



## Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 24, 2025

### MINUTES

#### **President Tom Gavin Called the Meeting to Order at 7:06 PM**

*Don Triveline, Bob Lopez, Eric Rouse, Mike Frigo, Fr. Tom Griffin, Dennis Heitzmann, Durell James, Dan Rowan, Terry Gainer, John Mikenis, Kelvin Lovely, Mike Dreznes, J.C. Crane, and Rick Zarr were present. Bill Johnson and Eric James also attended the meeting as guests. John Wilson, David Ireland, Tom Gavin, Bob Fioretti and Pat Regan notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the meeting.*

*Bill Duffy, Billy Hilbring, Art Gillespie, Craig Larson, David Milton, Ron Dubin (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), John Fanning (11th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation) John Franklin, Mark Hubbard, and Derek Lott were Missing With No Explanation.*

#### **Opening Prayer**

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer asking for God's blessings and guidance. He asked God to welcome into Heaven Shauna Regan, who passed away on June 17, 2025, and to provide the Regan family with the strength needed during this difficult time.

#### **Minutes from May 13 2025 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes**

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the May 13, 2025, Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Mike Frigo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rick Zarr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan**

Pat Regan was not able to attend the meeting, so no Treasurer's Report was presented.

John Mikenis reiterated the need for two signatures for Tax Returns, and other reports that the Finance Committees deems needs be countersigned.

Pat Regan previously announced that he would not be renewing his Treasurer BOD position after July 31, 2025. Eric James was asked to consider serving as the Treasurer. He accepted, subject to Board Approval. **UPDATE: Pat Regan has agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer until the end of the year. Provided the Board votes to allow Eric James to join the Board, Pat will work closely with Eric James to create a Finance Committee.**

#### **Configuration of the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Effective August 1, 2025**

Kelvin Lovely announced that all Board Members whose terms were ending on July 31, 2025 were asked to re-up for an additional three-year term. John Wilson and Pat Regan declined the opportunity to extend their terms until July 31, 2028. **UPDATE: Pat Regan has agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer until the end of the year. The Executive Board will create a Finance Committee and a Quartermaster to redistribute the current workload from the Treasurer's job description**

# Mendel High School Alumni Association Board of Directors Projected Configuration June 24, 2025

	BOD	Bob Fioretti	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	David Ireland	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	John Fanning	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	Don Trivelino	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	Durell James	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	John Franklin	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	Rev Tom Griffin O.S.A.	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	Rick Zarr	8/1/24-7/31/27
	BOD	Mark Hubbard	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Eric Rouse	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Dan Rowan	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Mike Frigo	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Ron Dubin	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Art Gillespie	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Craig Larson	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	David Milton	8/1/23-7/31/26
	BOD	Billy Hilbring	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	Bob Lopez	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	Dennis Heitzmann	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	Terry Gainer	8/1/23-7/31/25
	BOD	Derek Lott	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	John Wilson	8/1/22-7/31/25
	BOD	Jerome (J.C.) Crane	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	Bill Duffy	8/1/25-7/31/28
	BOD	JAMES, ERIC	8/1/25-7/31/28
CHAIRMAN	BOD	Kelvin Lovely	8/1/25-7/31/28
PRESIDENT	BOD	Tom Gavin	8/1/25-7/31/28
VICE PRESIDENT	BOD	John Mikenis	8/1/23-7/31/26
TREASURER	BOD	Pat Regan	8/1/25-7/31/28
SECRETARY	BOD	Mike Dreznes	8/1/25-7/31/28
		8/1/25 CHANGES	
		12/1/24 CHANGES	
		8/1/24 CHANGES	

## Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following chart that showed the progress that has been made over the past twenty-three months to locate missing Alumni. We cannot expect Alumni to participate in the Mendel Alumni activities if they are not aware of them.

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023						6/24/25 YEAR	NAMES	UNSUBSCRIBE	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%	1955	286	2	174	110	55	50.00%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%	1956	275	1	142	133	58	43.61%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%	1957	252	0	119	133	54	40.60%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%	1958	322	0	152	170	89	52.35%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%	1959	377	4	182	195	113	57.95%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%	1960	409	1	210	199	131	65.83%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%	1961	363	4	152	211	126	59.72%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.97%	1962	318	4	137	181	151	83.43%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%	1963	375	0	160	215	135	62.79%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.81%	1964	436	4	134	302	215	71.19%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%	1965	478	6	166	312	220	70.51%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.91%	1966	487	7	166	321	239	74.45%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.39%	1967	387	5	101	286	195	68.18%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%	1968	354	6	92	262	212	80.92%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%	1969	362	5	76	286	208	72.73%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%	1970	292	6	60	232	162	69.83%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%	1971	323	1	57	266	163	61.28%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%	1972	267	5	43	224	110	49.11%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.13%	1973	269	5	48	221	173	78.28%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.81%	1974	227	0	46	181	141	77.90%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%	1975	168	0	26	142	72	50.70%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%	1976	140	0	20	120	53	44.17%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.04%	1977	76	0	11	65	47	72.31%
1977	75	5	70	20	28.57%	1978	136	0	11	125	67	53.60%
1978	136	9	127	36	28.35%	1979	176	0	30	146	54	36.99%
1979	176	13	163	33	20.25%	1980	111	0	16	95	55	57.89%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%	1981	115	0	16	99	56	56.57%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%	1982	96	1	9	87	46	52.87%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%	1983	120	1	9	111	59	53.15%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%	1984	142	1	10	132	81	61.36%
1984	141	2	139	24	17.27%	1985	134	0	15	119	76	63.87%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.92%	1986	128	1	19	109	65	59.63%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.94%	1987	138	0	8	130	82	63.08%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%	1988	99	0	11	88	54	61.36%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.45%	1989	112	0	4	108	3	2.78%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.85%	1990	88	0	0	88	4	4.55%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	1	1.14%	1991	90	0	2	88	0	0.00%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%	UNK CLASS	61	0	5	56	16	28.57%
UNK CLASS	61	1	60	13	21.67%	ALUMNI	8989	70	2639	6348	3840	60.49%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%	TEACHERS	47	0	29	18	9	50.00%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%	TOTAL	9036		2668	6366	3849	60.46%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%							

Some classes are doing very well (blue highlighted classes), and some classes need a "Champion" to locate missing Classmates (red highlighted classes). Mike Dreznes called out the 1972 and 1976 Classes, who have email addresses for less than 50% of the living Classmates. John Wilson and Tom Griffin are 1972 Class Members who are on the Board of Directors. The 1976 Class has no one on the Board of Directors

Mike thanked Rich Williams, Derek Lott and Ron Dubin for their efforts to find missing Alumni.

Mike Dreznes offered to send an updated roster to all Board Members, and he asked all Board Members to review the contact details for themselves, as well as friends, family, and other Classmates, and to notify Mike Dreznes of any necessary changes. **UPDATE: THE MASTER ROSTER WAS SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS ON JUNE 27, 2025.**

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of the living Alumni. We are currently at 60.5%. When the campaign started in June of 2023, we only had 23% of the email addresses for living Alumni.

## Hall of Fame Committee Report -J.C. Crane

Multiple Board Members congratulated J.C. Crane for the HOF Induction Ceremony that was held at St Rita High School on May 24, 2025. The following individuals were inducted:



**MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## CLASS OF 2025

NAME	GRAD YEAR	NAME	GRAD YEAR
<b>Andre Banks</b> (PLAYER)	'82	<b>Tony Daniel</b> (PLAYER)	'87
<b>Mike O'Hare (RIP)</b> (PLAYER)	'70	<b>Nolan Lane</b> (COACH)	'86
<b>Gene Rouse (RIP)</b> (PLAYER)	'72	<b>Patrick Regan</b> (COACH)	'68
<b>Michael F Anthony (RIP)</b> (PLAYER)	'68	<b>Michael Dreznes</b> (COACH)	'88
<b>Kelvin Lovely</b> (PLAYER)	'78	<b>William Hilbring</b> (COACH)	'81
<b>James Nollinger</b> (PLAYER)	'67	<b>Michael Hogan (RIP)</b> (COACH)	'66

JC Crane asked for suggestions to make the next induction ceremony better. Someone suggested that the inductees be called out before the presentations for a group photo because some people had to leave quickly at the conclusion of the presentations.

Rick Zarr said that he would get his pictures to John Dreznes to have them posted on the Mendel Alumni Association Website.

Someone mentioned hearing that there are many trophies missing from the trophy case in Gregor Mendel Hall. When the school closed many of the trophies were given away to Alumni. Mike Dreznes promised to send out an email blast asking Alumni if they have any Mendel High School trophies, and if they do, to return them to the Alumni Association.

Mike Dreznes asked for 2026 Mendel HOF Nominations. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2025. Mike Dreznes also asked for 2026 Chicago Catholic League HOF nominees. Don Ledin was suggested. Volunteers are needed to reach out to Don Ledin, and others, and to prepare their nomination forms before the February 6, 2026 Chicago Catholic League HOF application deadline.

## 2025 Website Committee Report-Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr continues to scan documents and to post photos on the Mendelchs.org website. Rick Zarr congratulated John Dreznes for his excellent work keeping the website up to date.

## Mendel All-Class Picnic June 28, 2025 Update-Mark Hubbard

Kelvin Lovely encouraged all Board Members to attend the All-Class Family Cookout on Saturday June 28, 2025 at North Creek Meadows Forest Preserve.

MENDEL ALL-CLASS FAMILY COOKOUT  
Come out to celebrate with Fellow Monarchs!  
Bring your own grill. food and drinks  
Saturday June 28, 2025 Noon to 7:30 PM  
NORTH CREEK MEADOWS FOREST PRESERVE  
GLENWOOD LANSING RD., WEST OF TORRENCE AVE. GROVE 3  
GLENWOOD, IL 60411

Mike Dreznes agreed to bring out the tent, table & Mendel Merchandise to sell at the Cookout.

An announcement will be made at the picnic regarding the intentions to have a “Jam Session” in the Fall. Flyers will also be passed out for the Golf Outing.

## Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing Update-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson presented an update on the 26<sup>th</sup> Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing on Friday July 25, 2025. He thanked Craig Larson for developing the Outing Flyer!

**Mendel Monarch Masters Golf Outing** all Mendel family and friends welcome  
**FRIDAY JULY 25, 2025**  
Rainout Monday July 28  
8201 West 95th St.  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Hole #11 Veterans & First Responders  
Hole #14 The Pope Hole XIV  
Door Prize  
Raffles w/ Split the Pots  
Silent Auction  
Prop Bets will be available  
Winning Foursome has first choice from the prize table

\$175 golf package ... green fees, golf cart, dinner, open bar  
8 am check-in 9 am shotgun start  
\$165 before July 15th

\$75 cocktails & dinner only 3:30 PM  
\$65 before July 15th

pay online:  
[www.mendelchs.org](http://www.mendelchs.org)  
or send checks:  
Pat Regan  
1s510 Bayberry Lane  
Wheaton, Illinois 60189

questions:  
Bill Johnson (708) 710-6823  
[bjmjtaz@att.net](mailto:bjmjtaz@att.net)

donations will be made to:  
The Mendel Legacy Awards Program  
The Mendel Hall of Fame  
Mendel Veterans & First Responders Committee  
and to our Senior Augustinians

Every Board Member was asked to participate either by playing Golf, buying dinner, buying a hole sponsor sign, making a donation, volunteering at the outing, or looking for golfers. Bill Johnson presented the chart below showing the participation of the Board Members.

2025 MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING PARTICIPATION						
	GOLF	DINNER	HOLE SPONSOR	DONATION	VOLUNTEER	SOLICIT GOLFERS
Bob Fioretti		X	X		X	
David Ireland	X					X
John Fanning	X		X			X
Don Triveline			X			
Durell James	X					X
John Franklin						
Rev Tom Griffin O.S.A.					X	
Rick Zarr					X	
Mark Hubbard		X			X	X
Eric Rouse						X
Dan Rowan	X		X		X	X
Mike Frigo		X	X		X	X
Ron Dubin					X	
Art Gillespie	X				X	
Craig Larson					X	
David Milton						
Billy Hilbring						
Bob Lopez					X	
Dennis Heitzmann						
Terry Gainer			X		X	X
Derek Lott						
John Wilson			X			
Jerome (J.C). Crane						
Bill Duffy	X		X	X	X	X
Kelvin Lovely	X			X	X	X
Tom Gavin	X		X	X	X	X
John Mikenis			X	X	X	X
Pat Regan	X		X	X	X	X
Mike Dreznes		X	X	X	X	X

Bill Johnson said the Golf Outing was "looking good." He is confident that he will have 84 golfers. However, he is hoping for 100 plus golfers. He expects to sell at least 50 hole sponsor signs. Durell James asked to buy a hole sponsor sign.

All Board Members were asked to donate goods, services or cash to be used for raffle items or giveaways.

Bill Johnson also asked for volunteers to move goods to and from the Golf Outing. Mike Dreznes offered to use his van. Bill Johnson is hoping to hear from Ron Dubin and Bill Duffy. Rick Zarr offered to take photos at the Outing.

John Mikenis offered to send Bill Johnson the task list that was used at the Class Reunion.

**UPDATE: John Mikenis sent the task list to Bill Johnson on June 26.**

## Mendel "Jam Session" Update -David Ireland

David Ireland was not able to attend the meeting. The decision was made not to do anything regarding the Jam Session at the All-Class Cookout on June 28. Rick Zarr will work with David Ireland to locate a venue and develop a plan for the Jam Session in the Fall..

## Class of 1975 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Report-Eric Rouse

Approximately sixty members of the 1975 Class met at Gwendolyn Brooks High School in the morning of Saturday June 7, 2025. They then went to Baroccas Pizza for dinner. The organizing committee did an excellent job planning and implementing the event.



## Donations Made on Behalf of Richard Barth ('67) Report- Mike Dreznes

Richard Barth was a 1967 Mendel graduate. He was a Downers Grove Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1974.

### MEN OF MENDEL WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



**PATROLMAN RICHARD BARTH**  
**DOWNERS GROVE BADGE 11**  
**MENDEL CLASS OF 1967**  
**END OF WATCH**  
**MARCH 18, 1974**



Agency: Downers Grove Police  
Department  
Served: 2 years  
Unit of Assignment/Detail Patrolman  
Cause of Death: Gunfire-Enemy



**Barth Pond**

The Mendel Alumni Association donated \$500 each to the two Catholic Grammar Schools in Downers Grove, St. Josephs and St Mary of Gostyn.

**Both schools were very appreciative for the donations.**

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
**SMG**  
 CHRISTINE KALAL PRINCIPAL  
 (630) 968-6155 | x239  
 ckalal@stmarygostyn.org

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
 440 PRAIRIE AVENUE  
 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60516  
 STMARYGOSTYN.ORG

**May 16, 2025**

*Dear Mike (of Mendel HS Alum Assoc),*  
*Thank you again for your very generous donation to St. Mary of Gostyn School. We loved talking with you yesterday and promise to keep all of you in our prayers! Look up our facebook page and you will see our post from yesterday!!*  
*Blessings, Christ Kalal*

We would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Mendel HS Alumni Association for your very generous donation to St. Mary of Gostyn School. In honor of former Downers Grove Police Officer, Richard Barth, members of the association visited SMG this morning to present us with their donation which will be used to enhance security on the campus.



**The principal at St. Josephs, Beth Cunningham is the daughter of Russ DeBruin, who graduated from Mendel in 1962. Beth Cunningham wore her dad's Mendel ring during the presentation ceremony.**

**Weekly Newsletter**

From the desk of:  
 Principal Beth A. Cunningham

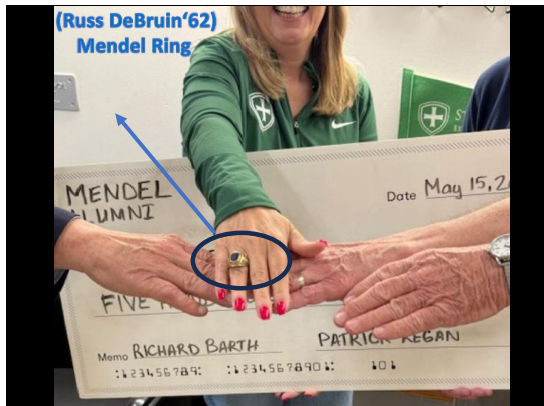
**May 15, 2025**



**Mendel Alumni Association**  
 Thank you to the Mendel Alumni Association for their generous donation to St. Joseph School. This gift was made in memory of Richard Barth, a proud Mendel alum and police officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty many years ago.

It was a pleasure to meet the gentlemen who visited and present the check and share stories about Mendel and Pope Leo XIV. Although Mendel Catholic Prep closed its doors in 1988, the spirit of its community lives on. The Mendel Alumni Association remains an active organization, continuing to honor their legacy and support Catholic education for future generations.

We are truly grateful for their generosity and enduring commitment. Go Monarchs!



## Catholic League HOF Monarch Nominations Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes reminded the Board that the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Nominations must be submitted by February 6, 2026.

It was suggested that Don Ledin be considered. The Board needs someone to work with Don Ledin to confirm his interest and to initiate his application. Don Ledin is in the Mendel HOF.

Pope Leo XIV was mentioned as another Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Nominee. Mike Dreznes offered to discuss this possibility with Tom McCarthy at St. Rita High School.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Pope Leo XIV Shrine in Gregor Mendel Hall at St. Rita-Mike Dreznes

The Board agreed that having a shrine to Pope Leo XIV in Mendel Hall at St. Rita would be a good idea. Mike Dreznes offered to call Tom McCarthy to see if St. Rita has plans for a shrine to the Pope.

### Lencioni's R.O.M.E.O. July 17, 2025- Mike Dreznes

Terry Jarosky ('64) offered to host the next R.O.M.E.O. at his Lencioni's Bar & Grill in Lynwood, Illinois. Terry will charge the Alumni Association \$7.00 per head for the food. We will have a cash bar. It is suggested that a \$20 donation per person be requested. All attendees will be encouraged to donate a bottle of liquor that will be used for fundraising purposes at the Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing on July 25, 2025.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The next "R.O.M.E.O." (Random Old Monarchs Eating Out) will be hosted by Terry Jarosky at 1 PM on Thursday July 17, 2025 at Lencioni's Bar & Grill 3325 Glenwood Dyer Road in Lynwood Illinois

Come out to share some memories and to celebrate summertime with your Mendel Brothers. Bring a friend to join you!



LENCIONI'S  
PUB AND BANQUETS

Please bring one or more unopen bottles of liquor that can be used Silent Auction/Raffle prizes at the Golf Outing on July 25.

For Planning Purposes, please tell me if you will be able to join us on July 17 at 1 PM.



### Augustinian Architectural Boat Tour Concept-Mike Dreznes

Terru Lynch ('66) has a friend who offered the Mendel Alumni Association a complimentary Architectural Tour down the Chicago River. The plans for a "Pope Cruise" did not materialize.

Terry suggested an Augustinian Boat that would invite all Augustinians to attend at no charge. Mendel Alumni would be asked to donate money for dinner and drinks. Tom Griffin said this could be a possibility if it was held on a Sunday early evening due to Chicago traffic. Mike Dreznes agreed to contact Terry Lynch to see if a Sunday evening was a possibility to move this concept closer to reality.




# Discovery of Sixteenth Monarch killed in Vietnam-Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel was not able to attend the BOD Meeting. Mike Dreznes explained that he was notified by a Mendel Alum that we were not including James Sachaschik ('67) in our list of Veterans who were killed in Vietnam. Research verified that James Sachashik did die in Vietnam on February 24, 1970 and he is on the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C.


## Military Hall of Honor

Memento Semper


"Time will not dim the glory of their deeds." General of the Armies John J. Pershing




**1<sup>ST</sup> FIELD FORCE  
VIETNAM**




**1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 50<sup>TH</sup>  
INFANTRY**



**50<sup>TH</sup>  
INFANTRYMAN**



**PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS**



**INFANTRYMAN**


**JAMES HARRY SACHASHIK**  
"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E5, US35142260, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Dalton, IL

Date of Birth: April 19, 1940, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1<sup>st</sup> Field Force Vietnam, Binh Triem Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: November 3, 1969, Incident Date: February 7, 1970  
Died of Wounds: February 24, 1970  
Days in Country: 153, Casualty Type: AO, CIDG, Phase 13W, Row 032

PFC James Sachashik was severely wounded on February 7th while searching a deserted enemy base camp. Company A had found an enemy base camp with at least 10 bunkers. While beginning a search of the area, Sachashik and another man were severely wounded when a booby trapped 160mm artillery shell was set off. Dust-off Med-evac was called and the Company withdrew and called in an artillery strike on the base camp. Sachashik survived for 17 days in an Army Hospital before he succumbed to his wounds on February 24th.


He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Heroism), posthumously.

A map of the location (AN768162) is shown below.




PHAN THIET  
SHEET 6630 IV  
1<sup>ST</sup> C. JAMES SACHASHIK KIA SITE

C Sachashik is buried with his Mother and Father, Rose and Fred, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 119th & Kedzie Ave., between S. Central Park Avenue and S. Kedzie Avenue in Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois. He is interred at the Garden of Meditation Mausoleum building, East Wall, Pier 4, Crypt 30. The Cemetery is also referred to as Oak Hill - Merrionette Park Cemetery.




**JAMES SACHASHIK'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**



**THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR  
HQ 1<sup>ST</sup> FIELD FORCE VIETNAM  
24 MARCH 1970  
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 326

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASHIK Distinguished himself while serving as a Rifleman on a search and clear mission with his platoon on 7 February 1970. His unit was searching an enemy base camp area and bunker complex suspected to have been boobytrapped by the enemy. While searching the area on foot, Private First Class Sachashik was badly wounded when a Viet Cong booby trap was detonated near him. Although he later succumbed to his wounds, he expressed concern for the safety of his fellow soldiers in the area of the explosion. Private First Class Sachashik's loyalty and valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



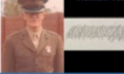











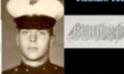














## The Mendel Page honoring the Monarchs killed in Vietnam has been updated.

**MEN OF MENDEL KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR**




	<b>PFC JAMES SACHASHIK</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1967 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM FEBRUARY 24, 1970		
	<b>CPT EDWIN HEISSE</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1957 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 24, 1971		
	<b>2LT WILLIAM F. OTTO</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1959 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM MAY 11, 1966		
	<b>MAJ JEFFREY LEMON</b> USAF MENDEL CLASS OF 1961 MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS APRIL 25, 1971		
	<b>1LT RONALD J. JANOUSEK</b> USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 MIA IN VIETNAM AUGUST 9, 1969		
	<b>LTJG WILLIAM SCHOLTEN</b> US NAVY MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 PLANE CRASHED TAKING OFF FROM THE KITTY HAWK AIRCRAFT CARRIER JUNE 15, 1970		
	<b>SP4 WILLIAM C. GEIS</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JANUARY 28, 1966		

	<b>LCpl WILLIAM J. OSKILANE</b> USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 16, 1968		
	<b>PFC ALAN BUTKUS</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 12, 1968		
	<b>PFC CRAIG M. CLANCY</b> USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1969		
	<b>PFC JACK DALTON</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM NOVEMBER 21, 1966		
	<b>LCpl ROBERT MILLER</b> USMC MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 6, 1967		
	<b>PFC JERRY FLEMING</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1968		
	<b>PFC JAMES LAWLOR</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 25, 1967		
	<b>PFC FRANCIS SCHWARTZ</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM AUGUST 14, 1968		
	<b>PFC ROBERT HOINACKI</b> US ARMY MENDEL CLASS OF 1969 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 22, 1971		

## Plans for Mendel Alumni Association All-Class Reunion 2026



Mike Dreznes asked for volunteers to join the organizing committee for the All-Class Reunion in 2026. Bob Lopez offered to participate. Mike Dreznes offered to send an email blast to the 1975 and 1976 Class to ask them to create an Organizing Committee.

Logical choices for the event are either Gaelic Park or Hickory Hills Golf Course.

**UPDATE: One possibility is to have "Reunion Weekend" by scheduling the Reunion on Friday June 26, 2026, and coupling it with the already scheduled All-Class Picnic on Saturday June 27, 2026.**

All Board Members were asked to participate in the organizing process and to attend the combine the "Reunion Weekend."

### Chicago Cubs Game Fundraiser in 2026

The Alumni Association was invited by the Chicago Cubs to organize an outing at Wrigley Field at a game this year. The Board agreed that the concept sounded good, and it should be considered in 2026, possibly as a part of the "Reunion Weekend."

### Set Next Meeting Date

The next BOD Zoom Meeting will be on Tuesday August 5, 2025 at 7 PM Chicago time.

### Closing Prayer-Fr. Tom Griffin

Fr. Tom Griffin O.S.A. closed the meeting with a prayer thanking God for a productive meeting and asking Him for continued good health and good fortune for all Mendel Alumni and their families.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM Chicago time.