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Gavigan Protects Homeland



Colonel David W. Gavigan was born in Fall River, Massachusetts in 1938. In 1956 he enlisted in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He graduated from Durfee High School in 1957 and entered Bradford Durfee College of Technology, graduating in 1961. Working his way through college he was employed at the Fall River Herald News, Guimond Farms, and Truesdale Hospital. Graduating from College, he married his wife, Susan, started teaching at Durfee High School, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was activated for the Berlin Crisis in October 1961 and graduated from the U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He returned from active duty and resumed his teaching career at Durfee High School before accepting a position at Silver Lake Regional Junior High School.

In 1972 he was promoted to Major, and in 1973 he was appointed Assistant Principal at Silver Lake Junior High School, a position he held until 1983.

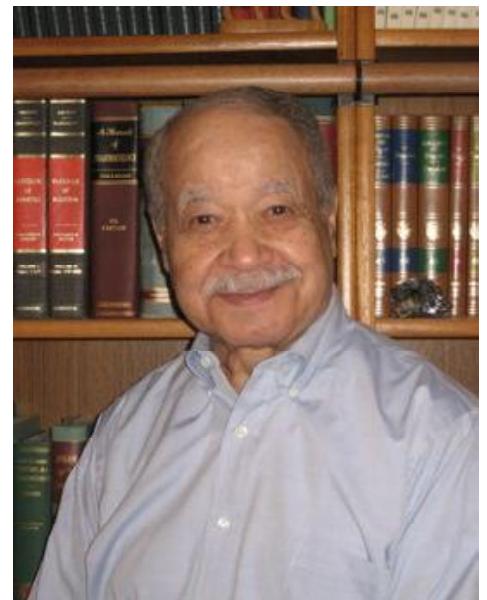
In 1976 he was promoted to Lt. Colonel and assigned Commander of the 685th Military Police Battalion. The Battalion was deployed to Boston to assist Police during the "Blizzard of 78."
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Tompkins Successful Career In Medicine

William D. (Sonny) Tompkins was born in Fall River on September 28, 1921. He was raised in the Globe section and attended the Susan B. Wixon School where he was the Valedictorian for his class graduation. He attended Henry Lord Junior High School for ninth grade and moved on to Durfee where he was elected President of the Sophomore Class. A highlight was solving one of Miss Miles' geometry puzzles that had gone ten years without a solution.

Although enrolled in the college prep courses, he felt that there was little chance that he would be able to attend college. The Great Depression offered few Durfee graduates that opportunity. However, Vice-Principal Herbert Pickup thought he had too much to offer and encouraged him to live up to his abilities and contacted his aunt, who was his legal guardian, to formulate a plan. He received his diploma in 1939.

Driving an eighteen-wheeler and delivering milk for the H.P. Hood Milk Company after graduation, Dr. Tompkins still looked to Mr. Pickup for guidance and enrolled at the South Carolina State College. After one year, he transferred
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Letter from the President

It is with great pleasure that I write my first letter as President of the Durfee Alumni Association. The many fine members of the Executive Board are making my first year as President a pleasure.

I was encouraged a few years ago by Steven A. Camara, the former President, to become active in this Association. With so many options for our free time, I, like so many others, was reluctant to become involved. It is always easier to let someone else do it. Now, I am more involved, and as President, I am finding new challenges as I go. This letter is an example. How many people will read it, and what will they think of me? Next will be the Annual Meeting, with a few words from the President. Not only do I have to write something but I have to address the audience as well.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, this year's will be on Friday, May 23, 2008 in the Nagle Auditorium at B.M.C. Durfee High School with a social hour starting at 6:30 PM and the awards and business meeting commencing at 7:30 PM. We will also be having the annual Alumni Brunch on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at McGovern's Restaurant in Fall River from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. Tickets will be \$18.50 and available from all members of the Executive Board. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at either of these events.

We are graduates of one of the largest high schools in all of New England, but our Alumni Organization is small in comparison to the number of alumni we have. Many of our fellow alumni do not know that we exist. A personal goal for my Presidency is to let people know that we exist and what we have to offer. Each year our association awards many scholarships to graduating seniors. We need to encourage these recipients to become members of this very important association. We can ask them to share their time and talents that their scholarship may have helped them acquire.

Please contact us through our web site at www.durfeealumni.com or mail information to Durfee Alumni Assoc., PO Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720-0011 with address updates, reunion information, etc. I encourage each of you to become involved in any way that you can, no matter how small. If everyone reading this Chimes contacts only one other graduate and encourages them to join the Red & Black, we would grow. Each year our membership ages and it is more difficult to encourage recent graduates to get involved.

Remember you don't have to be "somebody" to get involved, because you already are that "somebody" you are a proud graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School. Hope to see you soon.

Colleen A. Taylor '78
Alumni Association President

Class of 1958

Two Events:

Friday, August 22, 2008

Informal get-together with
finger food at the Elks Lodge
4500 North Main Street
Fall River MA 02720

7 p.m.

50th Class Reunion

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Fall River Country Club
Dinner, dancing and...
4232 North Main Street
Fall River MA 02720

6 - 11 p.m.

Tickets: \$37.50



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2007 Scholarship Recipient List

"Russell L. McIlwaine" and "Harold R. Bannister" to	Bryan P. Archambault
"Class of 1930" and "Catherine Furze Mobouck, Class of 1936" and "Andrew J. Borden" to	Kayla B. Baptiste*
"Class of 1982" and "Ambrose F. Keeley" and "Patrick J. & Margaret Collins Hurley" and "W. Walter Jaffee" to	Caitlin E. Belanger*
"Joseph V. & Mary Donnelly Fund-Class of 1923" and "Clyde & Yvonne Salisbury" and "Gerald J. Harrington" to	Jennifer Lynn Botelho
"Frank S. Feitelburg" to	Eli C. Bigelow
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - M. Norman Zalkind" and "Annie Monk Simmons" and "Helen W. Brown" to	Emily A. Carey
"Brian J. Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship" and "Thomas H. Cahill, Class of 1953" to	Samuel A. Cordeiro
"Kathleen Walsh Memorial Scholarship" and "B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Peter G. Collias, Esq." and "Reynard Thornton" to	Nicholas M. Daddona
"Joseph A Cohen" and "Brian R. Farquhar & Mary Farquhar Irwin Scholarship" to	Allison M. Klamkin
"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Lincoln P. Holmes" and "Alden Wordell Scholarship" to	Paul N. Kozak
"Louise R. Kay & Violet P. Kay Memorial Scholarship" to	Grace E. Lamond
"John J. and Fabiola Moriarty Scholarship" to	Richard A. Laprise, II
"Class of 1940" and "Mildred R. Hawes" and "Mary B. Young" to	Benjamin A. Levesque
"Louise R. Kay & Violet P. Kay Memorial Scholarship" to	Alexandra I. Levitskaya
"The Rae Gitlin Memorial Scholarship" and "Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 & Plummer W. Hadley Scholarship" and "Andrew J. Borden" to	Sadie R. Massoud
"Stephen Nawrocki - Class of 1925" to	Bernard J. McDonald
"John E. Kiley, Jr." and "Class of 1957" and "Margaret L. Brayton, Class of 1901" and "Thomas & Betsey Covell" to	Amber L. Mello
"Class of 1936" to	Alexander J. Menard*
Class of 1888" and Class of 1919" and "David P. Shea" and "George O. Rigby" and "Andrew J. Borden" to	Andrew R. Phenix
"Alumni" and "Class of 1966" to	Voun Phin*
"Dennis Rezendes Scholarship & Ernest F. Potter, Jr. Memorial Scholarship" to	Scott Phuong
"Abraham I. & Harriet G. Yamins" and "Class of 1920" to	Caitlin L. Simmons
"Edith Bottomley" to	Allison R. Sirois*
"Edith Bottomley" to	Rachael J. Sirois*
"Hon. Beatrice H. Mullaney Memorial Scholarship" and "Mary V. McCann & Margaret A Harrington Memorial Scholarship" to	Seth M. Souza
"John J. & Fabiola Moriarty Scholarship" to	Meredith L. Taylor

*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich	'18	1983 Bayless Manning	'40	2001 Lester W. Cory	'56
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly	'13	1984 Phillip Sacknoff	'35	2001 James Chace	'49
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.	'05	1985 James J. Hammond	'26	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq.	'29	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg	'48	2002 James H. Smith	'47
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan	'21	1987 Thomas J. Brown	'42	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53
1966 Myer N. Sobilloff	'24	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg	'24	2003 James F. O'Hearn	'53
1967 Essis Gifford	'02	1989 James Dean	'50	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54
1968 Jerome Namias	'28	1990 William H. Gaudreau	'46	2004 Ernest Moniz	'62
1969 Helen Winward Brown	'03	1991 Marcel P. Joseph	'53	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley	'36
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30	1992 William K. Reilly	'58	2005 Daniel Bogan	'51
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq.	'08	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38	2006 Hon. William C. Carey	'42
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros	'37	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva	'40	2006 John Moriarty	'48
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter ...	'30	1994 William F. Powers	'48	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira	'62
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire	'31	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51	2007 George Duclos	'52
1975 James A. Nannery	'31	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	'51		
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney	'23	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis	'58		
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais	'33	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq.	'49		
1978 Francis L. Gagnani	'36	1998 Mel B. Yoken	'56		
1979 Robert J. Nagle	'28	1998 Faust D. Fiore	'39		
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32	1999 John J. McAvoy	'37		
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington	'54		
1982 Florence C. Brigham	'17	2000 William F. Long, Jr.	'44		
1982 M. Norman Zalkind	'31	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38		

To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.

Do You Remember?



Obviously no one reading this article remembers, but a copy of an invitation to a Durfee High School Alumni Association meeting has recently appeared. On June 4, 1880, an invitation to the fourth Annual Meeting of the Fall River High School Alumni Association was issued by Class of 1849 Secretary, Charles Durfee to Mr. J. C. Truman.

The invitation indicates that all members are invited to a social reunion and will have the opportunity to meet their former teachers. In addition, the invitation requests that for the purpose of defraying expenses each member, (whether attending or not) is requested to forward the sum of twenty-five cents to the Secretary of his or her class.

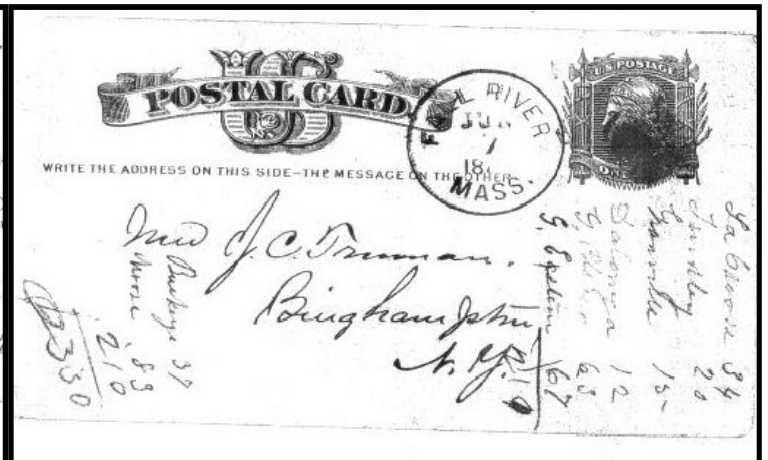
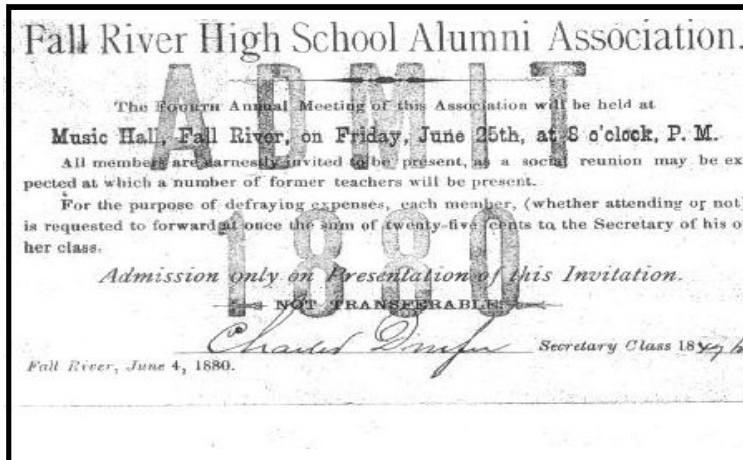
As alumni, we have always claimed to be the oldest active Alumni Association in the country. This invitation verifies the inaugural meeting of the Association was held in 1876. In addition we have proudly claimed to have the largest scholarship fund of any high school in the country with assets of about seven million dollars. From the earnings of this fund, approximately 100 Durfee graduates receive scholarship assistance to attend college each year. The Trustees of the Alumni Association administer this fund.

The current Fall River School Department was established in 1849. It was a free public school system and went to the level of a second grammar school. Within the same year because of the rapid growth of population the community demanded that free education of a higher level be provided. In April of 1849, a vote to operate a high school carried and fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated for the project.

Soon a school was opened on Franklin Street. The rent was \$80 per year. As the high school population grew two new branches were opened, one on June Street and a second on Fourth Street. It wasn't long before the high

school outgrew both branches. A School committee report states it was at this time that Durfee High School as we became to know it evolved. Mrs. Mary B Young made a presentation to the City Council on February 5 1883. She offered to erect and furnish a high school in Fall River in memory of her son. It was to be built on Rock Street.

Durfee High School, as we know it today, was dedicated on June 15 1887, which is the birth date of Bradford Matthew Chaloner Durfee. He was twenty nine years old when he died. The Durfee chimes tolled twenty nine times each morning in his memory.



Hall of Fame inducts , five new members

by George Darmody '56

The Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame greeted five new members during induction ceremonies May 4, 2007 at the Venus de Milo restaurant in Swansea.

The 1971 Massachusetts State championship baseball team also was welcomed into the Hall of Fame and a special tribute was given to Peter G. Collias (1949), a founding member who resigned from the Hall of Fame Committee this year.

Hall of Fame members inducted were: Bruce Santerre, Class of 1966: Bob Kelly '75, Tim Griffin '84, Cindy Mello '86 and Tom D'Ambrosio '87.

Chairman Bob Hargraves served as Master of Ceremonies and the Rev. Jay Maddock gave the invocation and benediction. A moment of silence was observed for all past Hall of Fame members and victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy earlier in 2007.

Hargraves opened the program by expressing the Hall of Fame's gratitude to Collias, who had been instrumental in its operation since inception.

The five new inductees highlighted the festivities and each was introduced by a committee member and received plaques and watches designed with the face of Durfee High School. Santerre, introduced by George Darmody, was an all-state pitcher, who compiled a 16-4 record in three baseball seasons. Santerre praised his teammates and coaches for the support he received during his Durfee tenure.

Bruce was a force in each of his seasons on the Durfee hill, striking out 19 as a sophomore against Fairhaven, finishing with 116 K's in his junior year and hurling a brilliant one-hitter vs. Stang as a senior. He was a two-time All-Bristol County all-star.

Kelly, presented by Al Attar, made his

mark on the baseball diamond, batting a robust .500 during his senior season after leading the Hilltoppers with a .437 mark as a junior. Kelly also had high praise for his coaches and teammates. Kelly, an outfielder, led Durfee in home runs and triples as a senior, posted a 2-1 pitching record and was named to All-Scholastic teams in his final two years. Bob also played basketball. Tom Burns introduced Griffin, who excelled in football and track at Durfee where he was presented the Don Trevisano Memorial Trophy as the Hilltoppers best lineman in 1983. Griffin also thanked his teammates and coaches for his success.

Griffin was an All-Boston Globe defensive team selection and a two-year All-Herald News Scholastic team choice on the gridiron and qualified for state competition in both the shotput and high jump in track.

Mello, an all-state performer who was named to the All-Boston Globe and Boston Herald teams, was introduced by Nancy Stanton. Terming her selection into the Hall of Fame an honor, Mello was high in her praise of her coaches and teammates.

Mello was a co-Female Athlete of the Year at Durfee in 1986, captain and the most valuable player on the softball team, captain of the field hockey squad and a two-year starter on the basketball team. In softball, Cindy never batted lower than .375 in her three-year career and had a .537 average as a senior.

Tom "Skip" Karam introduced D'Ambrosio, a four-year varsity player for Karam who scored more than 1,000 points. D'Ambrosio reviewed his years at Durfee as an exciting time and praised his coaches and teammates for their support. Tom still holds the free throw percentage record for the

Hilltoppers of 91 percent (52-for-57). Ray Medeiros introduced the 1971 Massachusetts State championship baseball team, which compiled a 20-3 record. The team also won the Eastern Massachusetts and Bristol County League titles under the tutelage of their late coach Joe "Skip" Lewis.

Another Durfee Tradition.....

The Over The Hill Gang

Back in the mid 30's a group of ex - Durfee athletes thought it would be a good idea to meet regularly after graduation. They decided to call themselves The Over The Hill Gang. The plan was to meet every two months for lunch and celebrate special occasions such as birthdays. It was a way of not losing contact with each other and would also give them the opportunity to enjoy the special bond that exists between those who attended Durfee and especially those who participated in athletics. The original organizers were Hank Harrington, Ray Greeley and Clem Dowling. Over the years the membership grew as more "over the hill" graduates, not necessarily athletes, joined. The get togethers are now in their 75th year and total 650 members.

The list has expanded to include graduates of local schools other than Durfee-business owners, elected officials doctors, judges and the list goes on. If you are "over the hill" and would like to join, call Lionel Morais at 508-672-7634 or email at elainespts@aol.com.

Not to be outdone, the women formed the Classy Ladies in the mid 70's. Their list has grown to about 175 members. Information about this meeting is available through Lionel.

There is no membership fee for either group. All that is needed is to place your name on the call list to be notified.



Enjoying a recent Southern Reunion were the following members of the Class of 1954. The nine classmates represented the largest gathering of any class. Left to right: Dorothy Floyd Masse, Dick Masse, Joyce Chandonais Melanson, Steve Nawrocki, Maureen Walsh Sullivan, Marg Enos Couri, Tom Perry, Len Alves, and Major Wheelock

We are sure many of you are aware of or have attended the Southern Reunion held in Florida each spring. By the time you read this, the 33rd Reunion will have been held. Perhaps a little history about this event will encourage you to include it on your social calendar for next year.

Members of the Class of 1923 started the Southern Reunion in 1975, shortly after their 50th Reunion, and at a time in their lives when many were wintering in Florida. Dr. Frank Chase and Judge Beatrice Hancock Mullaney were instrumental in its development. Originally it was held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach on March 3, 1979. A report of the first meeting indicated that there were 128 present. A vote was taken to hold future reunions on the first Saturday in March and to expect each person attending to contribute one dollar toward a scholarship.

As time went on the annual reunion was held in various places outside of Palm Beach which included Lake Wales, Naples, Clewiston, and now, in Bonita Springs. Thelma Buote, class of 1944,

was Chairperson for many years and first brought the event to the west coast of Florida.

The Reunion has successfully continued over the years. Attendance declined for a while but has increased in recent years under the direction of Major Wheelock, Class of 1954. As of this date almost \$45,000 dollars have been contributed to the Durfee High School Alumni Association Scholarship fund. Atty Peter Collias, Class of 1949, administers this fund.

The committee that organizes the Reunion includes the following members:

Janice Phillips Fiedler '49 and her husband Robert,
George Levesque '49 and his wife Barbara,
Dan Ready '49 and his wife Dorothy
Normand Michaud '48 and companion Dona Rodgers,
Leonora Mello Carreiro '56, Major Wheelock '54 and Jean Medeiros Enos '56.

Anyone living in Florida in the winter and would like to help is welcome to

join the committee.

Additional information can be received from:

Major Wheelock
9131 Las Maderas Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
239-948-8032

wheelock62@cs.com

We encourage you to mark your calendars on the first Saturday of March each year and join the fun. It's a great time to renew old friendships.

Red and Black Brunch McGovern's Restaurant

May 18, 2008

10:00AM-12:30PM

\$18.50

Distinguished Alumnus

As you know from reading the Chimes, each year the Alumni Association honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in some manner in their professional life. We are looking for nominations from our Alumni regarding someone you consider as having excelled in their profession. Surely you know someone who has achieved success in Business, Education, Religion, Social Services, Law, Government or any other profession that has made a positive contribution to society.

Fill out the nomination form in the back of this paper and send your nomination to the Durfee Alumni Association. The committee meets yearly to review these nominations and to choose a recipient. The nominee must be a person that graduated prior to 1973.

Gavigan, '07 nominee FROM PAGE ONE

Colonel Gavigan commanded all military police forces in the City working closely with Commissioner Joseph Jordan. His Battalion assisted with crowd control for the Boston Marathon and he worked for almost twenty years with David Mugar at the 4th of July on the Esplanade, in Boston.

In 1979 the 685th Military Police Battalion was deployed to assist with crowd control during the Papal Visit. Deploying almost 500 military police officers to assist with security he received a Letter of Commendation from the late Cardinal Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston.

In 1983 Gavigan left his position in public education and was appointed Assistant Adjutant General of the Massachusetts Army National Guard and promoted to Colonel.

He was appointed the Liaison Officer to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in Framingham a position he held for approximately twenty years. In 1987, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and was appointed to the White House Conference for a Drug Free America. He has attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government for Senior Executives at Harvard University and received a certificate of training in "Terrorism" from the California Specialized Training Institute, San Luis Obispo, California. He has been an instructor for the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, teaching law enforcement officers from communities throughout Massachusetts.

He has provided security for Queen Elizabeth, Pope Paul, Arthur Fiedler, John Williams, Pavarotti, Keith Lockhart, and other dignitaries who visited Massachusetts. He was associated with the Boston Marathon for twenty years working closely with Boston Police and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety.

Colonel Gavigan has responded to major coastal storms, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, flooding, the Taunton Dam Incident, and major winter storms. In 2001 he responded with Sheriff Hodgson to "Ground Zero" where they worked closely with New York City Police and Fire, and several federal agencies.

Working as a consultant for the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, he currently advises on school situations and assists first responders with exercise design and implementation.

He is the on-call safety and security advisor for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and has presented several programs for both the MIAA and the Massachusetts Secondary Principals Association.

He served on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, and is the Chairman of the Kingston Educational Committee that awards scholarships to high school seniors.

He is a past president of the National Guard Association of Massachusetts, The Association of the United States Army, Massachusetts Bay Chapter, and the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Board 54. He is a life member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and National Education Association.

He currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts State Employees' Credit Union and is the Homeland Security Advisor for Journal of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security International.

He has held positions as Adjutant Professor at Northeastern University, Roger Williams University, and Anna Maria College. He was an instructor in terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Colonel Gavigan received his Bach-

elors Degree from University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, his Master's Degree from Bridgewater State College, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Northeastern Massachusetts.

His Military awards in addition to the three Army Commendation Medals include; the Legion of Merit, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army National Defense Service Medal, Army Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Massachusetts Service Medal, Massachusetts Emergency Service Ribbon, and Massachusetts Humanitarian Unit Citation.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Artillery and Missile School, U.S. Army Intelligence School, U.S. Army Special Forces Terrorism Instructor School, U.S. Army Chemical and Biological School, U.S. Army Military Police School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

The Colonel currently lives with his wife Susan and has four adult children, David Jr., Mary, Anne, and Caroline. He has six grand-children.

Durfee Bells
Preservation Society
Commemorative Brick
Available in two sizes:
4" x 8" Brick - \$100
8" x 8" Brick - \$250
contact:
lcory@umasd.edu
for more information

Ranger School Reunion - Attracts 150 Former Students

Last September, more than 150 Ranger School Alumni and several former teachers attended a 50-year anniversary brunch at Barcello's Restaurant in Tiverton followed by a tour of the 65-year-old school. Ranger School in Tiverton was built in 1931 at a time when Tiverton had no high school and Tiverton students mostly went on to Henry Lord in Fall River for 9th grade and then to Durfee High School for grades 10 through 12. The alumni reunion was for all those who attended Ranger school in the 26 years prior to 1957.

Although official records are no longer available, the reunion committee was able to list the names of

nearly 700 former students representing 205 different families. Of these, 235 are deceased but more than 300 still reside in the local area.

The committee distributed copies of a 'yearbook' listing former addresses and current contact information including more than 200 addresses and phone numbers. Each person who attended was also given a limited edition Ranger School coffee mug featuring a full color photo of the school.

A highlight of the reunion was the presentation of a grammar school diploma to 91 year old Mary Frazier St. Amour who missed graduating with her 1931 class because she left school in the spring of that year to care for her ailing mother and

to become the mother figure for her 9 younger siblings. Her daughter, Gloria and granddaughter, Renee was present for the presentation.

The former teachers who attended the event were Adam Imbriglio, Margaret Corbett Williamson and Gertrude Cain. The reunion committee included Del Raposa Arruda, Hazel Manchester Carr, Les Cory, Hazel Langton Costa, Claudia Brandao Dunbar, June Manchester Parks, George Potter and Donald Wilbur.

For information concerning the planned 2009 reunion please call Les Cory 401-624-3478 or email

LCory@UMassd.edu

Les Cory '56

Annual Meeting

May 23, 2008

7:30 PM

Nagle Auditorium

Refreshments

6:30 PM

Red and Black Brunch
McGovern's Restaurant

May 18, 2008

10:00AM-12:30PM

\$18.50

Class of 1978

30th Reunion

Saturday, July 19, 2008

Fall River Country Club

contact: catrate5@aol.com

for more information

Tompkins, '07 nominee FROM PAGE ONE

to the University of Michigan, crediting Mr. Pickup's intervention in making that transfer possible. His stay at Michigan lasted one and one half years, when he was called into service during World War II. He volunteered for service in the Army Air Forces and was sent to Tuskegee University, where he became a Lieutenant, trained as a Pilot, Flight Leader and Instructor. He was a member of the very famous Tuskegee Men. The Tuskegee Men were all Black Squadrons, the first in the nation's history. Most of his missions were flown over Italy and Germany and these men proved to

be some of the best pilots in the U.S. Army Air Force and the Bomber Escorts. The Tuskegee Airmen were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal for their service and were sighted for not losing any bombers in over 200 missions. Returning to civilian life, he returned to the University of Michigan, where he completed his studies leading to a degree in Biology. He attended Tufts University Medical School for the next four years and spent an additional seven years training at Boston City Hospital. He became a surgical resident, including Chief Resident, of the Boston University 3rd Surgical Service. He followed that with one year as a Research Fellow and two more years

as a Thoracic Surgical Resident. He was affiliated with Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett, Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital in Boston, Faulkner Hospital, Longwood Hospital, Boston City Hospital and the Santa Maria Hospital in Cambridge. He was a member of the Massachusetts, Middlesex and the Everett Medical Societies as well as a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He is very thankful to all his friends who have made being named a Distinguished Alumnus of Durfee High School possible. It is a great honor.

2008- 2009 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2008 to be considered by the 2008 Selection Board.

Name of nominee: _____ Year Of Graduation: (1973 or earlier) _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Person Making Nomination: _____

Address: _____

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Are you a member of the Association? _____ Is the Nominee a Member? _____

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Radiant beacon clear.

God preserve for Alma Mater,
Standards staunch and true.
High aloft we'll lift her banner
Bright with Durfee's hue.

Love and praise we render ever,
Voices raised on high.
Loud we sing of Durfee's glory,
To the earth and sky.