



What the DINFOS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Can Do For You

- Conducts general meetings with lunch and guest speakers with information of interest to members
- Supplies DINFOS souvenirs
- Holds Hall of Fame dinners for new inductees and guests
- Provides an Internet Website
 - News of interest
 - Minutes of general meeting and executive meetings
 - Free e-mail service
 - Writer's links
 - Discussion chat/bulletin board

What the DINFOS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Could Do with Increased Membership

- Establish chapters in the Ft. Meade/ Washington, D.C., area and other locations
- Increase contributions to the DINFOS mission with academic and monetary support
- Strengthen ties between professionals in the media, graphic arts and technical fields associated with DINFOS
- Establish links to other alumni organizations now associated with DINFOS

Visit www.dinfosalum.org or write the DINFOS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 269295, Indianapolis, Ind., 46216-6200.

DINFOS Hall Of Fame

The following distinguished professionals have been inducted into the DINFOS Alumni Association's *Hall Of Fame*. This honor, determined by a committee of DINFOS Alumni Association members, is conferred on those who have made significant contributions to the field of military and civilian public affairs.



Mr. Philipp Neuhauser



Mr. William J. Corbett



Maj Charles Loring, USAF (Deceased)



Mr. Joseph Epley



Brig Gen Jerry Dalton, USAF (Ret)



COL John Christy, USA (Ret)



CMSgt Rupert (Bob) Strickland, USAF (Ret)



BG John W. Carlson, USAR (Ret)



Dr. Jack Rubak



Mr. Jordan Rizer



Mr. Patrick Jackson



SGM Hal Glassman, USAR (Ret)



DINFOS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The DINFOS Alumni Association is comprised of current and former students, faculty and associates of the Defense Information School (DINFOS). The school, now located at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, specializes in Public Affairs, Journalism, Broadcasting, Still and Motion Photography and Graphic Arts. Students are from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and allied foreign countries.

Graduates of the school go on to work in military public affairs offices, broadcast stations, and documentation units around the globe. Many notable people who are alumni of the school have reached distinguished heights in the journalism, public relations and broadcast fields of endeavor.

Members of the DINFOS Alumni Association share a common, binding experience that remains with them long after leaving the school and military service.

Defense Information School (DINFOS)

In 1946, the Army Information School was inaugurated at Carlisle Barracks, Penn., and through 1947 the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps sent their officer students to the Army school for public affairs training. During this time, the Navy established its own journalism school and the Air Force opened a school for public information training. Early in 1948, a series of meetings was held by representatives of each of the services to consider combining their separate information training. The Army's and Air Force's information schools were combined and moved to Ft. Slocum, N.Y., in 1951. The Navy continued to operate its own journalism school at Great Lakes.

A renewed effort began in 1961 to combine information training for all of the services. On 21 February 1964 the Department of Defense issued a charter for the establishment of the Defense Information School (DINFOS). The following year, DINFOS was moved from Ft. Slocum to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

From 1964 to 1973, the Army exercised administrative control of the school through the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army. In July 1973 DINFOS was placed under the Army's Training and Doctrine and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). Then on 28 July 1992 the Deputy Secretary of Defense approved the functional transfer and consolidation of training for public affairs, visual information and broadcasting under the direction of the American Forces Information Service (AFIS).

On 1 October 1992 AFIS assumed operational control of DINFOS, and at the same time, the decision was made to consolidate DINFOS, the

Defense Photography School (DPHSCH) at Pensacola Fla., and the Defense Visual Information School (DVISCH) at Lowry AFB, Col., to operate as a single, joint-service educational facility at Ft. George G. Meade, Md. The visual information and broadcast training elements moved from Lowry AFB to Ft. Meade in 1994; DINFOS moved from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to Ft. Meade in 1995; and the DPHSCH elements joined them in early 1998. The current Defense Information School was dedicated 12 June 1998, concluding the consolidation. The new facilities at Ft. Meade encompasses 232,000 square feet and its classrooms and labs are equipped with the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

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About 4,000 students are trained each year by the faculty at the consolidated school and at installations throughout the world. Military and civilian graduates of the school can be found in almost every major broadcast, newspaper, public affairs or visual information related operation in the U.S. and overseas.

Upon consolidation, institutional accreditation for DINFOS was transferred from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools to the Accrediting Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (AC/COE). In February 1999, COE reaffirmed DINFOS institutional accreditation. The American Council on Education (ACE) also evaluates school training programs for academic hours of credit transfer-

able to most colleges in the United States. The DINFOS Alumni Association was formed in 1989 to reunite graduates and associates from DINFOS and its predecessor schools and to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas

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and information of interest to its members. Individuals are eligible for membership if they have been associated with the school, are former staff and faculty, or have attended DINFOS or one of its predecessor schools: Army Information School or Armed Forces Information School; Air Force Public Information School; Navy Journalist School; Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison; or Defense Information School, Ft. George Meade.

Membership dues support:

- public affairs research and education for alumni members and students at DINFOS;
- supplemental guest lecture programs, seminars, literature and workshops related to the school's courses;

Annual dues for regular and association members are \$25 for E-5 or above or retired for 1 year, \$10 for active duty personnel E-4 and below. There is also a 3-year membership for a discounted payment of \$60. Lifetime membership is \$250 up to age 40; ages 41 through 59, \$200; and age 60 and over, \$150.

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