commander Lee Leeman of Joseph P. Chaisson Post 41 honors Adjutant with Meritorious Service Award.



Richard L Graves Sr of Post 41 is awarded this citation in recognition of his many years of service to the American Legion. He was a key player several years ago when actions needed to be taken to revitalize our post. As Adjutant for many years, he continues to ensure that administrative tasks and post business are completed expeditiously. He is the man behind the scenes who keeps everything on track. He is always there when projects are completed. He especially exceeded expectations when he was present for all twelve days of the post outdoor sign repainting project. He also logged many miles on his vehicle to transport the sign to insure it got repainted. If our post awarded legionnaire of the year, Dick Graves would be the first comrade selected.



A MILITARY MOMENT

By Richard L Graves Sr.

Admiral William Halsey's Funeral

Shortly after August 20th, 1959 Fleet Admiral William Halsey's funeral was held in Washington D.C. It was the largest funeral I had participated in while a member of the Air Force Honor Guard. Our entire squadron marched, along with all the branches of service, the marching sequence according to when each service came into being; thus Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force. We had formed up at the entrance to Arlington Cemetery. The funeral procession strung all the way from the entrance to Washington D.C.

The march was longer than usual and a lot of incline into the cemetery. We had been standing in place over an hour before the procession arrived. Did I mention that it was August in Washington D.C.? Our uniform was full dress with blouse, long sleeve shirt held tightly together with a ceremonial belt and carrying a rifle. The heat just added another obstacle to overcome. Just placing the service branches onto the march route took some time to accomplish due to the size of each marching unit.

As we were about half way into the cemetery route going uphill, one of the Marines ahead of us had passed out, and as we approached a Marine platoon sergeant had run to the fallen marine, picked up his rifle in one hand and grabbed the marine by the collar of his dress blues, literally dragging him from the road into some nearby bushes so he couldn't be seen by the passing motorcade that was coming behind us.

In all the time I spent with the Honor Guard, we never had anyone pass out. We did suffer a lot of cold and heat. There were times when I would feel like sitting down, but pride kept us going.

In Memoriam

Beatrice M Bryer

June 03, 1920 - October 06, 2009 MILO - Beatrice M. Bryer, 89, wife of the late Edwin W. Bryer, died Oct. 6, 2009, at a Howland health care facility. She was born June 3, 1920, in Medford Center, the daughter of Fred and Alice (Heal) Russell. Throughout the years Mrs. Bryer had worked at Hathaway Shirt Co. and Dexter Shoe Co. She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin; and her daughter, Maxine Bryer. She is survived by four sons, Gary and Ginny Bryer of Edinburgh, Sheldon and Janet Bryer of Woodstock, Conn., Douglas and JoAnne Bryer of Fabyan, Conn., and James and Eloise Bryer of Milo; four daughters, Judith Morse and Jake Fox of Danielson, Conn., Alice and Ticker Springer of Passadumkeag, Tina and Gordon Chase of Milo and Roberta and James Johnston of Sebec; 22 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to call 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at United Baptist Church, Milo, with the Rev. Phil McLaughlin officiating. Burial will be in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Baptist Church, 8 Pleasant St.,

Milo, ME 04463. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Hobnobbers Pub is pleased our business hours.



We will be open from 11 AM to 8 PM from Wednesday thru Sunday. We have a lunch menu, but all of our items will be available at any time. We would love to see you.

Call us at 943-5312 for more information!

We are available for parties or meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Brownville Terrific Kids

K- Corbin Cyr 1- Savannah Boislard 2- Jennifer Smart 3-



David Conlogue 4- Caleb Russell 5- Riley Richard 6- Blake Morrison





Peacekeeper of the Week
Cory

The Lady Penquis Patriots defeated the Lady Bangor Christian Patriots 3 to 1 on Thursday afternoon. Patriot sisters # 4 Kendra Hall and # 7 Morgan Hall are anticipating the ball.
Penquis senior #12 Shelby Fowles kicks a hard shot towards a Bangor Christian player.



Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo and Brownville is gearing up for the Christmas Season and we need your help!!

In order to assure that no child in our area goes without warm clothing or a new toy, this holiday we will once again offer our Secret Santa program. We receive names of qualifying children from the schools and then provide the children with appropriate gifts. Please think of us when you are doing your shopping or by making a donation to our Secret Santa Fund. You can also help

by buying a 50/50 Raffle ticket from Laurel Harris!!

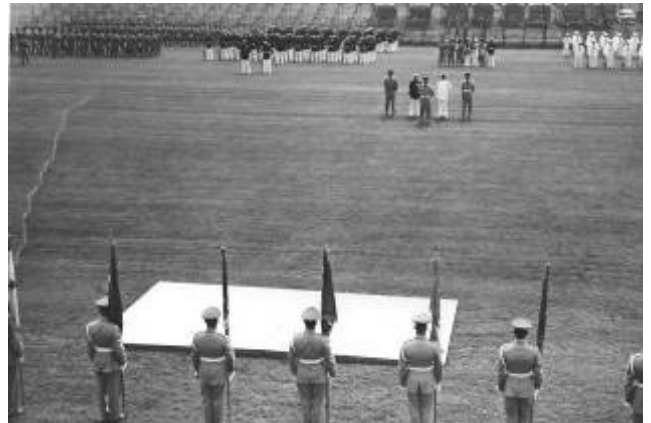
A MILITARY MOMENT

By Richard L Graves Sr.

General Earle E. Partridge retired July 21, 1959. He was a major player for the Army Air Corp during World War II and the newly formed Air Force commanding the Fifth Air Force in Korea.

As a four star general his last assignment was Commander of the North American Air Defense Command. As a member of the United States Air 100th Security Squadron (Air Force Honor Guard) of Bolling Air Force Base, I was honored to be selected as General Partridge's personal flag bearer during his retirement parade on Bolling Air Force Base. My duty assignment was to hold and handle the four star flag during the ceremony, standing directly behind General Partridge at the reviewing stand. The reviewing party consisted of James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force, General Nathan Twining, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff and General Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of staff.

The parade consisted of joint services, Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force Honor Guards, plus the Air Force Drum and Bugle Corp.



That evening a reception was held at the Bolling Air Force Officer's Club and along with other members of the Air Force Honor Guard, we provided valet service for all that attended the reception so we had an opportunity to meet some of these dignitaries up close. Just another military moment to remember.