

JUNE 2007



WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

Leadership & Public Service

Program Calendar

June 7–10
Selection Weekend

July 16–20
Placement Week

September 1
Fellowship Year Begins

September 5–7
Orientation

October 25–27
Annual Meeting
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“Freedom and Responsibility, Liberty and Duty—That’s the Deal!”

—John Gardner

REGIONAL MEETING REPORT

When he last spoke to us in 1999, John Gardner urged us to have regional meetings as one way to sustain the WHF Community of Mutual Support. In the intervening years, we have held meetings in San Diego, Boston, New York City and West Point, Chicago, and Seattle.

This year’s meeting was held in San Francisco from May 17-19 and featured a spectacular program put together by the organizing committee of Chairman Peter Fiske (95-96), John DeLuca (65-66), Howard (Nemo) Nemerovski (65-66), Bob Joss (68-69), Marshall Turner (70-71), Andy Barnes (76-77), Fredrica Challandes-Angelini (79-80), Margaret McKeown (80-81), and Ajay Amlani (04-05). Our theme for the meeting was

“California: In Search of the Golden State.”

Sixty-five WHFs and spouses joined us over the three days we were together. We began our program with an open Board of Directors meeting, followed by a visit to Bob Joss (68-69) at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Bob described the multidisciplinary approach to graduate business education at Stanford and then demonstrated that approach with a series of speakers that included former WHF Program Associate Director Professor Michael Kirst, who spoke of the challenges California faces in K-12 education; former Secretary of State George Shultz, who discussed the current threats to global security and stability; former Secretary of Defense William Perry, who discussed the growing movement to eliminate nuclear weapons from the world’s arsenals; Dr. Lynn Orr, who talked with us about “Energy, CO2, and Climate Change”; and Henry Rowen, who discussed the economic challenges posed by India and China.

That evening, we returned to San Francisco, where we were welcomed at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals by Justice Margaret McKeown (80-81). After touring the beautiful, historic building that houses the court, we met with California State Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner (03-04) and California State Assemblyman David Jones (95-96) to discuss contemporary problems in the state. We ended the day with a sumptuous reception in the court’s beautiful Redwood Room.

Friday found us up early to meet with Marc Freedman, founder and CEO of Civic Ventures, a volunteer organization for those in the fourth quarter of their lives that was inspired by John Gardner’s Experience Corps. State Supreme Court Justice Ronald M. George then joined us to discuss the judicial and penal systems in California and the dilemmas associated with the state’s growing prison population.

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John Gardner’s gravestone, Presidio Cemetery. As a variation on the old tradition of leaving stones on grave markers, the alumni left a WHF coin in the ground at the foot of his headstone as a reminder of their visit.

REGIONAL MEETING REPORT, CONTINUED

To see one alternative to repetitive incarceration, we journeyed to the Delancey Street Foundation, where Nemo (65-66) had arranged for us to meet with founder Mimi Silbert and six people who had completely transformed themselves from lives of crime and drugs into productive citizens. Following a delicious lunch catered by the Delancey Street Restaurant, we journeyed to the Presidio of San Francisco for a tour of the Presidio Trust – a unique combination of public and private efforts to preserve and enhance the former Army installation following its 1996 closure.

A highlight of our tour was a stop in the military cemetery to visit John Gardner's grave. Our tour of the Trust ended with a visit to Lucasfilm, Ltd., which has transformed the former army hospital into the Letterman Digital Arts Center, the most modern film center in the world. We were met at the entrance by the statue of Yoda and saw many *Star Wars* figures throughout the building. We left Lucasfilm to visit a bench erected in memory of John Gardner at the Palace of the Legion of Honor. Our day ended with a fascinating conversation over dinner at Pres a Vi with Carla Marinucci, political writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, about the transformation of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger into a "post-partisan" leader.

As the sun rose on Saturday, we gathered to hear Nelson Dong's (77-78) fascinating discussion of "The Eight Temporaries: Modern Times in China," and then continued the discussion as we traveled by bus to a very special meeting at the Gallo Family Wineries in Healdsburg, CA, organized by Jo and John DeLuca (65-66), Executive Vice Chairman of the California Wine Institute. Our first stop was at the MacMurray Ranch, where we were met under a huge shade tree by Fred MacMurray's daughter Kate, who offered us chilled Pinot Gris and guided us through the old horse barn, plum drying shed, and her father's ranch house.

The lunch scene on the lawn next to the ranch house evoked images of a life and times past—a series of Renoir paintings updated to the 21st century. Members of the Gallo family hosted us as we enjoyed excellent food and superb wines. We were entranced by the scope and complexity of the Gallo Family Wineries and all that the family has done to develop both the Californian and the American wine industries, as well as the level of attention the family has given to taking care of the environment while simultaneously focusing on quality at every level of wine production. Following lunch, we traveled to the Dry Creek Winery to visit the Gallo's state-of-the-art facility and to participate in a wine-blending seminar. We each bottled our very own wine in bottles beautifully etched with the White House Fellows logo and received a bottle of rare Gallo olive oil pressed from the groves at Dry Creek.

As the sun began to set in the West, we journeyed to Novato, where Nemo and his wife Jackie hosted us for a final reception. The Gallo family provided fine wines to match our menu, and, as the evening progressed, Fellows "talked among themselves" in a way that would have pleased John Gardner. As we prepared to say farewell, we were treated to a very heartwarming toast sung by Julia Vindasius (95-96), who captured the spirit of the gathering and all that the WHF Community might hope to be.

Several attendees had attended earlier regional meetings and came because they enjoyed the opportunity to meet outside of Washington, DC, and visit with Fellows from all classes. Mel Masuda (70-71) journeyed



White House Fellows at John Gardner's gravestone

from Hawaii, John Saxon (78-79) and Will Webb (86-87) came from Alabama, and Judy Rosenstreich (76-77) traveled from Vermont. They were joined in their praise of the meeting by newcomer Bill McGlashan (72-73), who noted: "Christney and I are now believers in regional meetings!" We want you to be a believer in regional and annual meetings and are looking for volunteers to help us locate and plan the regional meeting next year. Please email President Judy Walter (75-76) at whffd@com if you are interested in helping.

—Contributed by Jack LeCuyer (77-78)

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

STILL SERVING VETERANS

White House Fellows continue to engage in leadership and community service long after their fellowship year has ended. Will Webb (86-87) is co-founder, president, and chairman of Still Serving Veterans (SSV), a service organization committed to helping severely wounded warriors and their families with long term career development and life skills support. Since its incorporation in 2006, Will's organization has helped 133 wounded warriors and 225 family members. For more information, please visit www.StillServingVeterans.org



Webb and former Secretary of the Army Harvey cut the SSV ribbon

The brutal nature of terrorism is yielding an overwhelming number of severely disabled veterans, with an unprecedented number of service members suffering from traumatic, life-changing injuries. Over 25,000 soldiers have been wounded in the Global War on Terror, with approximately 10,000 suffering injuries so severe they could not return to duty. The increased number of severely disabled veterans has overloaded traditional support system and increased demands on organizations like SSV.

In partnership with government agencies, educational and medical institutions, and other help organizations, *Still Serving Veterans* offers a whole community approach to veterans' entire families.

- SSV coordinates jobs, career counseling, and mentoring, focusing on helping veterans transition into the workforce transition and obtain quality jobs.
- SSV links veterans to high-quality medical care, counselors, mentors, sponsors, and coaches.
- SSV serves as a clearinghouse, with a staff that knows or finds answers and proactively leverages existing support mechanisms.
- SSV helps with child care, accessible housing, and adaptable transportation.
- SSV combines volunteers and professionals to provides services that do not exist elsewhere.

Will Webb, a member of the President's Commission and past President of the Foundation and Association, notes that his organization has benefited greatly from the WHF Community of Mutual Support. In 2005, then-board member Stefanie Sanford (96-97) supplied material to develop a non-profit business plan. Another WHF board colleague, Sam Howard (66-67), linked Webb with Easter Seals executives and a non-profit consultant for guidance on starting and growing SSV. When SSV officially opened its doors in August, 2006, it was then-Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey (78-79) who presided over SSV's ribbon cutting ceremony.

Now that SSV has taken off as a model regional grassroots organization, Webb says he could use more guidance from the WHF Community of Mutual Support. His organization has been stretched from a community organization to a state/regional organization. Now, national agencies and medical centers are pulling SSV to go national. Webb and the SSV management team need guidance on how to expand their reach and fund a significant increase in service to accommodate the growing number of severely wounded warriors and their families.

Webb is currently seeking assistance in connecting SSV with severely disabled veterans, helping them with job transitions and meaningful employment, and guiding the organization as it grows more quickly than anticipated. "On our behalf, American service members are doing noble things in dangerous places," he says. "We owe them, particularly the severely disabled heroes, the best we can give them. I want to thank the White House Fellows alumni and our Community of Mutual Support for their help and expertise."

FACES OF ASIA: INTERNATIONAL TRIP PHOTO ESSAY



The 2006-2007 Fellows were in India and China from May 11-26 for their international trip. They visited Delhi, Agra, and Mumbai in India and traveled to Xian and Beijing in China, as well as An Shang Village, where they taught English to local students. Clockwise from top left: snake charmer in Agra, women in YWCA camp in Delhi, students studying in the morning in An Shang Village, girl in potters' village in Dharavi slum, kids begging outside a bus in Mumbai, and boy in a rag-picker village outside Delhi.

—Photographs contributed by Jeff Eggers

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Kurt Campbell (92-93) has left CSIS to become CEO of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) in Washington, DC.

Peter Fiske (95-96) has left RAPT Industries to become CEO of PAX Mixer, Inc., in San Rafael, CA.

Sam Howard (66-67) has just published *The Flight of the Phoenix: Thoughts on Work and Life* through Providence House Publishers.

Ray Johns (91-92) has been promoted to Lieutenant General, USAF, and is assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Requirements and Strategy, HQ, USAF, The Pentagon.

John McKay (89-90) has been named General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Getty Images in Seattle, WA.

Rich Morales (01-02) is the Commander of the 1-35 AR BN in Baumholder, GE.

Stefanie Sanford (95-96) has just published *Civic Life in the Information Age* through Palgrave Macmillan.

Loree Sutton (96-97) has been nominated by President Bush for promotion to Brigadier General, United States Army.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Ben Bradlee, Vice President, *The Washington Post*

Karen Hughes, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

Dick Cheney, Vice President of the United States

Bill Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Representatives

Christian Mark Johan Kröner, Netherlands Ambassador to the United States

Bill McGurn, Assistant to the President for Speechwriting

Hank Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury

Chad Holliday, Chairman and CEO, DuPont

FELLOWS IN THE NEWS

“Lost...and Found”

The Spring/Summer issue of *Arts & Sciences*, a Johns Hopkins University alumni magazine, features a cover story on current fellow **Wes Moore (06-07)**. Moore, a 2001 graduate of the college, recounts to freelance journalist Jim Duffy how he was sent to Valley Forge Military Academy at age 11. Despite initially struggling with the transition, Moore eventually made his way “to the top ranks of the corps of cadets at Valley Forge. From there it led to the U.S. Army, to Johns Hopkins, [and] to a Rhodes Scholarship.” According to Duffy, talk to “pretty much anybody who knows Moore and the conversation will eventually get around to fantasizing about his future. These folks never seem to wonder whether he’s going to find his way into some history book...they only wonder how—and how soon—he’ll pull it off.” The full article can be found at:

<http://www.krieger.jhu.edu/magazine/spsum07/f1.html>



Photo by Chris Hartlove

COMMISSIONERS CORNER

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
May 31, 2007

The President today announced his intention to appoint seven individuals to serve in his Administration.

The President intends to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships:

Leanna Brown, of New Jersey
Les T. Csorba, of Texas
Joseph V. Del Raso, of Pennsylvania
Richard S. Mroz, of New Jersey
Joseph E. Samora, of New Mexico
Justin J. Sayfie, of Florida
Gordon D. Sondland, of Washington

Save the Date!
2007 Annual Meeting and Seminar
October 25-27, 2007

Hotel rooms at special WHF Rates are available at the Hotel Washington (202-638-5900) and the Capital Hilton Hotel (202-393-1000). Book now as Washington, DC, is sold out for a major convention during our reunion and both hotels have gone to extraordinary measures to reserve a block of rooms for us.

ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

The White House Fellows Program is a non-partisan program that offers exceptional young leaders firsthand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government.

Fellowship Selection Criteria:

- A record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career.
- Evidence of strong leadership skills and the potential for further growth.
- A demonstrated commitment to public service.
- The knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the highest levels of the Federal government.

For more information, please visit our webpage at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows>.

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