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EDWIN MASBACK, JR. AN AFS DRIVER THROUGH THE DECADES





AFS Founder and Life Trustee

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Dear AFS Friend,

The inspiration for this issue is stories of AFSers living the AFS mission by using their knowledge, skills and commitment to create a more just and peaceful world.

This *AFS Janus* issue honors AFS Life Trustee Ed Masback's dedication and decades of service to AFS. Ed, an AFS founder and a lifelong volunteer who served as an ambulance driver in WWII, has exemplified the AFS mission of promoting intercultural understanding ever since he was elected to the AFS Board of Trustees in 1947.

We also offer you a profile of Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, a diplomat and AFS Returnee (Germany to USA 1963–64), who was instrumental in bringing peace to Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s. Always an AFS supporter and a global citizen, Ischinger has served as an ambassador and a skilled negotiator in conflict areas of the globe, emphasizing political dialogue over violence.

A story on AFS President Francisco Casal's April participation in the Second Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations in Istanbul describes an example of AFS's international outreach efforts. This AFS collaboration with other organizations will help extend the impact of our intercultural education programs.

The recently formed AFS Legacy Group is dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of AFS history and artifacts. In a parallel process, the AFS Foundation in Zurich, Switzerland, dedicated to the memory of Stephen Galatti, is committed to the protection of the AFS name and trademark.

Enjoy this issue of *AFS Janus*. We look forward to your comments.

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Ed Masback's AFS WWII photo.
Background photo: AFS ambulances at Monte Cassino, Italy, 1944.
Insert: Ed Masback, John Nettleton and Ward Chamberlin at a 1975 Trustee Meeting.
Ed Masback and Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger at the 2002 Driver Reunion.

“In his devotion to the AFS, Mr. Masback exemplified that unselfish spirit and dedication on which the Service was founded and on which its future rests.”

— AFS Board of Trustees Resolution,
November 1964

AFS World War II ambulance driver and Life Trustee Edwin (Ed) R. Masback, Jr. championed international responsibility and volunteer service, first as an ambulance driver in World War II and later as a founder of the AFS Scholarship Program.

Ed was born on September 14, 1917, in White Plains, New York. He is a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Yale University (class of 1940). In 1942, when Ed was 25 years old and the treasurer of a family-owned hardware and industrial supply wholesaler, he was rejected for medical reasons by the U.S. Army. After a year of trying to join the war effort, Ed found the AFS office on the ground floor of the Cotton Exchange



AFS WWI driver Dominic Rich with Stephen Galatti and Ed Masback at the dedication of the 30th Street Headquarters, New York, 1948



Ed Masback at a Trustee meeting, January 1972

Building in New York City at 60 Beaver Street and met Stephen Galatti. Ed explained his motivation in a 2002 interview; “I was never a pacifist. But I had strong, strong feelings about what was going on. A lot of people were conscientious objectors, and I would appreciate their feelings, but in 1938, I had been to Germany. My family name originally was Maasbach, and they came from the town of Maasbach, Germany. I remember driving from Germany with the Nazi storm troopers around, and recall being both attracted by the uniforms and repelled by what they represented. And by the time I joined AFS, it was apparent to many what was happening not only to Jews, but certain other people as well.”

Ed left New York with AFS Unit ME 37 in January 1943, arriving in the Middle East in March 1943. He was attached to AFS 485 Ambulance Car Company and served as section leader and “C” Platoon sergeant in Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Italy.

As the platoon sergeant, Ed participated in the battle of Monte Cassino. He experienced a tragic loss when his platoon’s lieutenant, Robert Bryan, was killed in battle in May of 1944. Ed named his firstborn son Bryan in honor of Lt. Bryan. Ed recalled his experience at Cassino: “The New Zealand Dressing Station, to which I was attached, lay just south of the Abbey of Monte Cassino, separated by a plain, tucked into an old stream bed flanked by slopes. We could see the bombing planes before

bombs were released. When the bombs landed, we could hear the thunder and quite literally feel the ground shake.” For his service, Ed was awarded the Africa Star, the Italy Star and the War Medal 1939–45 by the British military. He was repatriated on March 26, 1944.

As one of the founders of the AFS International Scholarship Program in 1946, Ed has witnessed firsthand the transforming power of the AFS mission. Ed explained his decision to get involved with AFS: “I went back home and, for me, the experiences later on were more important than what happened in the war, except how the war affected my thinking. After the war was over, we had a Drivers Reunion and I decided to go into the student exchange field.”

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In a Legacy Project conversation with Eleanora Golobic in 2004, Ed recalled a seminal experience in the early days of the AFS program that deeply affected him and taught him the meaning of reconciliation. He was asked by Stephen Galatti to entertain two AFS college students, a New Zealander and a German from



Ed Masback (center) with AFS President Bill Dyal, Herbert Arnold, Sam Walker and Bob Applewhite, 1982



Ed and Phyllis Masback with Frank Lichtensteiger, Tom Hale, Arthur Howe, Jr. and Maureen Fenson of the Canadian Embassy at the AFS Drivers Reunion 2002

Dickinson College in New York in 1948–49. During their conversation, it turned out that both students and Ed were at the battle of Monte Cassino in Italy. Ed and the New Zealander served with the Allies, while the German, an officer in the Paratroops Regiment, was on the opposing side. Ed said that the meeting transformed him: “Talking together and just sitting there, the three of us, it was some sort of an epiphany. I don’t know what it was, but my attitude completely changed after that and it’s right to say that I didn’t hold any resentment. The big thing I learned out of my AFS experience is that fundamentally, people are people. That episode really changed the nature of my life and I found it a very moving experience. I have spent a good part of my life since then involved one way or the other with AFS, including working there.”

Ed has served on AFS governing boards continuously since 1947. His passion for AFS is evident in the numerous leadership positions he has taken over the years. Whether serving as treasurer and acting director general (Ed headed AFS upon Galatti’s death in July 1964 until the election of Arthur Howe, Jr. later that year), chairman of the AFS Board of Directors, chairman of the AFS International Board of Trustees and AFS-USA Trustee, Ed hasn’t shied away from the challenges facing AFS over the years. As treasurer, Ed developed financial procedures and provided financial guidance to

AFS over a period of years. Ed also founded the AFS Chapter in Scarsdale, New York, and was deeply and increasingly involved in program issues. Ed hosted three students who participated in the AFS year program and his family often provided a temporary home for AFS boarding school students.

Ed was part of an AFS driver delegation that accepted the Oscar Arias Foundation Peace Award at the World Congress in San Jose. Ed is widely known and respected by the AFS volunteers and AFS Partners throughout the world. A frequent guest speaker at many AFS Partner events, Ed was honored at the AFS-USA Gala at the United Nations in October 2005.

Ed retired as president of Masback Hardware Company and is currently an active Life Trustee of AFS International. He lives with his wife Phyllis in Greenport, New York. Ed’s three sons are Bryan, Dennis and Kevin and he has six grandchildren.

Ed’s lifetime of leadership and service to AFS is an inspiration to all. Through his vision and leadership, Ed has made a tremendous contribution to the lives of young people around the world. His lifelong support of the AFS Mission continues to affect the development of AFS programs and provides a source of hope and renewal for many. AFS takes great pride in Ed’s service and steadfast commitment.

AN AFS RETURNEE'S PERSONAL AGENDA FOR PEACE



Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger with AFS Returnees Alexandra Fischer and Hans Schlegel at the AFS Germany Training Days, Constanze, 2008

There is a long list of ambassadors who began their international careers as AFS students. Wolfgang Friedrich Ischinger, a former German ambassador, hosted by Glen Brock in Watseka, Illinois, in 1963–64, is one such Returnee.

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger was born in Nürtingen, Germany, on April 6, 1946. During his AFS year he attended Watseka Community High School. He notes that his diplomatic career benefited from his knowledge of local culture and openness to new experiences—intercultural competencies acquired during his AFS stay in Watseka. “If AFS did not exist, we would have to invent it. I gained precious insights during my AFS year in Watseka, Illinois.”

Ambassador Ischinger studied law in Bonn and Geneva and received his law degree in 1972. He received an M.A. degree in 1973 from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts.

Ambassador Ischinger had a thirty-year career in the German Foreign Ministry. He served as director general of the Policy Planning Staff, as director general for Political Affairs and as state secretary. Most recently, from 2001 to 2008, he served as German ambassador to the United States and Great Britain.

Ambassador Ischinger is the current Allianz’s director of Government Relations and Public Policy and the chairman of the Munich Security Conference, appointed by Chancellor Angela Merkel in 2008. He led German delegations in international negotiations in some of the most significant conflicts of our time, including the Bosnia Peace Talks at Dayton, Ohio, in 1995, which ended the war in Bosnia (1992–1995). Ambassador Ischinger’s abiding commitment to the eradication of hatred, racism and intolerance helped launch the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe during the 1999 Kosovo crisis. He was also part of the negotiations on NATO enlargement and on the Kosovo crisis.

In 2007 he was the European Union’s envoy in a three-party team of negotiators (the Troika) that met on the status of Kosovo. The negotiations led to the declaration of independence of Kosovo and its recognition by 62 countries in 2008. The challenge of creating durable stability in the Balkans has been part of Ambassador Ischinger’s agenda for a long time. He has personal ties to Kosovo and visits there often. A school in Slatina near Pristina has been rebuilt and named to honor his late son Florian “The development of the Western Balkans is important to me personally, and it is my idea that Serbian and Kosovar politicians will appear together at future conferences, and communicate openly. Our task to shape a more peaceful and tolerant future does not stop there.” Ambassador Ischinger said that positive actions have to be taken to strengthen tolerance: “Much more needs to be done, in Europe, but also in many other regions, to ensure that there will be no place for racism in the minds of the next generations.”

For his diplomatic and humanitarian role, Ambassador Ischinger has been honored with many awards, including the French Legion of Honor. He is the first German diplomat to be awarded the Leo Baeck Medal for his contribution toward the reconciliation of German and Jewish history by the Leo Baeck Institute in New York on December 2, 2008.

Ambassador Ischinger continues to be enthusiastic about his AFS experience and is an active member of the Kuratorium of AFS Germany: “In an era when international cooperation and solidarity are more vital than ever, AFS deserves our fullest support.” He met with AFS ambulance drivers at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin in October 2000 and hosted AFS drivers at his official residence in Washington, DC, in September of 2002.

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger represents the highest of AFS ideals and his attachment to the AFS Mission inspires many people around the globe.

THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS AND AFS: Leveraging the Power of International Networks



Prime Minister of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan listens to a speech with José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of Spain, in the background

AFS President Francisco “Tachi” Cazal was invited to speak at an important global event, the Second Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations (AoC), held in Istanbul, Turkey, on April 6–7, 2009. The Alliance of Civilizations (AoC) was established in 2004 at the initiative of the governments of Spain and Turkey, under the auspices of the United Nations, when a high level group of experts was formed by former Secretary-General Kofi Annan to explore the roots of polarization between societies and cultures today, and to report on a practical plan of action to address this issue. The Alliance’s mandate is to work to promote understanding and collaborative relations across cultures and religions, and to help counter the forces that spread extremism and intolerance. The Alliance counts on the support of more than 82 countries and 17 international organizations.

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“Attending this global forum was a wonderful opportunity for AFS to participate in a international meeting with an organization whose values are closely allied with those of AFS and its mission,” said Francisco Cazal, president and CEO of AFS Intercultural Programs. “As we work to reach out to others to help extend the impact of our intercultural education programs, we are very pleased with having our voice heard at this level. The AFS Vision 2020 states that ‘As a learning organization, we welcome

change and critical thinking. We are innovative and entrepreneurial in advancing strategic directions, working with others whenever appropriate.’ Our presence in this important forum offered us an international platform from which to promote the increased participation of secondary school students in international exchanges. This is key in moving AFS closer to fulfilling the directives of our Vision 2020.”

The AoC is an advocate and catalyst for promoting exchange programs, particularly between the West and the Muslim world. More than a dozen member states of the AoC have developed national strategies to implement the recommendations of the organization at the national, regional and local levels.

One example of this is Brazil, which, as part of its “National Plan,” has created medium and long-term projects with the following purposes:

- to promote mutual knowledge and respect for diversity
- to foster civic values and a culture of peace
- to improve integration and capabilities of migrants, with special attention to youth
- to disseminate the purposes of the UN Alliance of Civilizations
- to promote social inclusion of marginalized groups of the Brazilian population



The heads of state of Bulgaria and Slovenia and international dignitaries at the forum listen to Tarja Halonen, President of Finland (both photos courtesy United Nations | Alliance of Civilizations)

Initiatives of Brazil's "National Plan" are mostly being implemented, in coordination, by the Ministry of External Relations, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Communications, the Special Secretariats for Human Rights (SEDH), Promotion of Racial Equality (SEPIIR) and Policies for Women and Youth (SPM).

The AoC's Youth Activities Program

The AoC's Youth Activities Program objective is to "promote and strengthen the contribution of global movements and networks of youth to advance cross-cultural understanding and build inclusive societies."

The AoC implementation of its "Youth Strategy" will include the involvement of a "Youth Advisory Committee" composed of seven youths, one per world region, who will be responsible for supporting the mobilization of new youth partners among other responsibilities, and will include the participation of about 25 organizations such as regional youth networks, multilateral organizations, other UN agencies, international NGOs and several national governments.

Outcomes of the Forum

The Istanbul Forum was hosted by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey. The Prime Minister of Spain, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General, and Jorge Sampaio,

High Representative of the AoC and former president of Portugal, were also in attendance. More than 1,000 participants, among them 50 ministers as well as individuals involved in policymaking, foundation and grassroots leaders, took part in the event.

Mr. Sampaio stated that the event was successful in highlighting the political leverage of the Alliance. The announcement of new "National Plans" and regional strategies for intercultural dialogue by more than a dozen of the governments represented at the forum was a concrete example of the advancement of these objectives. In addition, the Alliance has signed agreements with numerous international organizations, such as the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, to leverage networks and obtain competitive advantage with its partners.

At a follow-up meeting on May 4, 2009, AoC representatives Emmanuel Kattan, communications advisor for the Office of the Secretariat, AoC; Dr. Thomas Uthup, research manager at the AoC; Isabelle Legare, AoC Youth program manager; and Tachi Cazal discussed ways in which AFS and the AoC could work together to advance the agenda of intercultural education. "The AoC is expanding and acquiring new member countries in key world regions for AFS," said Tachi Cazal. "We look forward to working with the AoC to build bridges of understanding among the world's youth."

THE AFS PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Bin Sato

Bärbel Helmers

Blaikie Forsyth Worth

Francisco “Tachi” Cazal has announced the three recipients of the 2009 AFS President’s Award: Bin Sato (Japan to USA 1960–61), Bärbel Helmers (Germany to USA 1953–54) and Blaikie Forsyth Worth, former AFS Trustee and staff member. The awards will be presented at the Second Annual AFS President’s Awards luncheon to be held at AFS Intercultural Program’s headquarters in New York on November 20, 2009. This discretionary award was created to recognize the contributions of those returnees, staff, volunteers and supporters who have contributed substantially and over a period of time to the past, present and future of AFS by their commitment to the program.

It is an opportunity for friends to gather and celebrate the honorees and their achievements as well as reconnect with the organization and be apprised of new developments and initiatives. The first two recipients were Jackie Cannon Brown (USA to Germany Summer Program 1955) and Dan Hastings (USA to Turkey Summer Program 1974)—both returnees, former staff members and the organizers of the 2007 “Old Timers Reunion” that was held at the former AFS headquarters in New York City.

To join us for this very special occasion, please contact Jackie Brown at AFS International, tel: (212)807-8686 ext. 127 or e-mail: jbrown@afs.org.

Legacy group to ensure preservation and presentation of AFS history

AFS is fortunate to have a rich history that, over the years, has been catalogued and preserved through efforts both in the U.S. and abroad. An inaugural meeting of the Legacy Group in New York this summer addressed the adoption of a mission statement for the AFS archives, the formulation of an archives policy and a discussion of networking and visibility issues designed to build affiliations with all parts of the AFS constituency. The Group consists of the following members: Alan Albright, Georg Broch, Jackie Brown, Ward Chamberlin, Eleanora Golobic, Dan Hastings, Axel Jansen, Bill Meserve, Marianne Meyer, Carlos Porro and Christine Vogel.

The Legacy Group focused their discussions on developing policies regarding the maintenance of the archives, envisioning ways to promote the history of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs and creating a vision for the future of the archives. It was clear that there was an ongoing need for additional funding of archive projects and maintenance to ensure that the heritage is preserved.

We welcome your contributions of both memorabilia and funds to move this initiative forward, especially as we approach the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Field Service to be celebrated in 2014–15. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact jbrown@afs.org.



THE AFS FOUNDATION AND THE AFS LEGACY

By Jürgen Blankenburg



A. Piatt Andrew at Red Roof before World War I

Insert: Lt. Colonel A. Piatt Andrew in his uniform in the United States Army Ambulance Service, ca. 1918

The letters “AFS” evoke such a rich history of adventure, learning, generosity—not to mention all the goodwill associated with them—that it has been tempting for others to try to steal some of the organization’s thunder by choosing similar-sounding names.

It was for risk management considerations that, in 2004, the Board of Trustees took steps to establish the “AFS Foundation” as an independent entity to hold and protect the AFS name. Ward Chamberlin and former Trustees Jürgen Blankenburg (president), Chris Little and Marianne Meyer (vice president) were appointed to the Foundation’s first board. Other current members are Rolf Fink, Bill Meserve and Don Mohanlal.

Legally, the AFS Foundation is the owner of the AFS name and logo as well as related intellectual property. While licensing them, it endeavors to preserve and promote the legacy they represent.

The Foundation began work by expanding trademark protection worldwide and by filing an international registration for the mark “AFS.” Five years later we have been granted protection in 88 countries with registrations pending in three more. Name protection continues to be an ongoing priority.

Three years ago, the Foundation became aware of

the possible sale and dispersal of unique archival material about the early days of AFS, part of A. Piatt Andrew’s estate “Red Roof.” With the help of a handful of dedicated volunteers, the Foundation was able to secure and safeguard much valuable material.

The Foundation’s work at Red Roof illustrates the fact that protecting the meaning and legacy of AFS’s name includes paying attention to archival material held not only by archives in New York, but by many partners and well-wishers, ultimately finding ways and means to make it accessible to the AFS world and to the community at large. One means currently being explored is the creation of a virtual museum addressing all aspects of AFS’s heritage.

Promoting an awareness of AFS’s legacy must surely be accompanied by efforts to better understand its value and relevancy, through study and research, traveling or permanent exhibits, continuing identification and acquisition, if possible, of resources.

Preserving the legacy even through tough times is important; once lost it is gone forever. The enthusiasm with which young AFSers and volunteers of all ages are greeting ambulance drivers underscores the importance of AFS’s legacy—a common identity and source of meaningfulness treasured by all.

AFS FOUNDERS IN MEMORIAM

AFS is greatly saddened to report the deaths of several founders and the supporters of AFS Intercultural Programs. We will cherish our memory of them.



Norman C. Kunkel (1918–2009)

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Norman C. Kunkel, an AFS WWII ambulance driver and educator, passed away on April 2, 2009, at his home in Seattle, Washington.

Born in Wessington, South Dakota, on September 17, 1918, Kunkel attended high school in Yakima, Washington. Once World War II broke out, he tried to enlist, but was rejected because of an old elbow injury. He joined the American Field Service as an ambulance driver in the summer of 1943 and was sent to India and Burma with AFS IB 5 Unit. Kunkel was attached to the British Fourteenth Army and served in the Burma campaign between 1943 and 1944. He carried the wounded to Advanced Dressing Stations through the jungles and mountains of Northeastern India and Burma. From November 1944 until April 1945 Kunkel served in Italy aiding civilians. In the final months of WWII he assisted in the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany.

Before going overseas, he met Georgie Bright with whom he exchanged letters, some of which were included in his memoir, *WWII Liberator's Life: AFS Ambulance Driver Chooses Peace* (2006). Georgie waited for Kunkel's return from the war and what followed was their marriage, raising a family, becoming an educator and environmentalist and speaking out about war and the Holocaust. Kunkel received his B.A. in education from the University of Washington and taught at Gregory Heights Elementary School for 25 years.

Kunkel's dedication to the survivors of the Holocaust continued throughout his life. After meeting survivors of Bergen-Belsen in Seattle, Kunkel attended the opening of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, in 1993 and was honored as a liberator at Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater.

Kunkel was a guest speaker at the AFS Brazil General Assembly in Vitoria, Brazil, in September of 2000. He attended two AFS Driver Reunions and was a supporter of the AFS archives.

In 1988, Kunkel donated his diary and war letters to the archives. Kunkel participated in AFS events in Seattle, San Antonio and throughout Washington State. He and his wife were named honorary chairs of AFS Greater Puget Sound. Kunkel's dedication to the AFS programs was an inspiration to many volunteers and participants.

Kunkel's wife, Georgie Bright Kunkel, son Stephen Gregory Kunkel, daughters Susan Ann Kunkel and Kimberly Jane Kunkel Waligorska, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him.

Willard B. Walker (1926–2009)

Willard B. Walker, an AFS WWII ambulance driver and anthropologist, died on May 23, 2009, in Skowhegan, Maine. Born in Boston on July 29, 1928, Walker was raised in Hingham, Massachusetts. A son of William H.C. Walker who served with AFS in France in World War I, Walker graduated from Phillips Andover Academy and Harvard University. He received his Ph.D. in general linguistics and cultural anthropology from Cornell University.

In October of 1944, Walker was rejected by the U.S. Army for medical reasons and decided to continue his family's tradition by joining AFS as an ambulance driver. He went overseas in January of 1945 and served with AFS 485 Company in Italy and was transferred to India and Burma at the end of the war in Europe.

Walker had a lifelong teaching career and served as a professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology



Willard B. Walker (1926–2009)



Joseph J. Desloge, Jr. (1925–2009)



Martin P. Knowlton (1920–2009)

and Linguistics at Wesleyan University until his retirement in 1990. He wrote about the Native American Indian culture and language and worked with various Indian tribes throughout his lifetime.

Walker was a great supporter of AFS and attended two AFS Driver Reunions. He donated an extensive collection of his father's AFS WWI memorabilia to the AFS Archives. He is the author of *Workin' for Galatti's Lira* (AFS Archives, New York, 1996), a memoir based on his cross-cultural experiences in World War II. AFS deeply appreciates Walker's steadfast support and his dedication to preservation of AFS history.

Walker is survived by his wife, C. Pearline "Perch" Walker; two sons, Christopher Walker and Andrew Walker; and two granddaughters.

Joseph J. Desloge, Jr. (1925–2009)

Joseph J. Desloge, Jr., an AFS WWII ambulance driver and philanthropist, passed away on March 19, 2009, at his home in Florissant, Missouri. Desloge was a great AFS supporter whose AFS family connection went back to World War I, when his father, Joseph Desloge, Sr., served with AFS in France. Both Joseph and his younger brother Bernard volunteered for AFS in World War II.

Desloge was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 19, 1925. He was seventeen when he joined AFS in January of 1942. Desloge served for three and a half years in the Middle East, North Africa, Italy, India and Burma. After the war, the Desloge family hosted AFS bus trip participants in the 1950s.

He graduated from the Missouri University of Science and Technology and worked in the family lead mining business. In the 1970s he became deeply involved in charity and family planning in Latin America. He founded the Population

Planning Trust in 1986 and worked to improve education in the northern Mexican state of Coahuila.

Desloge's autobiography *Passport to Manhood* (1995) tells his AFS story during the war. He attended two Driver Reunions and was a generous donor to AFS for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Desloge, two sons, Joseph G. Desloge and Frank Desloge, two daughters, Martina Desloge and Cynthian Manai, and three grandchildren.

Martin P. Knowlton (1920–2009)

Martin P. Knowlton, an AFS WWII ambulance driver and the co-founder of Elderhostel, died on March 12, 2009, in Ventura, California. Knowlton was born in Dallas, Texas on July 30, 1920. He dropped out of Birmingham-Southern College in 1940 to volunteer as an AFS ambulance driver with the Free French Forces in the Middle East from 1940–42. He was awarded the divisional Croix de Guerre for his evacuation of the Free French wounded in Syria in June–July 1941. He later joined the Army and, while serving in the Pacific as a medic, was wounded and awarded a Silver Star.

A loyal supporter of AFS, Knowlton chaperoned AFS bus trips and served as an AFS representative in Maine in the program's early days. After the war, Knowlton did graduate work at Yale and Boston University and taught high school in Maine and Massachusetts. He was the director of the American Youth Hostel at the University of New Hampshire in 1975 when he helped found Elderhostel, a nonprofit organization offering educational programs on college campuses for older adults.

He is survived by two daughters, Peggy Knowlton and Kathy Knowlton, of Portland, Oregon, and one grandchild.



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