



THE OLMSTED FOUNDATION

Winter 2023

Volume 12, Issue 1

Anderson to Speak at DC Area Scholar Assembly



Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson (OSC 00, Brno).

Lt Gen Dagvin Anderson (OSC 00, Brno) will be the featured speaker at this year's DC Area Spring Assembly of Scholars. This year's assembly will be held at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA on April 18th.

Lt Gen Anderson is the Director for Joint Force Development (J7) on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. A graduate of Washington University, Anderson holds a Master's degree in International Public Policy from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and he attended Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic as an Olmsted Scholar. Anderson is a command pilot with over 3,400 hours in multiple aircraft including 738 combat hours.

The assembly will include a catered lunch, updates from the Foundation staff, and General Anderson's remarks. All Scholars and spouses in the local area are strongly encouraged to attend this event, and invitations will be sent in March.

Olmsted Foundation Remembers Emo Gardner

Former Olmsted Foundation Director Lt Gen (Ret.) Emo Gardner (OSC 78, Goettingen), USMC, passed away this past October in Hawaii. Lt Gen Gardner made Honolulu, HI his home after retiring from the Marine Corps.

Gardner studied in Goettingen, Germany as an Olmsted Scholar. He served as an Olmsted Foundation Director for over two decades. In 2000-2002 and 2004-2010 he served as an active duty flag officer Director. He later served again on the Board of Directors from 2010-2017 as a retired Lieutenant General.

Following graduation from Duke University in 1973, Gardner commissioned into the Marine Corps and trained as a helicopter pilot. Over his career, he flew a variety of helicopter models including Presidential Marine One. Gardner commanded helicopter squadron HMM-261, leading missions in Operations Sharp Edge (Liberia), Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Gardner managed the US Central Command's joint operations center during operations in Afghanistan. In 2002, he became the Director of Operation (J-3) for US Pacific Command in Hawaii. It was there that he met his wife Vivian.

After retirement, Gardner returned to Hawaii. In addition to his service to the Olmsted Foundation, he also served on the board of directors of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii and the US Army Science Board.

Lt Gen Gardner was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His obituary can be found here: <https://obits.staradvertiser.com/2022/11/13/lieutenant-general-emerson-n-gardner-emo-13112022/>.

A short video of Marine Corps military honors at the cemetery can be found here: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/865312/military-honors-rendered-late-marine-corps-lieutenant-general-emerson-gardner>.



Underwater with the Chairman of the Board



Chairman of the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors ADM (Ret.) Kurt Tidd (OSC 84, Bordeaux) has shared some of his favorite underwater photos. In addition to serving the Olmsted Foundation, ADM Tidd is the Vice Chairman of the Marine Preservation Society of Key West.



Olmsted Foundation Bids Farewell to Ann Hartmann



Ann received flowers from President Bruce Scott.

At the Olmsted Foundation's annual holiday lunch, staff members said farewell to Ann Hartmann, who has served as Olmsted Office Administrator and Executive Assistant to the President for the past 14 years. At the lunch, President & CEO Bruce Scott and Executive Vice President Mark Elfendahl lauded Ann's longstanding dedication to the Foundation and presented her with flowers and a gift from the staff.

Ann has played a pivotal role in anchoring the Olmsted office. In her role, she managed the office bookkeeping including payments to the Scholars, interfaced with Scholars and others on the phone and through email, and was at every Olmsted event welcoming Scholars at the front table. During her tenure at the Foundation, Ann directly supported 327 Scholars and administered over 8 million dollars in charitable grants and reimbursements.

Ann will be greatly missed by staff and Scholars alike. The Foundation wishes her a long and happy retirement enjoying her family, her hobbies and her community activities!



Executive Vice President Mark Elfendahl presents Ann with a gift from the Foundation staff.

Olmsted Foundation Welcomes Amy Macdonald



Amy Macdonald is the new Office Administrator and Executive Assistant at the Olmsted Foundation.

Amy Macdonald has joined the Foundation staff as the new Office Administrator and Executive Assistant to President and CEO MG Bruce Scott.

Amy is a seasoned military spouse, married to Army LTC (Ret.) David Macdonald for 29 years. After 15 moves with the Army, they are now settled in Fairfax Station, VA. Amy graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from North Georgia College in 1994. She started her career working with troubled teens in a mental health hospital but changed to community outreach and social services while working at Army Community Service in Germany. She has supported military families by volunteering in Soldier and Family Readiness Groups in Baumholder, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Campbell. She also volunteered with the USO in New York City. While stationed in London, Amy was active in the Military Attaché Partners Association, volunteering as the membership chair and welcome coordinator for 3 years.

She also worked for the Department of State as a security escort at the US Embassy in London. Amy is currently completing her AAS and CSC in accounting.

Amy is the mother of four children. Dereck works in the IT field and lives in Chattanooga, TN. Emily has served as a White House intern, on the staff of Congressman Rob Woodall (GA-7), and is currently working for a law office in Falls Church, VA. She is married to Michael Eccker and is expecting their first child in May. Katie attends George Mason University, and Alex attends Auburn University.

Scholars Celebrate the Holidays Together

The Scholar classes of 2021 and 2022, currently studying overseas, were asked to share their holiday photos. Many of them celebrated with other Scholars in the region. Below is a sample of what they sent.



Jason, Jennifer, Jordyn, and Jackson Johnson (OSC 21, Krakow) and Rory, Sarah, and Marcus Yoder (OSC 21, Zagreb) enjoying Wenceslas Square in Prague. "The scenery was great, but the company was even better!"



Scholars spent Christmas Eve in Krakow, Poland. Pictured L to R: Tyler Sinisgalli and Sierra White (OSC 23, Krakow), Jane Mercer (OSC 22, Poznan), Jennifer and Jason Johnson (OSC 21, Krakow).



The McGuire family (OSC 21, Prague) and the Lenzen family (OSC 22, Bratislava) met on the 30-year anniversary of the peaceful division of the former Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and Slovakia. With the Czech and Slovak languages being mutually intelligible, the cultural and societal bond between these two countries is still incredibly strong.



The families of Scholars Ryan Martelly (OSC 22, Kyoto), Eric Everhart (OSC 22, Chiang Mai), and Matt Fryer (OSC 22, Taipei) gathered for a New Year's Eve longtail boat and SCUBA trip in Krabi, Thailand.



Lindsey and Jason Black (OSC 22, Helsinki) visited Julie and Mason McLean (OSC 22, Thessaloniki) in Thessaloniki, Greece over the New Year holiday. They are pictured (above) at a local taverna while enjoying lots of delicious Greek food and (below) at a winery in Naoussa, a mountainous region near Thessaloniki known for its wine.

The Bergoos (OSC 21, Santiago) the Hutchins (OSC 22, Valpariso) and the Harshes (OSC 22, Florianópolis) at the Casas del Bosque Winery in Chile (above). Amy Hutchins and Sofia Bergoo enjoy a snack at the winery (below).

OSC 21 Scholars Gather in Greece



Members of OSC 21 who met in Greece included, Back row, L to R: Jason & Jen Johnson (Krakow), Kate & Kevin Ringelstein (Parma), Jon-Bernard Pro (Erin Pro not pictured,) (Rabat-Sale), Curtis & Joanna Cordon (Cluj-Napoca), Rory & Sarah Yoder (Zagreb), Sarah & Riley McGuire (Prague).

Front row: Olmsted Kids!

involved expressed their sincere gratitude to the Olmsted Foundation for enabling such an opportunity - one where they could explore and learn all together as an extended Olmsted family.

Scholars and their families from OSC 21 studying in Europe and around the Mediterranean met in November 2022 to tour the cultural sites of Greece, run the original Athens Marathon and 10km race, and share stories, experiences, and meals together. While many met for the first time during this Olmsted gathering, it felt as if the families had known each other their entire lives.

Highlights of the visit included touring the Acropolis with a guide, viewing where democracy started on Pnyx Hill, and cheering each other on along the race course and at the finish line in the Panathenaic Stadium. Scholars and family members were also fortunate to meet -up with Mason and Julie McLean (OSC 22, Thessaloniki), who provided the group with great insight into Greece's culture, way of life, and offered superb recommendations on what to eat and drink.

The week together in Greece was undoubtedly a highlight of their Olmsted experience. All those

Olmsted Scholar Promotions and Selections

Selected by the US Army for Brigade level command:

- ◆ COL Sonny Avichal (OSC 12, Lima)
- ◆ LTC(P) Joshua Taylor (OSC 09, Buenos Aires)

Selected by the US Army for Battalion level command (Primary):

- ◆ LTC Timothy Boswell (OSC 14, Paris)
- ◆ MAJ(P) Dale Trakas (OSC 14, Istanbul)

Selected by the US Army for Battalion level command (Alternate):

- ◆ LTC James Vansandt (OSC 16, Louvain)

Selected by the US Marine Corps for Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel:

- ◆ Maj Joshua Waddell (OSC 19, Tel Aviv)

Selected by the US Marine Corps for promotion to Major:

- ◆ Capt Joseph Deavenport (OSC 21, Bangkok)

Avichal is Promoted to Colonel



The Avichal Family at COL Sonny Avichal's promotion ceremony.

On January 11, 2023, Sonny Avichal (OSC 12, Lima) was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Army in front of family and friends at a ceremony on Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany. Special

guests included his wife, Urvi, and two sons, Arjun (10) and Dev (8). Also in attendance were his in-laws Harish and Kapana Patel, who flew in from Atlanta, GA for the ceremony. Colonel Avichal is currently serving as the Command Engineer for Special Operations Command - Africa. Earlier this year, he was selected for Brigade level command, which he will assume in summer 2024. During the ceremony, Sonny thanked the Olmsted Foundation, his family, mentors, friends, and his parents who helped him so much along the way. In typical Olmsted fashion, Sonny and his family have already visited 9 countries since moving to Germany in summer 2022!

Olmsted Scholars Attend JCWS



Scholars who met at JCWS in Norfolk, VA included, L to R: COL Ken Wainwright (OSC 12, Jerusalem), CAPT Matt Meyer (OSC 07, Seoul), Gen DT Thompson (OSC 93, Linz), CAPT Nathan Luther (OSC 06, New Delhi), Col Jamil Musa (OSC 11, Rabat), Lt Col Danielle Downs (OSC 18, Podgorica).

Scholars attending the Joint and Combined Warfighting School in Norfolk, Virginia had an opportunity to be briefed by General DT Thompson (OSC 93, Linz). Gen Thompson is the Vice Chief of Space Operations, US Space Force. Afterwards, they introduced themselves as Olmsted Scholars and had time to visit and for a quick photo.

Save the Date:

The 2023 Annual Meeting, Reunion and Dinner will be held on June 3rd at Anderson House.

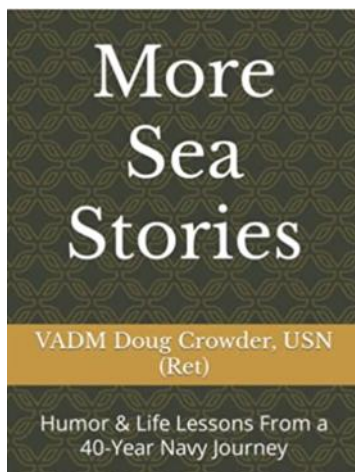
Scholars Participate in SCUSA



COL Parker Frawley (OSC 04, Moscow) with COL (Ret.) Bob McClure (OSC 83, Mainz) at the SCUSA Conference at West Point in November 2022.

Each year since 1949, the US Military Academy has hosted the Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA). The Olmsted Foundation is one of two major sponsors of this annual event held to discuss important topics in US foreign policy. At this year's conference, Olmsted Scholar COL Parker Frawley (OSC 04, Moscow) led the roundtable on Europe, and Col Kevin Webster (OSC 08, Buenos Aires) led the roundtable on Latin America. Olmsted Director COL (Ret.) Bob McClure (OSC 83, Mainz) also attended the conference as a representative of the Olmsted Foundation.

More Sea Stories



Former Chairman VADM (Ret.) Doug Crowder (OSC 80, Lausanne) has written a second book, *More Sea Stories*. Among the 95 new stories in this volume are several from Crowder's own experience as an Olmsted Scholar.

Like his first book, *Sea Stories*, all proceeds from sales of the book will go to charity, in this case the Navy Memorial in Washington. Crowder's first book raised more than \$5,000, which was donated to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.

The book is available here on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).



VADM (Ret.) Doug Crowder (OSC 80, Lausanne).

Foundation and Scholars in the News

ADM (Ret.) Jamie Foggo (OSC 87, Strasbourg), US Navy, “U.S. Maritime Strategy in the Arctic-Past, Present and Future,” Center for Maritime Strategy, <https://centerformaritimestrategy.org/publications/u-s-maritime-strategy-in-the-arctic-past-present-and-future/>

VADM (Ret.) Doug Crowder (OSC 80, Lausanne), US Navy, *More Sea Stories: Humor & Life Lessons From a 40-Year Navy Journey*, independently published, November 26, 2022.

LCDR (Ret.) Shannon Martin McClain (OSC 04, Riga), US Navy, “Captain Harry Baldrige and the New Academy Museum,” *Preble Hall* (Naval Academy Museum podcast), https://naval-history-lyceum.simplecast.com/episodes/captain-harry-baldrige-and-the-new-academy-museum-wBv_nVbU?fbclid=IwAR2uRPK-pRUgHoSst83RETgQDvq52BTEyrxGhiMImJ1bC56-4j_M78BzN8k

Scholars, Update your Online Profiles!

Scholars are encouraged to go to the Olmsted Foundation website and update their Scholar profiles. Please help the Foundation keep your record current. You can access Scholar profiles by going to the Foundation website at <https://olmstedfoundation.org/> and clicking login on the top right corner.



The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation
80 East Jefferson Street, Suite 300B
Fall Church, VA 22046



www.olmstedfoundation.org