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Events in May

May 03: Kentucky Derby
 May 11, Mother's Day
 May 17: Armed Forces Day
 May 26: Memorial Day

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Greetings fellow Brats! This month's issue contains the following: pages 2 to 6 provides info about the October reunion in Seattle; a dedication to DoDDs-Pacific director Dr. Edward C. Killin by former principal Douglass Spaulding, is on page 6; Ed Weise (63) provides a quote by Henry Kissinger on page 6; Ed Weise submitted a story on page 7 - also on this page is a link to the story of Yokohama Mary, another link to a Geisha, and a third link to an article about why Japanese houses are empty. Also included on this page is a list of events in Japan in the month of May; on pages 8 & 9 is an account by Donn Miller (57) of his experiences in Yokohama, Camp Zama, Yamashita Park, and Area 1; on page 10 this month's featured faculty biography is of Douglas Spaulding who served as teacher, vice-principal and principal of Yo-Hi and his later role working on the staff of the DoDDs Pacific headquarters in Okinawa; on page 11 is a summary of the deceased students from the class of 1955; and lastly, and the last page has two stories.



Bob Bonn (65)



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2025 YO-HI FSA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Use this form if paying by Check, Zelle, or PayPal

Please submit a separate Registration Form for each person attending

Venue: Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport, 18118 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98188

Dates: Oct 3 -5, 2025

Reunion Schedule

Friday, Oct 3: Meet & Greet Cocktail Reception

Saturday, Oct 4: Group Breakfast

Sunday, Oct 5: Seated Banquet Dinner

(Online Hotel Reservations) <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RP20Y9>



Registration Fee

- ☐ Registration Fee covers Friday Cocktail Reception, Saturday Group Breakfast, Sunday Banquet Dinner, Cash Bar Service, Hospitality Suite, Reunion materials & incidentals, etc.
- ☐ Early-bird Fee by **August 31** = \$150/person
- ☐ Full Fee starting **September 1** = \$160/person
- ☐ Discount for Members of the 1965 (60th) & 1975 (50th) Milestone Classes (*Early-bird = \$140/person then Full Fee = \$150/person*)
- ☐ Can't make the entire reunion? Day Rates: Friday **\$45**, Saturday **\$45**, Sunday **\$75**
- ☐ Registration closes on **September 20**.
- ☐ If cancellation should be necessary, full refund up to **September 25**.
- ☐ *Payment by: Zelle (yohi.fsa@gmail.com), PayPal (@yohifsa) (choose friends and family = NO FEES) or check made payable to YoHi FSA. If you would like to pay via credit card please go to the online registration link: <https://2025-yohi-seattle-reunion.cheddarup.com>*
- ☐ If paying by Zelle or PayPal email this form to yohi.fsa@gmail.com

Hotel Accommodations

- ☐ Make room reservations directly with the Radisson Hotel.
- ☐ Negotiated group rate: \$169/night plus tax & fees (about \$192.13 total)
- ☐ Hotel reservation link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RP20Y9>
- ☐ Or call the Radisson at 206-244-6666 and ask for the YoHi FSA reunion rate.
- ☐ On-site parking is complimentary for guests.

Questions? Contact Alan Werner ('62) at aawerner@comcast.net or call (425) 255-6578
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First: _____ Last: _____ Maiden: _____

Preferred Name On Your Name Tag: _____

Alumnus (attended or graduated from YoHi) Yes: ☐ No: ☐ Graduation Year: _____

If NOT Alumnus (Check one): Spouse: ☐ Guest: ☐ or FSA Friend: ☐

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail the completed Registration Form and Check to:

Mary Jessee
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Ste 4 PMB 138
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Yo-Hi Seattle Reunion October 3 – 5, 2025



The Emerald City awaits you! There are so many sites and attractions to choose from and it is difficult to narrow down, but the following website will allow all of us to find what we are looking for.

Weblink to Seattle sites:

<https://www.viator.com/Seattle/d704?m=33953&supag=1236951585182427&supsc=dat-2329109225372500&supai=77309605168909&supdv=c&supnt=nt:o&suplp=67622&supli=67560&supti=dat-2329109225372500&tsem=true&supci=dat-2329109225372500&supkw=seattle%20top%20attractions&msclkid=3b12fa83ca131da991e49d1d5e469fd4>

My personal favorites are the Seattle waterfront, Space Needle, Pike place market, Museum of flight, Chihuly Glass Museum and the music of pop culture.

Here are the direct links to those:

<https://www.spaceneedle.com>

<https://www.pikeplacemarket.org>

<https://www.museumofflight.org>

<https://www.chihuly.com>

<https://www.mopop.org>

FRIDAY

- 5:00 – 9:00 Meet and Greet in the Shaw Room with refreshments and cash bar
- Wear your favorite YO-HI T Shirt
- Share YO-HI Memorabilia
- Do you have a “Nickname”?

SATURDAY

- 8:00 – 10:00 Group Breakfast in the Shaw Room
- 10:00 – 5:00 Hospitality Room, location TBD
- 9:00 – 4:00 Games, location TBD
- Individual or group activities
- 1:30 Gather in the Lobby to travel to the Museum of Flight
- 2:00 Free tour of the Museum of Flight
- Individual or group dinners, non-organized

SUNDAY

- Individual or group activities
- 10:00 – 5:00 Hospitality Room, location TBD
- 9:00 – 4:00 Games, location TBD
- 9:00 – 4:00 Games, location TBD
- 7:00 -10:00 Banquet in the Ball Room

Host Hotel

Radisson Seattle Airport
18118 International Blvd.,
Seattle, WA 98188
206-244-6666



Restaurants near the Hotel

- Thirteen Coins, 2 minutes walking south
- Denny's. ½ mile north
- Sharps RoadHouse, ½ mile south
- Several restaurants at Westfield's South Center by free shuttle



Seattle Reunion Commitments

Class of 59 #2 Reunion in San Antonio

As of April 30, 2025

1. Jill Hernandez.....Guest
2. Jim Jessee.....Guest
3. Ann Werner.....Guest
4. Barbara Steele.....Guest
5. Joe Rhodes.....Guest
6. Pat Debban.....Guest
7. Cheron Rhodes.....1961
8. Francis Hernandez.....1962
9. Alan Werne.....1962
10. Ed Weis.....1963
11. Rick Hernandez.....1964
12. Darleen Haynes.....1964
13. Mike Pannek.....1965
14. Susan Wiesner.....1969
15. Kathy Shuler.....1971
16. Mark Steele.....1976
17. Dean Hennings.....1976
18. William Harford.....1977
19. Mark Hornung.....1978
20. Faith Young.....1979
21. Sandy Streeter.....1979
22. Missy Howard.....1982
23. Mary Prinz.....1982
24. Susie Wyckoff.....1983
25. Larry Putong.....1983
26. Carolyn Leake.....1984
27. Sonya Okamoto.....1984
28. Pam Okamoto.....1985
29. Lisa Prevost.....1986





**WELCOME TO SEATTLE 2025 YO-HI INDOOR SPORTS CHALLENGE.
WHAT IS AN INDOOR CHALLENGE? JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND FIND OUT.
DESIGNED FOR CLASSMATES. FRIENDS, FUN AND LAUGHTER.**

GOAL: BRING YOUR BEST "A GAME"

OBJECTIVE: SCORE AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE

**FORMAT: TEAM OF TWO WILL CHALLENGE OTHER TEAMS
OF TWO: GET YOUR PARTNER**

SCORE CARDS: WILL BE PROVIDED, TOTAL YOUR SCORES



GAMES: CORNHOLE CAN'T EAT THE CORN

DARTS: BOARD SO BIG YOU CAN'T BE MISSED

PUTTING GREEN: EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: GET YOUR HOLE-IN-ONE

TARGET GOLF: EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: HIT THE SAND TRAP

LADDER BALL: SWING LIKE A BOOMERANG: IT WON'T COME BACK

PING PONG TABLE ROLLER BALL: ROLL BALL INTO THE CUPS

FLICKIN' CHICKENS: WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

ON TOP: DON'T MISS YOUR TOSS YOU WILL LOSE EXTRA POINTS

PRIZES: SURPRIZE PRIZES FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE TEAMS

"SCORING PER GAME'S WILL BE ISSUED ON SITE"



Seattle Museum of Flight

Alan Werner, Co-Host, is a Docent at the Museum of Flight, about seven miles from the hotel where reunion attendees will be staying. He is offering a free, guided tour of the museum at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The museum has seven galleries with nearly 150 aircraft and space equipment. On a ranking of aviation museums, the Museum of Flight is number 5 and the highest-ranked private museum. There should be something for all who come. A sign-up sheet will be in the hospitality room for those who can provide carpool transportation and for those who want transportation."



Comment by Joe Ross (71)

"Weren't we lucky to spend some time over there? and especially back in the day before Japan got so westernized! Think of those interesting and exotic things that we experienced that are no longer there."

Dedication to the DoDDS Director

Dr. Edward C. Killin led DoDDS-Pacific from 1972 to 1986. Under his direction the programs of our schools became the student-centered. He believed that if better educational opportunities were provided at the classroom level then students would have a better Learning environment and a better opportunity to develop their abilities. These improvements included lower pupil-teacher ratio, art, music, and physical education specialists, fully Staffed special education Festivals, programs, Far East Tournaments, Symposiums, and English as a Second Language programs. The improvements covered every aspect of education. SUN was one of those improvements. For twelve years it has student creative work Published the best of from DoDDS-Pacific. a 11 schools in edition,

SUN It is only fitting that this XII, published in the year of Dr. Killin's retirement, should be dedicated to the leader who worked for educational opportunities in our schools for our students.

DOUGLAS M. SPAULDING
Chief, Education Division DoDDS-Pacific,
Okinawa

Sent by Ed Weise (63)

On Artificial Intelligence

"You ask a question & you get an answer. And you believe this answer even though you have no idea what the process is by which the answer is produced and how the computer acquires its knowledge.

"Once these machines can communicate with each other, which will certainly happen within five years, then it becomes almost a species problem of whether the human species can retain its individuality in face of this competition that it itself has created.

This is a profound problem: we are dealing with a genuinely different intelligence."

Henry Kissinger, October 9, 2023
(100 years old. May 27, 1923 -
November 29, 2023)

Story Submitted by Ed Weise

After having dug to a depth of 100 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and concluded that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, a Pennsylvania archaeologist dug to a depth of 200 feet and, shortly after, a story in the Wall Street Journal read: "Pennsylvania archaeologists discovered a 200-year-old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network one hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

A week later, a local newspaper in Texas reported the following:

"Self-taught archaeologist Jimmy Wayne Bubba read the articles about New York and Pennsylvania and decided to do some research in his own pasture near Lubbock. He got a backhoe and a front-end loader he went to work, digging as deep as 300 feet. Jimmy Wayne reports that he found absolutely no signs of wire and has therefore concluded that 300 years ago Texas had already gone wireless."

The Story of Yokohama Mary

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8ALVxzYVvKU&sfnsn=mo>



The Eloquence of the Geisha

This is an Oiran Dochu, a performance that re-enacts how the Oiran, or Japanese courtesans, used to parade around the red-light district as part of a procession. These displays were used to greet important customers upon their **#花魁**
#花魁道中

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1719396295648220>

Why Japanese Houses Are Empty

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/886057550239823>

Me (Bob Bonn) & my Sister Randy on the stoop of our house in Kamakura in 1956



Japanese Events in May 2025

- 1. Heijō-kyō Tenpyō Festival:** Celebrating the days when Nara was the capital of Japan, this event recreates life at the time.
- 2. Yabusame Shinji:** A horseback archery display between the trees, this is an impressive feat of skill on show in Kyoto once a year.
- 3. Hakata Dontaku Festival:** Held in Fukuoka on May 3 and 4 each year, the Dontaku Festival is one of the most widely attended festivals in Japan and is said to be the most popular held during the Golden Week holiday.
- 4. Naha Hari Dragon Boat Races:** A celebration of Okinawa's rich nautical history at the Naha Hari, or dragon boat races.
- 5. Kamo Kurabeuma Horse Racing Ritual:** Experience the thrill of ancient horse races and sacred rituals at Kyoto's Kamo Kurabeuma, where tradition and excitement gallop side by side.
- 6. Shinkawa Market Festival:** Coinciding with the annual Golden Week holidays, the Shinkawa Market Festival in the city of Ube, is a celebration of the traditions of the area.

Yokohama and Camp Zama Japan 1955 - 1958 Yamashita Park and Area 1 By Donn Miller (57)

Upon arrival in Japan, we first lived in beautiful Yamashita Park which was situated on Tokyo Bay. I used to play some football with the kids in the neighborhood and one day, the football went over the fence into the Tokyo bay. I climbed over the fence and swam to get the football. Across the street from Yamashita Park was the New Grand Hotel where I got my first haircut there. General McArthur stayed at the New Grand Hotel when he first came to Japan. We had a great maid - Reiko-san who gave me the ceramic seven lucky gods as a Christmas present, which we later gave to our daughter Molly. Going to school at Yo-Hi was fun. Yo-Hi had a great football team and we played Japanese colleges. We played Narimasu - the American School in Tokyo - two out of three games for the all-Japan championship which we won both years when I was there. We also had a great basketball team which was undefeated all year until the final game of the year in Far East Tournament which we lost by 2 points. I was too late to play football the first year, but the second year I did play 2nd string linebacker and center. I was too small to be playing football. Injured my shoulder playing football and later had an operation on it.

My brother George and I used to visit pachinko parlors which have vertical pinball machines. After we won some little steely balls instead of turning them in for lousy prizes, we took them home. We shared a bedroom with beds on either side. We put pillows as shields and threw the balls at each other. This caused some damage to the walls behind us, so Dad did a lot of talking during the house inspection when we moved from Yamashita Park to Area 1. We moved from Yamashita Park to Area 1 for two reasons. First, it was very convenient right next to the high school. Second, my mother did not wish to chaperone kids on the school buses.

My favorite activity was being at the Neet Nac Club (canteen spelled backward). Dues were 25 cents a month and we had a live band once a month. It was divided into three sections. One was a snack bar where one could order hamburgers, french fries, etc. The second, larger portion had a dance floor, a free jukebox, and booths for people to sit and converse. The third section had a ping pong and pool tables. It was close to the high school, so many students would walk there for lunch. It was open everyday of the year except for Christmas and Thanksgiving. They always had an adult chaperone on duty, so it was a wonderful safe place for teenagers to hang out. I had an allowance of \$15 per month to pay for my lunches. What was interesting is

that we did not use normal US currency. We used Military Payment Certificates (MPCs). MPCs were all in paper and went from 5 cents up to \$10 dollar bills. When my Dad got paid, he received a large stack of \$10 bills in MPC. Now and then they would change the type of MPC, so all had to be turned in and replaced. This was to prevent improper black-market use of MPCs/currency. Examples of MPCs can be found in the museum at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington DC.

My junior year I started individual dating for the first time. I took Pat Fremon to a sock hop at the Neet Nac Club. When I arrived to pick her up, I was told she was taking a bath. Turns out I was an hour early. Later she visited me during Plebe Christmas at West Point where she dumped me because I was not a good listener. She also dated the Yo-Hi basketball star "Pinky Hart" who she also dumped. Although we could not drive in Japan, the army provided buses on a regular schedule. We could take taxicabs almost anywhere very cheaply - so driving was not a problem.

My junior year was my best year in high school. Not only did I start dating but also did well in school. For the first time I got an A in English and was one of three Juniors who were admitted to the National Honor Society. The reason I got in was because I took physics as a junior so many in the senior class knew me and I was one of the favorites of Mrs. Grimes - the English teacher.

Bowling was a key activity for me and many at Yo-Hi. We had a teenage bowling league which occurred every Saturday morning. One time after the bowling league ended, I took responsibility and started up the bowling league again. My mother was president of the women's cub and donated trophies for the league. I organized bowling competitions with the high school kids from Camp Zama/Sagamihara and Narimasu (Tokyo) we won all competitions. Bob Payne (died 2015) and I were the best bowlers on the Yokohama team. Bob's younger Dick has attended many reunions. Later at West Point, I started a bowling club but will cover that later. The bowling alley was right next to the Neet Nac Club in a shopping plaza which had the Bill Chickering theater, commissary, PX, snack bar, etc. Sometimes we would go to the naval base at Yokosuka, where we could bowl for free if we set our own pins. Bowling was a good math exercise where we had to keep score by hand. *Continued next page*

Yokohama and Camp Zama Japan 1955 - 1958 Yamashita Park and Area 1

Also, in the leagues you had to add the numbers horizontally and vertical to make sure the numbers were correct. That skill has been lost today as the bowling alleys calculate the scores automatically. There were a lot of places high school kids could get into trouble in Yokohama such as prostitutes, drugs, etc. The Neet Nac Club and bowling activities kept a lot of high school kids busy and out of trouble. I did not like Christmas and Thanksgiving because the Neet Nac Club was closed on those days.

Two of my best friends in Japan were Betty Woodrow (later married Tom Adcock - USMA class of 1957), and John Killen (died massive heart attack in 2014). Betty and John both lived at Fuchinobe, a post close to Sagami-hara. Both their parents were Ordnance Officers, so they knew my parents. There was a great NCO club in Yokohama where they had steak nights for \$1.00 each. One time I took Betty and John there and afterward a very nice person dropped us off at the Neet-Nac club afterwards. I saw John and his wife Ollie at the Nashville, Yo-Hi reunion. I used to arm wrestle with John quite a bit. My arm got a lot stronger. One time while attending a Yo-Hi basketball tournament we armed wrestled over a trophy case and broke the glass. Fortunately, neither of us got hurt (or cut). My other best friend was Dave Knox. He spent one evening with me in Sagami-hara when my parents were gone. We got into my parents' liquor cabinet. We both got quite drunk on five-star Scotch and ended throwing up in the bathroom. Our maid - Mekiko-san cleaned everything up the next morning and my parents never found out about it until years later when I told them. I have enjoyed seeing Dave at many Yo-Hi reunions.

I was in the sea scouts in Benicia and there was a sea scout troop in Tokyo. John Hosford and I would take the train to Tokyo once a month to attend a meetings. John and I along with Marc Watts attended a scout encampment at Tachikawa Air Base which had a beautiful view of Mount Fuji. While at the air base they offered the scouts rides on an air force plane. Just about everyone got sick on the planes.

Because my mother did not want to chaperon kids on buses, we moved to new quarters in Area 1 with the Yo-Hi only a five-minute walk away. It was also next to the tennis courts, where I liked to play. Unfortunately, they did not have a high school tennis team. The armed forces did sponsor a yearly tennis tournament for soldiers throughout the world.

Although Yo-Hi did not have a tennis team, I got a summer job being a tennis umpire for the armed forces tennis tournaments. The Japanese were perhaps too polite to efficiently umpire the matches. The various bases also had football teams. It was great entertainment for the families. Some of the high school girls served as Cheerleaders. Betty Woodrow served as cheerleader at Yo-Hi and, also for one of the service teams. At the end of the year the service teams had bowl games with the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines competing. One was the Sukiyaki-Bowl, another was the Tori Bowl game. I went to some of these in Tokyo and it was beautiful with all of the cherry blossoms. As a small note this was during the draft and 8th Army Headquarters (Rear) for the Far East was at Camp Zama. When they saw a list of soldiers coming to the Far East, they looked for professional football players and would reassign them to Japan.

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Two other trips: I belonged to the DeMolays - a protestant youth Christian group. We camped out at Karuizawa. The weather turned cold and rainy. Fortunately, there was a very nice military recreation hotel there. I showed them my ID-card which showed my dad was a COL and they let the entire group stay at the hotel. My senior class took a trip to Nikko. I did not go because the trip cost \$5.00 and I wanted to save my money. This was a stupid mistake. My wife Donna and I visited Nikko on our return from Korea in 1973. It is a truly beautiful city with a great heritage.

Featured Biography – Douglas Spaulding 1929-2012

Douglas Malcolm Spaulding was born in Danielson, Connecticut in 1929. He was raised in the family home built by his father Jacob, a skilled carpenter. His mother Francis, a school-teacher, bore seven children and instilled in Spaulding a passion for education that led to a successful career as a teacher and educational administrator.

Spaulding received his bachelor's degree in English and Psychology from Pepperdine University in 1950, where he also developed a love of theater and the arts. He was active in the campus men's choir and theatrical productions and took advantage of the cultural events available in Los Angeles by ushering at the downtown theaters where opera and musical theater productions were staged.

Upon graduating from Pepperdine, Spaulding obtained his teaching credential and began his career in the Connecticut vocational school system. In 1956 he joined the Department of Defense School System (DoDSS) and moved to Yokohama, Japan to teach History at Nile C. Kinnick High School; thus began a 30-year career of teaching and school administration at U.S. military bases in Japan and other regions of the Far East. Spaulding was married to Allie K. Grove in 1963. They raised two sons, David and Jonathan, and instilled in them a love for Japanese culture, language and the arts, and athletics. David and Jonathan both attended high schools in Japan under Spaulding's supervision, and both subsequently attended UCSB and settled in the Santa Barbara area.

Spaulding was promoted to assistant principal at Kinnick High School in 1958 and to principal in 1960. He served as principal at Kinnick and as coordinating principal for the other DoDSS schools in the region until 1980. He was a devoted educator and a strong believer in the power of education to bring positive and lasting change to the lives of his students. He introduced several innovative educational programs to the schools under his supervision, ranging from vocational programs to advanced college preparatory courses, and he was an active supporter and booster of the school's athletic programs. During his tenure at Kinnick, he oversaw the education of thousands of students, and left lasting impressions on

many; his life was enriched during retirement by the former students and colleagues who continued to correspond with him long after he left Kinnick.

During his time in Japan, Spaulding continued to be active in amateur theater productions, traveled extensively throughout the Orient, and actively collected Japanese antiques and art. He also developed his own considerable talents as a sculptor, collaborated with local Japanese artists in Yokohama and Tokyo, and staged several exhibitions of his works.

In 1980, he accepted the role of chief, executive services at DoDSS and moved to Okinawa, Japan; he was subsequently promoted to chief, education division in 1981. In these roles he traveled extensively throughout the Pacific region. He retired in 1987 and moved to Ventura, California.

After settling in Ventura, Spaulding devoted his energies to his family and his art. He continued to produce sculpture, drawings, and paintings in a wide variety of media and styles and was very active in the Ventura art scene. He collaborated with local artists and produced several local exhibitions of his works. He frequently contributed artworks to juried competitions in the Los Angeles region, won several awards and was profiled in several publications. His art was purchased by private and public collections. He also was active as a writer, hosted regular writers' group meetings at his home in Ventura, and produced several novels.

Doug was an ardent believer in the importance of civic service and charity and gave generously of his time and money to a wide variety of local and national organizations throughout his life. He was a regular volunteer and organizer at his voting precinct.

Doug Spaulding's documentation took place in 1997. The FOTM Archive contains extensive information about this artist.



Known Deceased for Class of 1955



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1. 2015, 24 Mar: **Alfred L. Cope**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/166342120/alfred-lovell-cope>
2. 2019, 13 Dec: **Bob Cumberledge**.....,55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/242648317/robert-clark-cumberledge>
3. 2003, 20 Jul: **Howard R. Gonding**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/209232615/howard-raymond-gonding>
4. 1990, 11 Dec: **David Holdren**.....,55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/40528852/david-l-holdren>
5. 2019, 09 May: **James Hunt**.....55(54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281540733/james-hunt?createdMemorial=Yes>
6. 1996, 14Dec: **William Moats**.....55 (53-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281541058/william-moats?createdMemorial=Yes>
7. 2009, 04 Feb: **Warner L. Lee**.....55 (53-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281541395/warner-lee-millson?createdMemorial=Yes>
8. 2019, 10 Jul: **Curtis Russell**.....55 (53-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281541757/curtis-russell?createdMemorial=Yes>
9. 2023, 03 May: **Richard Savage**.....50 (53-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/253727876/george-richard-savage?createdMemorial=Yes>
10. 2017, 26 May: **Phyllis Adkinson**.....55(54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/179903354/phyllis-inez-murphy>
11. 2016, 08 Oct: **Edgar W. VanTassel**.....(58-64)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0kCUKEjV4xIRXo4bEtNVXFNVFE/view?resourcekey=0-9iLsWcZpXGNVqBYTVXPUqQ>
12. 2018, 04 Apr: **Pete Wilson**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/188559422/peter-glenn-wilson>
13. Unknown: **Sue Berryman**.....55 (54-55)
 Obituary is not Available
14. 1984, 09 Mar: **Rose Charles (Smale)**...55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/117308975/rose-marie-smale>
15. 2007, 29 Oct: **Connie Cohen**.....55 (57-65)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281615909/constance-cohen?createdMemorial=Yes>
16. 2003, 31 Dec: **Myrtle O. Curtiss**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281616318/myrtle-ozella-curtiss?createdMemorial=Yes>
17. 2015, 03 Mar: **Marda Ann Frey**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281616876/marda-ann-frey?createdMemorial=Yes>
18. 2012, 09 Nov: **Joyce Knepper**.....55 (54-55)
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101794975/joyce-ardel-reckart>

Two Stranded Japanese



In 1832, A JAPANESE SAILING SHIP TRAVELING FROM NAGOYA TO TOKYO DRIFTED TO WHAT IS NOW WASHINGTON STATE BY 1834. ONLY THREE OUT OF 14 CREW MEMBERS SURVIVED: THE NAVIGATOR AND TWO TEENAGE APPRENTICE COOKS.

Elijah James Farley

The Japanese travelers who landed in Washington in 1824 were part of a remarkable and accidental journey. They were actually shipwrecked sailors, not intentional travelers.

Here's the story:

A Japanese cargo ship called Hojunmaru set sail in 1823 from Japan, but was caught in a storm and became adrift in the Pacific Ocean. The ship had a crew of 15 men. It drifted for over a year—without a mast or rudder—before finally washing ashore near Cape Flattery, which is in present-day Washington state, in early 1824.

At that time, the Makah people, a Native American tribe living in the area, rescued the survivors—only 3 men had survived the long ordeal. These three Japanese sailors were later taken in by the Hudson's Bay Company, which was active in the Pacific Northwest at the time.

Eventually, the sailors were sent to London, and from there, arrangements were made to return them to Asia—though they were not allowed to return to Japan directly because of the country's strict isolationist policies (sakoku) at the time. Instead, they were eventually sent to China or another nearby country, depending on the accounts.

Their story became one of the earliest contacts between Japanese people and the Pacific Northwest of North America. It also played a role—albeit small—in raising awareness about Japan in the Western world before the country opened up in the mid-19th century.



19. 2004, 16 Mar: **Dona Pullen**.....55 (53-55)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/281618606/dona-pullen?createdMemorial=Yes>

20. 2004, 02 Apr: **Maxine Plapp**.....55 (53-55)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/130420450/maxine-cummings>

ALIVE: Mark Craig, Bill Crossley, Jim Forsee, Allen Irvin, John Jeffrey, Jimmy McCoy, Richard Shaw, Howard Shurtleff, Bud Walker, Bill Weber, David Williams, Robert Coker, Jo-ann Banke, Lois Brunke, Ethylyn Dvork, Jane Grassman, Kaye Hoefke, Barbara Light and George Neblett

UNKNOWN STATUS: James Hunt, Richard Keck, Skip Sheppard, Mary-Jo Webber, Bill Wilson, Chester Arnold, Joan Fields, Genevieve Fujimoto. Pat Kelly, Sue Nelson, and Bobbie Olson.

Eye Color and Personality Traits



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That's fascinating! The article suggests that there's a possible link between eye color and personality traits, based on a study from Örebro University in Sweden. Here are some of the interesting findings:

Eye Color and Personality Traits Dark Brown/Almost Black Eyes

- Natural leaders, confident, and a bit mysterious
- High melanin levels = quicker brain response
- Tend to drink less alcohol
- Often perceived as more agreeable

Brown Eyes

- Loyal, respectful, and gentle—but not submissive
- Sleep about two hours less than those with lighter eyes
- Often struggle more with waking up

Blue Eyes

- Emotionally and physically strong
- Can be perceived as shy or distant at first
- More cautious and less open-minded

Grey Eyes

- Dark grey: Well-balanced, or dual-natured depending on mood
- Light grey: Guarded but deeply caring once trust is earned
- Known for resilience and hard work

Hazel Eyes

- Unique and hard to define
- Balanced, adaptable personalities
- Eyes may shift between green and brown hues

Green Eyes

- Mysterious, creative, and alluring
- A rare blend of strength and caution
- Often excel under pressure

While eye color doesn't determine personality, it's an interesting lens into how our physical features might reflect deeper aspects of who we are.

What's your eye color? Do you think the description fits you?