

## Alumni spotlight

**James Reed** (BS '51), a WWII veteran, was recently honored on an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. Honor Flight Network is an organization that seeks to “pay a small tribute” to primarily senior veterans by taking them free of charge to Washington, D.C. During the two-day trip, Reed visited Arlington National Cemetery and the war memorials on the National mall, particularly the World War II memorial. Upon returning to Grand Junction, Colo., Reed and his fellow travelers were greeted by a crowd of more than 2,000 individuals. “I was amazed at how expressive they were for what the soldiers had done,” says Reed.

Drafted from his hometown of Hobbieville, Ind., during high school, Reed served under 1-A-O status for two years, like many other Seventh-day Adventists. When he arrived at Fort Benjamin Harris in Annapolis and was assigned to the Air Force, he realized that “If I was going to stand for what a follower of Christ should do, I should do it right away.” After speaking to his first sergeant, commanding officer, and both the Catholic and Protestant chaplains, none of whom were able to help him attain non-combatant status, he returned to the first sergeant. “Okay, I’m going to let you off, but you’ll be the sorriest man in the army.”

That Saturday, he dressed in Class-A uniform to go to the chapel, but could not find his hat—so he substituted a hood instead. Leaving the chapel several hours later, he noticed that “No one was bothering me. Fellows standing right next to me were given orders, but they left me alone.” He later found out that all those being shipped out were instructed to wear the hat he was wearing, an order which he knew nothing about. When he returned to his barracks, his Class A hat was in plain sight. “The Lord worked on my behalf without my even knowing it,” he recounts, still with a touch of incredulity.

Reed was later assigned as a medic in the 11th Supply Squadron, and left



WWII veteran James Reed was honored for his service in the Air Force by the Honor Flight Network with a free two-day trip to Washington, D.C.

for German-occupied Bari, Italy in February 1943. As soon as he received his assignment, he went to the first sergeant on the ship and informed him of his 1-A-O status. “I offered to take KP duty every Sunday if I could have Sabbaths off,” says Reed. “And he looked at me and said, “Well, you’re different!” Reed cites the “positive relationship” he maintained with his first sergeant throughout his tour.

While on the May 4 Honor Flight trip, Reed recalls looking out over Arlington National Cemetery and seeing the thousands of headstones. “You recognize that not a one of them can you thank for what they did...our liberties came by blood. It made me think of Christ taking us to the kingdom, by His blood.” On the flight back, Honor Flight Network handed out packages to each of the veterans. Reed

was “surprised to find in my package more than 60 letters and cards of gratitude.”

Reed currently lives with his son Duane in Colorado and is a member of the Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church. He maintains an active lifestyle, volunteering when he can and occasionally accompanying Duane on trips. He enjoys spending time with his four children, **Don** (BET '79), Diane, Anita and Duane; and regularly walks three miles a day.

## Alumni calendar of events

For more information visit us online at [www.andrews.edu/alumni/](http://www.andrews.edu/alumni/) or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu).

### June

- 18 Michigan Alumni Gathering**  
5 p.m.  
*Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church  
Cedar Lake, Mich.*
- 18 Indiana Alumni Gathering**  
5 p.m.  
*Home Ec Room, Indiana Academy  
Cicero, Ind.*
- 18 Wisconsin Alumni Gathering**  
5 p.m.  
*Andrews University Cabin  
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wis.*
- 23 PSI/Indiana Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
*The Old Spaghetti Factory  
210 S Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.*  
We look forward to meeting with local alums and those attending PSI.
- 25 Lake Region Alumni Gathering**  
5 p.m.  
*Picnic Table Area, Camp Wagner  
Cassopolis, Mich.*
- 25 Southern New England Alumni Gathering**  
5 p.m.  
*Southern New England Campgrounds  
South Lancaster, Mass.*

### July

- 13 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
*Alumni House, Andrews University*
- 28 Alumni Graduation Picnic**  
6 p.m.  
*Alumni House Backyard  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.*
- 29 Buller Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
11 a.m.–12 p.m..  
*Buller Hall main entrance  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.*
- 31 Summer Commencement**  
9 a.m.—Graduate/Undergraduate  
*Pioneer Memorial Church  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.*

### August

- 4 ASI/Sacramento Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
*Sacramento Convention Center  
1030 15th St., Sacramento, Calif.*  
We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those who will be attending the ASI Conference.
- 10 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
*Alumni House, Andrews University*

### September

- 14 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
*Alumni House, Andrews University*

#### September 29–October 2

#### Alumni Homecoming Weekend

See full-page feature on page 35 for further details.

### October

- 16 Tennessee Alumni Gathering**  
*Chattanooga, Tenn.*
- 17 North Carolina Alumni Gathering**  
*Asheville, N.C.*

**Please Note:** Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you're interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

### RSVP for an event

RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: [www.andrews.edu/alumni](http://www.andrews.edu/alumni).

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### Who are alumni?

If you've attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you're a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you're invited to be our honored guest at any of the above alumni gatherings.

L–R: Andre Morgan (BT '07), Jane Thayer (FF), Aaron Koleda (BSELED '09), Arlyn Drew (MDiv '97), Sean Porras (MA '08, MDiv 10)



Would you be interested in serving as a local host for an alumni gathering? Or maybe you'd be willing to sponsor an event in your area? How about serving on our Alumni Board of Directors? Connecting with students as a mentor? We'd love to hear from you! Email [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu) or call 269-471-3591.

## Alumni events

### Alumni picnic for spring grads

Thursday, April 28, 2011



Along with spring graduation comes the unavoidable tradition of April showers. However, we made the best of it with a festive fiesta under the big white Homecoming tent. Alumni board members hosted over 300 graduates, presenting each with an Andrews University luggage tag as they entered the celebration. Before students left for rehearsal, everyone surprised President Niels-Erik Andreasen with sparklers and cake in honor of his upcoming 70th birthday on May 14. It was a perfect start to a busy graduation weekend.

### 2011 Alumni Board members

Wednesday, May 11, 2011



**Front row, L-R:** Holly Shaffer (att.), Pat Spangler (BS '04), Wanda Cantrell (BA '73, AS '85, MAT '93), Norma Greenidge (BS '80, MA '92, PhD '00), Tami Condon (BS '91), Scott Schalk (BBA '92, MBA '93)

**Back row, L-R:** Vesna Markovic (BS '83), Dan Bacchiocchi (BArch '90), Alex Markovich (BS '96, MSPT '97), Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA '06, MBA '09), Michael Villwock (BT '08)

**Not pictured:** Debra Busch (BS '92, BS '98), Vlad Radivojevic (BS '95, MSPT '96), Rachael Unotoa-Silafau (BSW '02, MSW '03)

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