



PASS IN REVIEW

“Shedding Light On Idaho’s Military History”

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December 2003

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Idaho Military Historical Society was held on October 29, 2003. At the meeting, elections were held for four members of the Board of Directors. Elected were *Harlan Andrijeski, Steve Bonde, Bill Miller and Lisa Mailes.*

Following the elections, Ken Swanson gave a very interesting presentation on the history of Fort Boise.

The new Board then met and reorganized by electing its new officers for the coming year. Those Officers are:

- President – Ken Swanson*
- Vice-President – Rick Johnson*
- Secretary – Gayle Alvarez*
- Treasurer – Harlan Andrijeski*

Congratulations to all!

FROM THE BOARD



Wishing you beautiful holiday memories

and the greatest joys to keep throughout the new year.

Happy Holidays!

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATES

What is your membership renewal date? Don’t remember? Well, we are going to make it easy for you.

For those that were not able to attend our October membership meeting, **the membership voted to change everybody’s membership renewal to January.**

That will be a very easy date to remember. It will also be useful for planning your charitable donations for the year.

Ok, so you turned over your newsletter, looked at your address label and noticed that your renewal date is not January but is September. How do you make up the **one time** difference between September and January?

We made that easy for you too. We broke out the monthly totals for the memberships.

If your membership is a **General** Membership, the monthly total is \$2.08. *(Did you realize that you could support the Museum with an individual membership for just 7 cents per day?)*

If your membership is a **Senior** Membership, the monthly total is \$1.25.

If your membership is a **Student** or an **Associate** Membership, the monthly total is .80. (That’s 80 cents)

For our organizational friends with a **Bronze** Membership, the monthly total is \$4.17.

Did we mention that changing the membership renewal for everybody will save the Society money as well? Yes it will make Gayle and Harlan’s life easier too but that is not the reason for the change.

Changing the renewal to the same month for everybody is what a number of organizations have done and are doing. It makes **your financial planning easier**, it makes budgeting easier, and it saves the organization operating expenses.

As the year draws to a close, many people begin considering their charitable donations for the year. To aid you in the process, on the back of this newsletter is a membership renewal and donation form.

On behalf of the Board, **thank you for your membership, we sincerely appreciate your support of Idaho’s proud military history.** ☆

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**CURATORS
CORNER**

Well, it has been a very busy year. First, I want to thank **all of the volunteers** who have spent their time and effort to make the Museum better. As I look back over the year and all that has happened, the first thing I think of is our volunteers. Without you, the Museum would not have been open, artifacts would not have been accessioned, we would not have had the success that 2003 has been. **Thank you for all of your hard work and devotion to Idaho's Military History. The community is a better place because of people like you.**

I would also like to mention our newest volunteers:

- Bob Barbour**
- Gary Donnelly**
- Treva Hamilton**
- Jeremy Mattern**
- Heath Robison**

If you have not been able to visit the Museum recently, you should. This year has seen five new exhibits; *Idaho Air National Guard*, *Paul Gowen, Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom*, the *Special Forces/Yarborough Knife* and the *History of the Medical Corps*. Also, the *Vietnam Exhibit* has expanded to four cases thanks to new artifact donations and the *USS Boise CL-47* exhibit has expanded to tell the ship and her crew's story. Thanks to Mountain Home Air Force Base's 366 Civil Engineer Squadron, we were able to utilize four new cases to interpret the history of the Air Force and Air National Guard.

What can you expect next year? How can we top this year for events and activities? Look for new exhibits such as the Korean War and an open house in March. We have invited **a number of Korean War Veterans, including veterans of the 148th FAB.**

Our biggest project for 2004 is going to be the new **History of the Idaho Army National Guard**. It will open in

phases and should be a good tour through time of the Guard. Also look to see the **Idaho Air National Guard** exhibit area expand as we get more artifacts in cases. Be sure to check the **UPCOMING EVENTS** below as we are planning several themed open houses.



The 25th Army Band sets the mood for a Sentimental Journey at our 11 October Open House.

Behind the scenes, more preservation activities are going to take place, from training volunteers in artifact collections care to better storing methods of the artifacts many of you have donated. It is a meticulous process, but a very important one to ensure these artifacts last for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Museum. I look forward to this coming year; it will be a good one!

-Gary Keith

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

27 and 28 January - Refresher Training. We all get rusty from time to time but that is nothing to be ashamed of! Remember how the military was always big on *refresher training*? This will be your chance to shake off the rust and refresh your memory about how Museum's do things. The training sessions will run from 0900 – 1100 on both days so you can choose the one that work best for your schedule.

Those of you who work with or would like to work with artifact collections/accessions, you need to attend one of these sessions. The training will also include refresher Docent training as well.

- 6 March** - Korean War Open House
- 7 May** - USS Boise (CL-47) Reunion

- 15 May** - Armed Forces Appreciation
- 12 June** - WWII Open House
- 4 July** - 4th of July Parade
- 17 July** - Vietnam/1960's Open House
- 6 November** - Veterans Day Parade
- 11 November** - Veteran's Day Open House

NEW MEMBERS

Special Welcome to:

- ★ Luther Estep
- ★ Justine Gowen Hopper
- ★ Bryan Johnson
- ★ Lisa Mailes
- ★ Wallace J. Young

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**ON-LINE
DONATIONS NOW
POSSIBLE!**

We have partnered with an organization called **Networkforgood.org** and can now **accept credit card donations via the Internet.**

Go to the Museum's web page at <http://inghro.state.id.us/museum> and click on the "On-line Donations" link just to the right of the Museum picture. You will next see the link shown below. Click on it and you will be transferred to our page on the Networkforgood website. From there use their secure server to make your donation.

They will forward your donation to us and all information is confidential. In addition, ***we do not provide or sell personal information*** to other organizations or individuals.

This is what the link looks like:

Click the button to donate now.



Thank you for supporting The Idaho Military History Museum. ★

VETERAN'S DAY BRINGS A SPECIAL DONATION

The Museum had a very successful Open House on Veterans Day, November 11, 2003.



Channel 7's Larry Gebert did his morning show live at the

Museum.

Also joining us were:



The Boise Highlanders

Navy Reserve

Marine Corps League & USMC Reserve

366th Fighter Wing Historian (MHAFB)

Idaho Civil War Volunteers

WWII Reenactors Group



One of the Reenactors came as a WWI cavalry soldier!

Then at 1:30, the Museum received a very special donation, a **Special Forces Yarborough Knife!** Master Sgt. Joe Frost (Ret) donated his Yarborough knife SN#0286, to the Idaho Military History Museum. Joining him for the presentation were other representatives from the Special Forces AND **Chris Reeve and his wife Anne.** They are the manufacturer of this very special knife and their company is right here in Boise, Idaho!



Left to right, Anne Reeve, Chris Reeve, Master Sergeant Frost

Retired Lieutenant General William P. Yarborough, one of the fathers of the Special Forces, felt that Special Forces troops should have their own utility knife due to the nature of their missions and advocated issue of such a knife. In 2002, the US Army Special Operations Command authorized a distinct knife for the Special Forces and named it the Yarborough, in honor of General Yarborough.

The Yarborough knife is awarded to graduates of the Special Forces Qualification Course and is available for purchase by active duty and former Special Forces personnel. The only difference between the awarded knife and the purchased knife is that the awarded knife is given a specific serial number identifying it and its owner.

This knife also represents a local contribution to the United States Armed Forces. The knife is now part of an exhibit honoring the Special Forces.

Special Forces troops participating in Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* have carried their Boise-made Chris Reeve knives in Afghanistan and Iraq. **We are proud and honored to be presented with such a prestigious knife.**



Yarborough Knife SN#0286



Master Sergeants Frost and Young next to the new Special Forces Exhibit.

DOD CHANGES COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES

The Department of Defense announced that with the signing of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, the following members and their dependents will be permitted **unlimited access to commissary stores** effective immediately:

›Members of the Ready Reserve (includes members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive National Guard) and members of the Retired Reserve who possess a Uniformed Services Identification Card.

› Former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who have not yet attained the age of 60 and who possess a DoD Civilian Identification Card.

› Dependents of the members described above who have a Uniformed Services Identification Card or who have a distinct identification card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services.

Guard and Reserve members were previously only authorized 24 commissary shopping days per calendar year. In addition, **Guard and Reserve members will no longer have to present a Commissary Privilege Card** when they shop.

To read the entire press release, visit the DoDs website at <http://www.dod.mil/releases/2003/nr20031124-0690.html> ★

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



Please meet Reuben Wilske

A former tanker with the Idaho Army National Guard, Reuben Wilske also worked for many years with the Bureau of Reclamation. Let's just say that Reuben was a tanker before the M1 Abrams and leave it at that (although he was quite familiar with the M4 Sherman periscope donated earlier this year). He spent ten years in the IDARNG and was commissioned as an officer. 'Rube' then spent two years in the Army Reserve.

One of our Tuesday Crew, he has been known to accession artifacts all day long! Reuben has undertaken quite a bit. He has volunteered here for over a year now and has helped get us caught up on some of our backlog of artifact accessions. He willingly and cheerfully marks artifacts that have not been marked!

Not only does he do outstanding work on the yellow sheets (the record for each artifact), he also completes the object cards, which make it easier to search for an artifact by its type. To complete the process, Reuben takes the time to put the accession number on the artifact correctly. All of these steps are important in artifact collections and Reuben does them very professionally.

His efforts are greatly appreciated and they have made a **big** difference.

Thank you Reuben, we deeply appreciate all your hard work. You are our Volunteer of the Quarter! ☆

ENDOWMENT UPDATE



Our Endowment balance currently stands at **\$26,325.92.**

Recent Endowment Donors include:

- Frank & Genevieve Boguslawski**
(in memory of CW4 Chris Fearheller)
- Jerome Beau**
- General James Brooks**
- Fred Uranga**
- Wallace Young**

With 2003 coming to a close, now is an excellent time to make a financial donation to the IMHS. Your help will assure continued expansion of the exhibits, education projects, and programs that are educating young people and citizens on the military's role in our society. When was the last time you visited our Museum? Stop by, and you will be pleasantly impressed by our progress.

You can have an important influence on IMHS programs by making a cash donation before year-end. It is now even easier with our new on-line donation capabilities. (See **On-Line Donations** article on page 2)

You can use your credit card to make an **on-line donation** through a web-based organization we have partnered with. You can also use the form at the end of this newsletter for the **standard mail-in donation**. Also, give by December 31st and **your gift is an eligible deduction on your 2003 tax returns**, and as a direct credit--up to \$100--on Idaho income tax (*I. C. 63-3029A*).

You can specify which program your donation will be used for, for example, the IMHS Endowment Fund, Education Outreach program, Idaho ARNG Exhibit, Idaho ANG Exhibit, and artifact collection supplies.

Thank you for your support of our fine organization and the Idaho Military Museum! ☆

IDAHO FILE INTO HISTORY



JAMES KEPHART¹
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT
CIVIL WAR

Rank and Service: Private, U.S. Army

Entered Service at: Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa

Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th U.S. Infantry

Battle and Date of Action: Vicksburg, Mississippi, 19 May 1863

Date of Issue: Medal authorized 29 April 1899, Medal issued via Registered Mail 13 May 1899

Official Citation: Voluntarily and at the risk of his life, under a severe fire of the enemy, aided and assisted to the rear an officer who had been severely wounded and left on the field.²

The Grand Old Man Of Gooding

James Kephart was born 22 April 1842, in Venango County, Pennsylvania. His parents were Jacob Kephart and Jane O'Neil. "In April 1848 he moved with his parents to Dubuque, Iowa where he received a common school education and grew to manhood."³

At the age of 19, he enlisted in the service on Sept 5, 1861. On Nov 13, 1861, Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry was organized at Jefferson Bks, MO from a detachment of recruits and Kephart became part of that unit.⁴

He saw action in the Civil War including the battle at Vicksburg,

Mississippi where on 19 May 1863, he “Voluntarily and at the risk of his life, under a severe fire of the enemy, aided and assisted to the rear an officer who had been severely wounded and left on the field.”⁵ For this, “Mr. Kephart received the thanks of President Lincoln.”⁶

“While in the service Mr. Kephart participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Miss.; Arkansas Post, Ark.; Black Bayou, Miss.; Champion Hills, Miss.; Black River, Miss.; siege of Vicksburg, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Colliersville, Tenn.; and Mission Ridge, Tenn. He had a number of narrow escapes.”⁷

He was discharged on Sept 5, 1864, at Nashville, Tenn, due to expiration of term of service.⁸

“After the war he returned to Dubuque and then attended a business college to fit him for a business career. On April 16, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ann McGee near Dubuque.”⁹ In 1876 they moved to Farley, Iowa, and in 1884, the family, which now included daughters Eva Jane, born in 1874, Luella born in 1876 and Gertrude Bell, born in 1879, moved to Webster City, Iowa. (A fourth daughter, Lulu died in childhood.)¹⁰

On February 14, 1891, General William T. Sherman died¹¹ and James Kephart, “a personal friend...was one of the pall bearers at Gen. Sherman’s funeral.”¹²

The Kepharts remained in Farley until 1884, at which time they moved to Webster City, Iowa. **On August 17, 1898, the officer Kephart rescued at Vicksburg, on May 19, 1863, Joseph L. Horr, wrote the following letter to Jonathan P. Dolliver, a member of the House of Representatives:**

“Dear Sir: - I have the honor to request a favor from you for one of your most worthy constituents, Mr. James Kephart, a resident of your neighboring town, Webster City, who was a Private in Company “C”, 1st. Batt. 13th. U.S.

Infantry, General William T. Sherman, Colonel.

Comrade Kephart was a model soldier. He served the term of three years, from ’61 to ’64 and received an honorable discharge. At the assault on the rebel works at Vicksburg, May 19th, ’63, our Batt. suffered a loss of 45 3/10%. Of the twelve officers, six were killed or wounded. I was one of the severely wounded having been hit some six times.



General view of battlefield, Vicksburg, Miss., Photo taken Circa 1900.¹³

I received my wounds close to the works when Kephart crawled up and dragged me down to a place of comparative shelter. I shortly afterwards fainted or dropped to sleep. When I awoke I learned we had gained no advantage over the enemy; that the remnant of the Batt. would wait and retreat under cover of night.

“I consider Kephart’s voluntary offer and his act in assisting me from the field, in the face of the greatest danger, to be one of the bravest acts I have ever known”

Knowing there were a great number of others who were helpless, even more so than myself, and fearing if I were left on the field I would be taking {taken} prisoner, I requested the commanding officer of the Batt. Captain, afterwards General, Ewing, General Sherman’s brother in law, to assist me to my feet and I would take my chances in walking off, to the rear. The Captain ordered me to remain where I was and to try and keep quiet, that the chances were I would not live until morning, that in my condition I could never get

off the field alive were I to make the attempt.

Private Kephart overheard our conversation and promptly volunteered his services to accompany and assist me. I objected to Kephart, who was unwounded, assuming such a risk for I considered the risk many times greater than when we charged the works. Captain Ewing and I compromised by my allowing Kephart to take me in charge, assist and direct me where to crawl. We were over an hour in crawling a few hundred yards to the next line of hills in our rear. We were discovered and fired upon from almost the moment we started until we were out of range and when I realized we were out of further danger, and from loss of blood, I again fainted.

I believe hundreds of shots were fired at us, but owing to Kephart’s constant alertness and through his continually directing and admonishing me, I escaped further wounds although I found my uniform in shreds. I have never comprehended how we could have escaped the incessant firing aimed at us.

I consider Kephart’s voluntary offer and his act in assisting me from the field, in the face of the greatest danger, to be one of the bravest acts I have ever known or experienced during my nearly ten years of service in the regular army. I doubt if there could have been found another soldier in front of the rebel works, that terrible day, who would knowingly have taken Kephart’s chances.

When I recovered from my last fainting spell I found that Kephart was assisting in lifting me on a stretcher, which conveyed me to an ambulance, in waiting, on the second line of hills. Instead of remaining with me, as he might have done, Kephart at once returned and assisted others from the field who were unable to help themselves. I have no question but his heroic act was the means of saving my life for had I been left as some were and taken inside the rebel works I could

not have survived, owing to lack of attention, etc.

I am conscious of having failed in my duty in neglecting to report Kephart's brave acts, but trust it may not be too late for him to receive recognition through the proper channel, in the way of an acknowledgement, diploma or medal awarded for acts of like character, occurring on the field of battle. I can furnish testimony, if desired, to substantiate the facts herein given.

Comrade Kephart is at present engaged in a manufacturing enterprise in Webster City and elsewhere in mercantile business. His family and his many warm personal friends would appreciate a recognition of his gallant and heroic services, even at this date.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant, (Late Capt. 13th Inf) Joseph L. Horr."¹⁴

Mr. Dolliver forwarded the letter to Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, DC, and asked for an investigation.

Documents obtained from the National Archives contain letters and quotes from official records and confirm the fact that then 2nd Lieut. Horr was absent wounded in action at Champion Hills, Miss, May 19, 1863. On April 29, 1899, The Adjutant General's Office issued the following Memorandum:

"The Secretary of War has directed the issue of a Medal of Honor to Private James Kephart, Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th U.S. Infantry, the medal to be engraved as follows:

**The Congress
To Private James Kephart,
Company C, 1st Battalion,
13th U.S. Infantry
For gallantry at Vicksburg, Miss.,
May 19, 1863."¹⁵**

On May 13, 1899, a letter was sent to Kephart, informing him of the award. "In making the award the Secretary used the following language:

'At the assault on the Confederate works at Vicksburg, Miss., May 19, 1863, Mr. Kephart, then a private of Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th U.S. Infantry, voluntarily, and at the risk of his life, when the Battalion was about to retreat, returned, and under a severe fire from the enemy, aided and assisted to the rear an officer who had been severely wounded and left on the field, thereby saving him from capture.'

The letter went on to say "The medal has been this day forwarded to your address by registered mail. A knot to be worn in lieu of the medal accompanies the same."¹⁶ A copy of the letter was also sent to Capt Horr.

(Editors Note, the unit and citation as recorded in these documents provide more information and detail than has been officially recorded)

On May 20, 1899, James Kephart wrote to the Assistant Adjutant General in Washington DC, acknowledging receipt of the medal "for which I am grateful and truly highly honored."¹⁷



Army Medal of Honor and Bow Knot, issued from 1896 – 1904 in a maroon "Tiffany" presentation case.¹⁸

On February 27, 1901, Kephart again contacted the Assistant Adjutant General in Washington DC and stated that "My Medal of Honor Bowknot is badly worn and I want a new one."¹⁹ The War Department responded: "...in no case, can more than one bow knot be issued to or for any one person. However, a bow knot can be secured by you of Messrs. Tiffany and Company, New York, at a cost of *twenty cents*."²⁰

In 1904 the MOH was redesigned and on October 31, 1904, Kephart applied for "Medal of Honor of New Design and for Rosette" which he received in April 1905. At this point in time, Kephart was serving as the Street Commissioner for the City of Webster, Iowa.²¹ "Kephart was a Webster City

resident for many years. He was grand commander of Winfield Scott Post No. 66, Department of Iowa, G.A.R. He also was a member of the Webster City Board of Education for many years."²²

Kephart applied for a pension on May 18, 1912. He described himself as 5 ft 8 ½ inches tall with light complexion, brown eyes, brown hair with the occupation of a farmer. He also recorded occupations of Merchant, grocery salesman, commercial traveler and manufacturing gas lighting machines.

"For twenty years Mr. Kephart was a traveling salesman for the John T. Hancock Wholesale Grocery Co. of Dubuque Iowa, his territory extending from Dubuque to Sioux City along the Illinois Central railroad and its branches. He also was traveling salesman for a number of years for a tea and coffee wholesale firm. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa State Traveling Men's Association."²³

The Kepharts continued to live in Webster City, Iowa, until 1920 at which time they moved to Carmen, Oklahoma and then to Gooding, Idaho. "Though he had moved here to live among strangers when he was 78 years of age and had retired from active life, Mr. Kephart retained his faculty for making friends right up to the end of life and had acquired a large circle of friends here who will sorely miss his friendly smile and readiness to tell a story.

Day in and day out...his trips to the post office and other points down town were punctuated with friendly greetings to all with whom he came in contact. He was a friend to the boys and girls as well as to the adults...Possibly to Mr. Kephart more than to any other for the past dozen years could be applied the complimentary title of '**grand old man of Gooding**."²⁴

Kephart passed away peacefully in his sleep at 9:45 am on April 27, 1932 at the age of 90. Several sources reported that he sustained a fall in November of

1931 from which he never fully recovered. Ironically, history has in many instances recorded his date of death as the 17th which is incorrect.

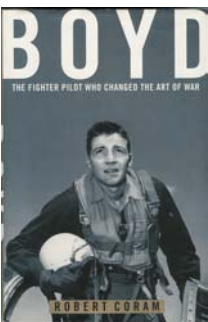
Kephart's funeral was held in the Methodist church and "business houses of the city were closed during the ceremonies. A military-Masonic funeral was accorded him, with members of the American Legion and Troop A of the 116th Cavalry {of the **Idaho National Guard**} attending in a body."²⁵ Troop A also provided the honor guard.

"A close friend here {Gooding} pays the following tribute to Comrade Kephart: "The passing of James Kephart marks the end of a life full of the history of early events in Iowa and the period of reconstruction following the Civil War. He lived a life of nobility and was not afraid to die. He said to me one day that he had faced death a hundred times on the battle field and why should he have any fear now. His life was marked by Christian ideals and service."²⁶

Along with his wife, three daughters, and one grand daughter, James Kephart was also survived by an older brother, Conrad Kephart, aged 92.²⁷

Editors Note: A very special thank you to the Iowa Gold Star Museum, the National Archives, and the Idaho State Library and Archives without whose assistance this story would not have been possible.

BOOK REVIEW



BOYD: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War

By Robert Coram
Little, Brown, & Co., New York, 2002

BOOK REVIEW by
William C. Miller,
Colonel IDANG (ret)

John R. Boyd was a fighter pilot who probably contributed more to

improving aerial warfare, combat aircraft and ground weapon development, and battlefield strategy than anyone else. Robert Coram's *Boyd* is really two stories: the **first** is of a man obsessed with developing and disseminating his theories, the **second** of a belligerent misfit and rabble-rouser failure as a family man.

After brief duty as an F-86 pilot in Korea, Boyd began pioneering ideas about fighter plane energy and maneuverability—his E-M theory, and in the 1950s and 60s, Boyd was the only voice preaching better aerial combat methods. Boyd soon gained wide repute for his ideas, eventually becoming an instructor at the U. S. Fighter Weapons School where he developed classroom and flight training based on E-M principles. At Georgia Tech, Boyd learned engineering principles and mathematical modeling, later used to further his flight dynamics theories.

Assigned to weapons development at Eglin AFB, Boyd soon became acquainted with the F-X (later designated F-15) which was in conceptual development. Boyd used his ideas to show how what he termed the "Bigger-Higher-Faster-Farther" (BHFF) mentality would make the F-X oversize and grossly over budget, and produce inferior performance against known enemy aircraft—which made him unpopular for opposing the USAF and aircraft industry brotherhood.

Boyd worked within the system to get concept and engineering specification changes; however, when his ideas weren't accepted, he continued—often in confrontational fashion—to prove his ideas were correct. Boyd's E-M charts for U. S. combat aircraft showed clearly that all our aircraft were inferior performers compared to the USSR's, and he fought to reorient USAF thinking. The air-to-air combat statistics in Vietnam would later validate his ideas about US vs. Soviet aircraft.

Despite ill will from many professionals, Boyd got assigned to the

Pentagon and the F-X program at a time when planners still wanted a variable-sweep (swing-wing) design. Boyd proved the design's complexity and added weight would reduce performance and increase cost, eventually convincing the designers the merits of a simpler, lighter, and cheaper fixed-wing design. Boyd also fought hard to keep the A-X (F-16) closer to his ideals, and the final F-16 design met many of his criteria.

One important ear for Boyd's ideas was the Commander of Tactical Air Command, General Sweeney. Gradually other generals and high-level defense planners grudgingly began accepting his ideas. A few influential individuals—both at command level and defense program level—sensed his basic innocence and purity, and sustained him within a system that violently resisted change. His confidants included a least one Secretary of Defense. Boyd's success was due to his meticulous assessment and analysis, persistent belief in the rightness of his cause, and his courage to take on anyone at any level.

Boyd also developed new ideas about warfighting strategy. Although influenced by Sun Tsu, von Clausewitz, and others, his ideas were new to all U. S. services, and a **third story**-within-a-story is his deployment of these ideas in military universities and tactics schools. The Army's *Air Land Battle* and the Marines' *FMFM-1* doctrinal changes were direct results of Boyd and his followers.

To most, Boyd was a pariah. His unkempt appearance, direct and often foul language, and self-assurance won him few friends. Boyd was always on the verge of being passed over for promotions, of resigning, or being fired. That said, Boyd did succeed in reaching the rank of Colonel, mainly for his technical and philosophical contributions. He also had a few very brilliant and successful followers--self named 'The Acolytes'--who supported him with brilliant research, support, and all of whom eventually made their

own significant improvements on defense tactics, strategy and weapons acquisition. Boyd remains relatively unknown, and the reader may wonder how successful—or famous—he would be if he'd played the role of insider.

Rating: ★★★★★ Robert Coram's *Boyd* is a *five-star* book, showing Boyd's best and worst, and the amazing reach and adoption of Boyd's ideas. *Boyd* will capture anyone interested in military readiness, tactics, and strategy. ★

JUST IN CASE - Have you sent in your renewal for 2003? Don't forget, *donations are tax deductible*. **If you aren't sure what your renewal date is, check the address label on your newsletter**, it lists the month and year your renewal is due.

MOST WANTED


- World War Two Cartridge belt
- M6 Bayonet for the M1 rifle
- USMC Magazine pouches for the M14 rifle
- A Green Beret to go in the Yarborough Knife case (the ones now on display are on loan)
- Books about US Artillery and Artillery ammunition



Footnotes: A complete listing will be provided on our webpage

^{1, 22} *The Palimpsest* Number 4, Vol. 53, The State Historical Society of Iowa, courtesy of the Iowa Gold Star Museum
^{2, 5} Lang, Collins, White, *Medal of Honor Recipients 1863-1994*
^{3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27} Newspaper articles, courtesy of Idaho State Library and Archives
^{4, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21} Documents obtained from the National Archives, Washington D.C.
⁸ *Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers In Miscellaneous Organizations Of The Mexican War, Indian Campaigns, War of the Rebellion*
¹¹ *Civil War Commanders*
¹³ Library of Congress Webpage
¹⁸ Strandberg and Bender, *The Call Of Duty, Military Awards and Decorations of the United States of America*.

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YES! Please enter my **tax-deductible** membership application/renewal in the category checked below. I have enclosed a check or money order in the amount indicated. I understand my donation is **tax-deductible** and am pleased to accept my canceled check as my receipt. Please find enclosed my donation for the amount indicated. (*The IMHS is a 501(c)(3) Organization.*)

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	\$ 10 [] Associate (Members Spouse)	\$ 15 [] Senior (60+)	
ORGANIZATIONAL:	\$ 500 [] Platinum	\$ 100 [] Silver	
	\$ 250 [] Gold	\$ 50 [] Bronze	

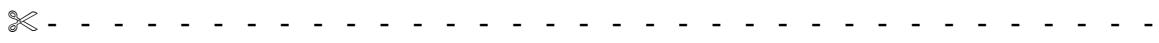

OTHER: (*Endowment, Contributions, etc.*)

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