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Memorial Day 2019



Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 27th day of May 2019,

This special issue of Connecting brings the Memorial Day memories you sent me to share with your colleagues.

We also bring you the biographies of those from The Associated Press who died in the line of duty while covering the news and whose photos and stories are on the AP Wall of Honor at our world headquarters in New York.

The photo above by our colleague **Brian Horton** ([Email](#)) shows a mother walking with her young son through a field filled with nearly 7,000 flags, each representing a casualty in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, at Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, N.J., near Long Beach Island on Sunday. The flags were placed for the Memorial Day weekend by students at the school.

Happy Memorial Day as we remember all those who made a difference in our lives.

Paul

Your Memorial Day memories

Norm Abelson (Email) - Among the proudest days of my young life were marching beside my father in the Memorial Day parade.

One of the youngest veterans to see action in World War I, he was just 14 or 15, Dad was always an active member of the vets organizations. And, togged up in his American Legion uniform, he was a familiar figure in our home-town parades.

When I was old enough, Dad had a small Legion uniform made to fit me. There I was, trotting to keep up, marching side-by-side with Dad. I couldn't wait until we went by my friends.

When I outgrew it, the uniform was passed down to my brother, Stevie, who then became Dad's marching partner.

Thanks for the memory, Daddy.

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Jim Bagby (Email) - It's not a stretch to say I became a sportswriter because of a love of the outdoors. And I was hired by the AP from a newspaper sports writing job. As a native of Colorado, we spent a lot of time outdoors, especially trout fishing. I was taught by my grandmother, a no-nonsense spinning reel devotee who used whatever bait would do the job: worms, grasshoppers, spinners of all sizes and descriptions and more.



C. 1948, (from L) Mother Peggy Bagby, me, Clara Merritt at a lake near Boulder, CO

My mother and I lived with my grandparents, Clara and Mervin Merritt, while my dad was overseas. So the bond was forged early. I watched her on family outings when I was small; later she took me along into the mountains outside Denver, where I tried to imitate her. I had no idea what a chore that was until years later when I tried to teach my five younger siblings how to fish.

Grandma was not only patient, she had an instinct about where to fish. I've saw her pull a 12-inch brook trout from a stream that was no more than a foot wide in places. She and grandpa both loved lakes, where they could cast, work the line in slow or fast, then try a different spot - or maybe leave it and just sit under a tree to wait on a bite.

After my growing family moved to Oklahoma, when I was in junior high, I often returned to spend my summers with my maternal grandparents -- and our fishing

outings increased. Grandma had her own interior decorating shop, so I had a summer job. When she had her fishing line out, she would work the line in slowly, finger to thumb, as if she were gently feeling a piece of chintz. "Gently, Sir James," she would say, more than 60 years ago.

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Tico Times journalist Linda Frazier with her husband, Joe, and son Christopher. The Tico Times

Joe Frazier ([Email](#)) - May 30 marks the 35th anniversary of the bomb blast at a press conference at the crude settlement of La Penca, Nicaragua that claimed the life of my wife of 17 years, Linda Frazier.

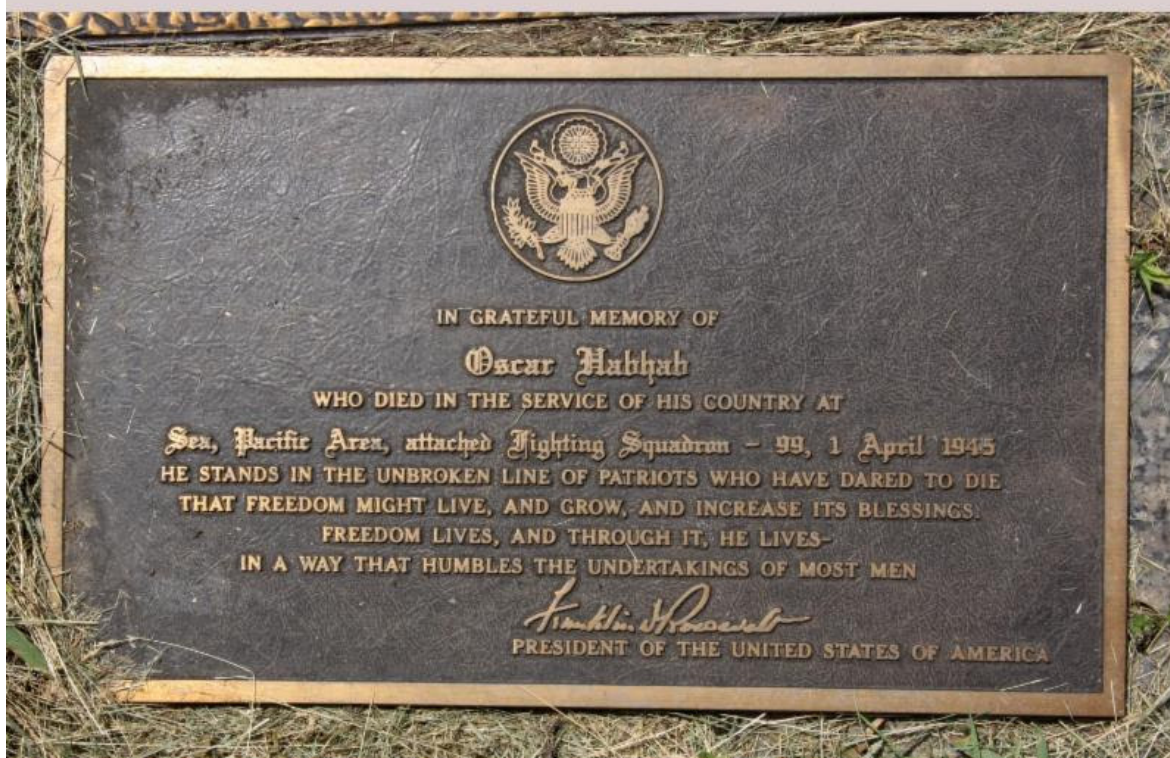
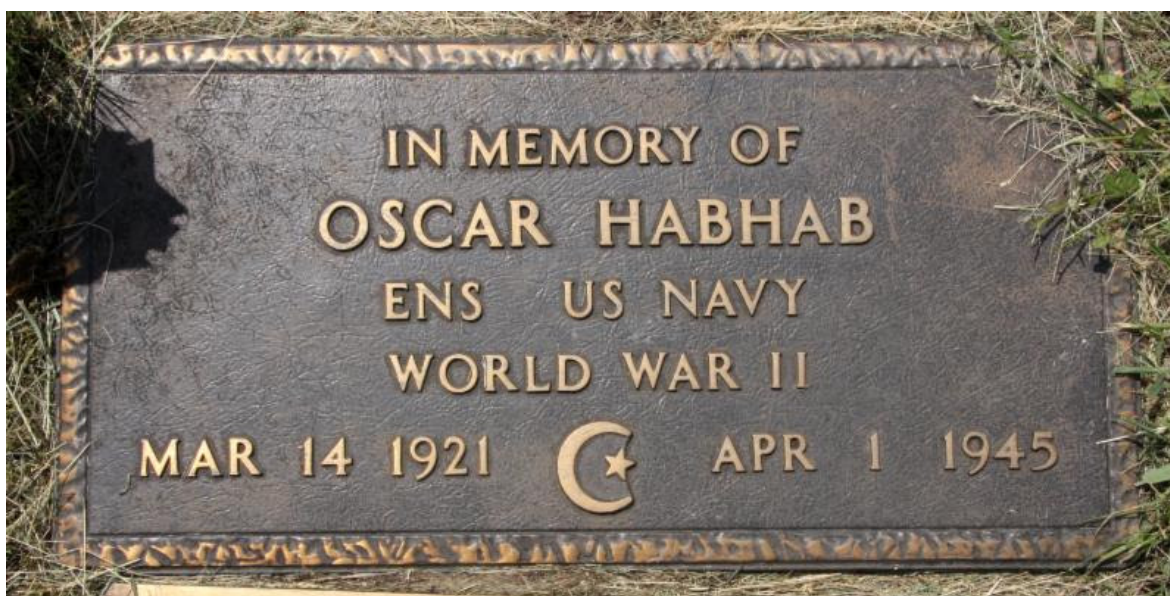
I was AP's Central America correspondent and we were based in neighboring Costa Rica. Linda worked for the English language weekly Tico Times. AP staffer Reid Miller was badly wounded.

The bomb was smuggled in by an agent of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government and intended for Contra military commander Eden Pastora. I was on assignment in Managua.

She often had my back when I had conflicting duties and even now it is hard to imagine how I could have done my job without her support. She was a trooper who learned Spanish on the fly, juggled the roles of wife, mother and journalist with Elan and didn't complain. We had a 10-year-old son. I had to fly back down to Costa Rica the next morning and give him the news, maybe the worst day of my life.

I still miss her terribly.

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Al Habhab (Email) - My brother Oscar joined the Navy Air Corps and was commissioned an Ensign. On April 1, 1945, he went down with his plane off the island of Guam. He flew off a carrier. I believe his plane malfunctioned. His squadron was on patrol looking for Japanese planes. According to letters we received, as soon as he hit the water, his plane exploded. His squadron circled for some time but saw no sign of life. His body was never recovered.

That was the most devastating thing that fell on our family. My parents never recovered from this loss. He was indeed a role model.

Our love for him has never closed.

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Charles Hanley (Email) - Steve Warner would have been 72 years old now, very possibly vowing never to retire from his work as a civil liberties lawyer or as a public defender or, who knows, as a celebrated novelist. But Steve, an Army buddy I much admired, was killed by an enemy rocket-propelled grenade in Vietnam on February 14, 1971, at age 24. He staunchly opposed that monstrous war, but he did his duty as an Army journalist, telling the story of those who were there. Of Ernie Pyle, another reporter killed in action, Steve wrote his parents, "He hates war but loves the men who have to fight them. That about sums me up too!" Connecting colleagues might like to learn more about a remarkable guy, and marvel at this young man's legacy of writing and papers, at this website maintained by his alma mater, Gettysburg

College. Click [here](#).

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Larry Margasak (Email) - An Army story every night.

My late dad was a WWII veteran. He saw me as a baby, but then was overseas for several years, and took an option to take college courses in England due to the backlog of getting everyone home. My mother told me that when he first arrived home, I asked who he was.

Every night, and I do remember this because it went on for years, I asked him to tell me an Army story. I can't confirm that every story happened just like he told it, but the stories were clearly based on his experiences and he always had one.

The one I remember the most was dad being on guard duty one day, when he was summoned back to headquarters. Turns out that his younger brother Barney's unit was passing through and asked to see dad. Barney had been in really tough combat in the Bulge, and dad said he almost didn't recognize him. But they must have had a great reunion.

We still have dad's scrapbook, showing the Americans' march through Europe after D-Day.

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Mark Mittelstadt ([Email](#)) - Proudly remembering my father on the first Memorial Day he will not be with us.



The Army kept him stateside during World War II in a variety of assignments training other soldiers how to operate large, loud machines of war. His service instructing in anti-tank artillery, gunnery light artillery and tank crews caused hearing loss for the rest of his life.

He also trained as a pilot in a short-lived program to fly and crash land equipment-laden gliders behind enemy lines.

He never liked to talk about his service.

Dad, your family, which is together this weekend in your hometown of Storm Lake, Iowa, thanks you but deeply misses your humor and love.

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Mark Rosati (Email) - In 1951, as my late father (at left in photo above) and his close friend Gino (right) were in Japan preparing to go to Korea, they went to see a touring team of American baseball all-stars. Dad and Gino asked for a photo with the gentleman in the middle, a fellow Italian-American (and WWII veteran) who they said couldn't have been nicer or more accommodating. It was a great memory for them - both during their very difficult year in Korea, and long afterward. Thinking of all veterans today and thanking them for their sacrifices.

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Paul Stevens (Email) - My father, Walter Stevens, was among the 10 children of Margaret and Henry Stevens of Bow Valley, Nebraska, whose parents immigrated to the United States from Germany. Five of the 10 served their country during World War II. My dad (third from left) was an Army artillery captain who served in the war from 1942 to 1945 in North Africa, Italy with the landing at Anzio and liberation of Rome, France, and at war's end, he was with his unit in his grandparents' native Germany.



The above photo - from a scrapbook he kept of his war years - shows him in Germany preparing for a return home after the War in Europe ended. Dad was a newspaperman when he was drafted into the Army and returned to newspapering when he returned. He has been the role model for my own career and I miss him and mom greatly.

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Marty Thompson (Email) - William C. Barnard's career included reporting on the Korean War, bureau chief in Dallas and a Membership Department general executive based in New York and, later, in San Carlos on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Bill earned the respect and admiration of all with whom he worked.

A newbie bureau chief in San Francisco, and later LA, I looked to Bill as teacher, friend and often companion on newspaper visits.

Bill was a whiz at wooing longtime UPI newspaper owners to sign with AP in a state where UPI clients once outnumbered AP members. We often teamed up to visit the toughest prospects. Senior companion to a young CoB, Bill comfortably talked politics and whatever, deferring to me to exalt AP's news report and member service. We were a good team.

Successes included a small group based in Hayward, California, and the then largest non-member on the West Coast, The Press Democrat in Santa Rosa, California That's where Janet and I now live and were welcomed in the retired Press Democrat owner's home.

Once, frustrated by attempts to sign a small newspaper with UPI family ties, I asked Bill to join me on a visit, hoping his gentlemanly approach would win the day. After introductions, the publisher suggested lunch as he reached into a desk drawer. "Here, you'll want this," a signed contract. Bill and I enjoyed dining on that one.

My mentor wasn't the AP's only Barnard. His nephew Bill earned the byline AP Sports Writer.

Bill was simply family. I'm betting other CoBs felt the same warm ties.

He retired in 1984 and died in 2002. If Bill was here today, we all might respond to memories of him with a phrase he so often used, 'I sure do want to thank you now.'

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Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - I like cemeteries.

I thought about this during a recent visit to Fort Crawford Cemetery in East Brewton (Alabama). Dear departed friends from my days at The Brewton Standard, and relatives, are buried in this beautiful old cemetery. To learn about a town, visit its cemeteries.

"I have always enjoyed cemeteries. Altars for the living as well as resting places for the dead, they are entryways, I think, to any town or city, the best places to become acquainted with the tastes of the inhabitants, both present and gone."

-Edwidge Danticat, *After the Dance: A Walk Through Carnival in Jacmel, Haiti*



AP Wall of Honor



Mark Kellogg (1833-1876)

Mark Kellogg was working as a stringer for the AP when he was killed covering Gen. George Custer at the battle of Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. He was 43 and the first Associated Press correspondent to die in battle. Kellogg worked in a Bismarck, N.D., law office and occasionally wrote stories for the Bismarck Tribune under the pseudonym "Frontier." Custer had ignored warnings not to take journalists on the journey from Fort Lincoln to the Little Bighorn and invited the Tribune's publisher, Clement Lounsberry, to accompany the troops. When Lounsberry fell ill at the last moment, Kellogg took his place. His dispatches appeared in the Tribune and the New York Herald, and were carried by the AP. His last dispatch: "I go with Custer and will be at the death."

Ambrose William Lyman (1848-1898)

Ambrose William Lyman had more than two decades of experience as a journalist when he went to Cuba to cover the Spanish-American war for AP. The Warren, Ohio, native had studied at the state's Miami University and reported for The Cleveland Leader before coming to New York in 1879. He worked briefly for the New York Tribune and, in 1885, The New York Sun sent him to Washington to cover President Grover Cleveland. Before Cleveland's term was over, Lyman headed west to manage The Helena (Mont.) Independent. He stayed there for eight years, returning in 1897 to New York, where he joined AP. While in Cuba for AP, Lyman contracted yellow fever. Despite his illness, he remained on duty until the surrender of Santiago. He returned to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he died on Oct. 3, 1898, at the age of 50.

Henry J. Middleton (c. 1876-1904)

Henry J. Middleton was just a teenager when he joined AP in London in 1892, but his talents were quickly recognized. As AP correspondent and bureau chief in France, his reporting of the Dreyfus Affair was described as "brilliant" by The New York Times, which noted that, "Though unassisted, he often forwarded four or five columns a day dealing with that great case." In 1902, Middleton went to New York as night cable editor, followed by a transfer to San Francisco to set up the cable department there. In 1904, he sailed to Japan and then on to Seoul, Korea. He then traveled to Manchuria to cover the Russo-Japanese War. The 28-year-old contracted dysentery and died June 26, 1904, in Liaoyang, Manchuria. He was buried with Russian military honors at Chefoo.

Edward J. Neil Jr. (1900-1938)

AP sports writer Edward J. Neil Jr. had already earned a Pulitzer Prize honorable mention for a story about the "world's most dangerous mile and a half" bobsled ride at Lake Placid, N.Y., when he requested an overseas assignment. Neil, the son of an AP telegraph operator in Boston, went on to cover Italy's conquest of Ethiopia, Arab uprisings in Palestine and the coronation of King George VI of England. On

Jan. 2, 1938, the 37-year-old was reporting from the Teruel front during one of the Spanish Civil War's greatest battles when a shell exploded a few feet away from the parked car in which he was seated. He died of his injuries two days later in Zaragoza, Spain. "It was said of Edward Joseph Neil Jr. that he always wanted to be 'where the action was thickest,'" The New York Times reported. The newspaper also quoted Neil writing to a friend that, "One nice thing these wars do teach you - when your number comes up you grin, shrug and make the best of it. No one has time to listen to a bleat."

Daniel Witt Hancock (1907-1942)

Newsman Witt Hancock was killed March 7, 1942, when Japanese bombers sank the Dutch refugee ship he was aboard in the Indian Ocean south of Java. He was 34 and the first AP reporter to die during World War II. War correspondents in the Dutch East Indies had a difficult time getting stories through to the outside world, but Hancock managed one last time on March 2 to get a telephone call - monitored by censors - through from Java to AP in New York. Hancock told Cable Editor James Long that the Army planned to evacuate foreign newsmen soon but he hadn't decided when he would leave. His last words on the call: "Good luck, and keep your fingers crossed." He was missing for months after that, and an account of his death was finally given by another correspondent who escaped the sinking ship. Hancock joined the AP in Raleigh, N.C., in 1929, and worked in Charlotte and New York, London, Moscow, Turkey, and India before arriving in Indonesia as the Japanese forces approached.

Edward H. (Harry) Crockett (1911-1943)

Newsman Harry Crockett was killed on Feb. 5, 1943, aboard a British ship that was torpedoed by enemy warships in the Mediterranean Sea. He was 31. Crockett began covering World War II a year earlier, reporting from the battlefield in Egypt and German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's last offensive at Bir Hacheim in the desert. "He rode tanks. ... He stood with gunners to watch artillery pound the enemy and he watched infantry from points of vantage where only a man with real courage would want to stand," wrote Ed Kennedy, an AP correspondent who had worked with Crockett in the Middle East. A native of Lowell, Mass., Crockett joined the AP in Boston in 1937. On Jan. 25, 1944, Crockett's widow, Sally, christened a 10,500-ton Liberty ship the "Edward H. Crockett." with a smashing of the traditional champagne bottle at a launching from a shipyard in South Portland, Maine.

George Bede Irvin (1910-1944)

Photographer Bede Irvin was killed July 25, 1944, after photographing an aerial bombardment north of St. Lo, France, at the start of the Allied drive out of Normandy. He was 33. An Allied bomb which fell short of its mark caught Irvin as he dived for a roadside ditch from the jeep he had been sitting in. He had apparently hesitated for a second to grab his camera and was hit by a bomb fragment. Irvin, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, worked for the Des Moines Register and Tribune before joining the AP in Kansas City in 1936. He worked in Detroit before going to London in 1943 on the eve of the Normandy invasion, the first American photographer assigned by the AP to cover the war in Europe in preparation for D-Day. He was

buried with military honors at a U.S. Military Cemetery near La Cambe, France, on July 27, 1944, his 34th birthday.

Asahel "Ace" Bush (1910-1944)

Newsman Asahel Bush was killed on Oct. 25, 1944 when a Japanese bomb struck the American-occupied capital of Tacloban, on the Philippine island of Leyte. He was 31 and the first correspondent to die in the Philippines during World War II. Bush died a year to the day after he left San Francisco to report on action in the Pacific theater. He covered nearly every operation launched by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and had come close to death on many of his assignments. Bush, who joined the AP in 1939 in Salt Lake City, was born into a newspaper family in Salem, Ore. - his great-grandfather established the state's first newspaper, The Oregon City Statesman.

Joseph Morton (1911-1945)

In the fall of 1944, war correspondent Joseph Morton accompanied a group of American intelligence officers on a secret mission from Italy into Slovakia to assist an anti-Nazi uprising. The 34-year-old, who had made headlines with exclusive interviews of Yugoslavia's Josip Broz Tito and Romania's King Michael, told his bureau chief only that the assignment would be the "biggest story of my life." By late October, the Nazis had closed in. Morton and the U.S. officers hid in the mountains for two months, before taking refuge from the snow and bitter cold in a mountain hut, where they were captured hours after Christmas. They were tortured and, on Jan. 24, 1945, shot to death at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. Morton, the only foreign correspondent executed by the Nazis, was from St. Joseph, Mo., and had joined AP in 1937. His widow, Letty Miller Morton, wrote that Morton always "championed the underprivileged - the little man who was not getting his due in the world" and that she took comfort that he died "doing the work he loved." The mountain hut was later rebuilt and, in 1994, AP dedicated a plaque at the site in Morton's memory.

William R. Moore (1910-1950)

Newsman Bill Moore was killed by mortar fire July 31, 1950, after dropping his pencil and notebook to help an Army lieutenant wounded in a North Korean attack near Chinju. He was 40. Moore had been missing for several months when the AP received word of his death in October 1950 from a corporal captured in the same action. He said he had met Moore earlier that day. "I thought he was an officer and said Sir, would you like a cup of coffee?," the corporal said. "He replied, 'You don't have to 'Sir' me, fellow. I'm a correspondent. I'm Bill Moore of the AP.' ... Nice fellow. Real friendly and a real story teller." Moore, a native of Nowata, Okla., joined the AP in Denver in 1937, and served in the Army in Korea during World War II before returning to the AP in New York in 1946. He went to Korea in 1948 as a correspondent and was there at the outbreak of war on June 29, 1950.

Daniel J. Coughlin Jr. (1927-1958)

Newsman Daniel Coughlin was one of six reporters killed when a U.S. Air Force plane attempting to break transatlantic speed records crashed on takeoff from Westover Air Force Base, Mass. He was 31. The jet, one of four attempting to break speed records between New York and London, snapped power lines and burst into flames, sliding across the newly-finished Massachusetts Turnpike before exploding in a cornfield on June 27, 1958. Coughlin, who served in the Army in Europe during World War II, joined the AP in Charlotte in 1952 and transferred to his native Boston in 1957.

Bernard Kolenberg (1927-1965)

Bernard Kolenberg, a photographer for the *Times-Union* of Albany, N.Y., who volunteered for AP service in Vietnam, was killed Oct. 2, 1965, when the jet bomber he was in collided with another bomber over central Vietnam. He was 38 and the first journalist to be killed in combat in Vietnam. Kolenberg had covered the war in Vietnam for five weeks in 1964, producing a series of photographs for the *Times-Union*, where he had worked for 20 years. "He was Bernie to everyone," the *Times-Union* said in a tribute published the day Kolenberg was killed, "including the last three New York governors." Kolenberg was noted for his courage taking difficult photos and his tenderness photographing children.

Huynh Thanh My (1937-1965)

An encounter in a muddy rice field with Horst Faas during the Vietnam War led Huynh Thanh My to join AP in 1963. My was working as a freelancer for CBS covering a battle in the Mekong Delta when Faas, AP Saigon's photo chief, offered him a job. My already was an established cameraman and actor in South Vietnam, and under Faas' training became one of AP's most capable photographers, renowned for his fearlessness. On Oct. 10, 1965, the 28-year-old was covering another Delta battle when he was wounded in the chest and arm. He was killed by the enemy while awaiting evacuation. After My's death, Faas hired his teenage brother, Huynh Cong "Nick" Ut, who went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for his picture of young Kim Phuc, screaming as she fled a napalm attack. "Everything I have accomplished, I owe to him. My brother taught me the value of skills, honor and determination," Nick Ut said. "He taught me to control fear of gunfire and death which is so necessary for both soldiers and photographers. I miss him very much, and I hope I would have made him proud."

Klaus Frings (1935-1968)

Photographer Klaus Frings died April 17, 1968, two days after being struck in the head by a rock while taking pictures of a clash between police and some 2,000 demonstrators outside the Munich printing plant of the *Bild-Zeitung*. He was 32. Frings kept shooting when the demonstration reached a heated stage, despite threats from the students, who said the pictures might be used against them. Holding his camera high overhead, Frings took what turned out to be his last picture. Within seconds, a fist-size rock fatally struck him in the head. Frings, a native of

Muenster, Germany, had worked for the AP for four years, the last two as a staffer based in Munich.

Oliver Noonan Jr. (1939-1969)

Oliver Noonan was aboard an Army helicopter shot down southwest of Danang, Vietnam, on Aug. 19, 1969, killing him, an infantry battalion commander and six other soldiers. He was 29. That day, he'd carried a large metal camera case, joking to a reporter-colleague, "If they shoot at the helicopter, I'll hide behind it." Noonan, the son of a Boston news photographer, had taken leave from the Boston Globe to cover the war. Joining AP in Saigon, he spent most of his time covering the troops. "Every step is earned here," he wrote home. "Nothing is free." Noonan's byline also appeared on AP stories, including one on the departure of an Army combat unit that began America's withdrawal from Vietnam.

Henri Huet (1927-1971)

Photographer Henri Huet was one of four combat photographers killed when their helicopter was shot down over Laos on Feb. 10, 1971. He was 43. Huet had waited for a week in the cold and rain near the Laos border for a chance to cross into the newest front of the war in Vietnam. On Feb. 10, he boarded one of two helicopters headed for some Vietnamese firebases deep in Laos. In the early afternoon, two helicopters were shot down - one carried the photographers. Huet was one of the most widely known and most popular figures in combat photography during the war. American GI's and officers often shouted to other AP staffers "Hey where's Henri? Tell him to come and see us." A French citizen who was born in Da Lat, Vietnam, and educated in France, Huet returned to Vietnam as a photographer with the French navy during the first Indochina conflict. He joined the AP in Saigon in 1965. Huet was wounded in the right leg by shrapnel in 1967 and was sent to the United States to recuperate before returning to Saigon. He transferred to Tokyo in 1969 and returned to Vietnam in 1970.

Dennis Lee Royle (1922-1971)

In his nearly 30-year career with AP, photographer Dennis Lee Royle traveled the globe, covering the 1952 sinking of the American freighter Flying Enterprise, the Dalai Lama's escape from Tibet in 1959 and the attempted assassination of South African Prime Minister Henrik Verwoerd in 1960. He also photographed the Congo war in 1960 and 1961, the East African mutinies of 1964 and the troubles of emerging independence in Kenya, Cyprus and other countries. His photos of starving children in Biafra during the Nigerian Civil War were credited with prompting relief efforts. On May 20, 1971, he was covering naval exercises conducted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when the helicopter he was in crashed over the English Channel. He was 49. "It is a tragic irony that Dennis, who had been in so many dangerous spots for The Associated Press, such as the Hungarian revolution, wars in the Middle East and in India, lost his life in such an accident - but still in the pursuit of the news, as were his colleagues who died with him," said Wes Gallagher, AP's president and general manager.

Ali Ibrahim Mursal (1955-1993)

Ali Ibrahim Mursal, a driver and translator, died Jan. 5, 1993, after defending another AP staffer from a thief in Somalia. He was 37. Mursal had driven three AP staffers to Mogadishu's main market to buy fruit. As they walked through the stalls, a thief tried to grab a gold chain from the neck of one of the AP staffers. Mursal was shot in the back with an assault weapon as he struggled with the thief. He managed to direct his colleagues to the nearest hospital, where he died. The AP hired Mursal in August 1992 when the Somali native showed up looking for work with two late-model Jeeps. AP Special Correspondent Mort Rosenblum said he considered Mursal to be a stringer who had excellent contacts and who gathered useful, accurate information for the AP. "He was a newsperson of the first order who risked his life again and again for journalistic purposes," he said.

Sharon Herbaugh (1954-1993)

Sharon Herbaugh was killed April 16, 1993, in a helicopter crash in the central mountains of Afghanistan, 100 miles north of Kabul. She was 39 and the first AP newswoman and bureau chief to die on assignment. Herbaugh had spent three years covering the Afghan civil war and its aftermath. "One of Sharon's editors once said, She's always looking for the next hurricane," AP President and CEO Louis D. Boccardi said after her death. "That search ended in a field in Afghanistan but Sharon leaves a legacy of brave, insightful work that helped us all understand a distant, bitter conflict." Herbaugh, a native of Lamar, Colo., joined the AP in Denver in 1978, and worked in Dallas, Houston and New York before transferring to New Delhi in 1988, where she was named news editor the following year. She became chief of bureau in Islamabad in 1990.

Hansjoerg "Hansi" Krauss (1963-1993)

Photographer Hansi Krauss was one of four journalists stoned to death in Mogadishu on July 12, 1993, by a mob enraged by a U.S. helicopter assault on Somali militia targets. He was 30. Krauss, a German native, joined the AP in Berlin in 1989 and covered the fall of the Berlin Wall that year. He later covered the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina before going to Somalia. Colleagues remembered Krauss a man who never lost his sense of humor and accumulated friends. "He was a workhorse, loved his job and had a passion for sensation," said Berlin photo editor Elke Bruhn-Hoffman.

Andrei Soloviev (1955-1993)

Andrei Soloviev, a Russian free-lance photographer on assignment for the AP, was fatally shot Sept. 27, 1993, during a battle between Abkhazian and Georgian forces for control of Sukhumi in the breakaway region of Abkhazia. He was 39. The experienced combat photographer was wearing a bullet-proof vest but he was shot in the shoulder and the bullet penetrated his chest. Soloviev had been wounded twice before while covering the ethnic conflicts in the former Soviet Union, once in March 1993, and the second time a week before his death. Soloviev, who worked for

the ITAR-Tass news agency, won a 1991 World Press Photo "Golden Eye" award for coverage of ethnic conflicts in the Caucasus Mountains, Moldova and Tajikistan. He also covered the 1989 revolution in Romania and the 1991 Persian Gulf War. "I save people from death by my presence with the camera," ITAR-Tass quoted Soloviev as once saying. "I try to prevent violence with my work."

Abdul Shariff (1962-1994)

Photographer Abdul Shariff was shot to death Jan. 9, 1994, while covering a delegation of African National Congress leaders visiting Katshele, South Africa. He was 31. Shariff, a free-lance photographer on assignment for the AP, was in a crowd of journalists surrounding the dignitaries on the muddy dirt road when young men carrying AK-47 automatic rifles began shooting from the narrow paths between houses. Shariff attempted to run across a small clearing - maybe for a better view. Witnesses said he was killed by a single shot in the back. The bullet apparently went through his body and dented the Nikon F4 camera hanging around his neck. Shariff was born in Verulam in the South African state of Natal. He became a news photographer after studying at the University of Natal-Pietermaritzburg.

Farkhad Kerimov (1948-1995)

Television cameraman Farkhad Kerimov, was killed May 22, 1995 while covering the war in Chechnya. He was 46. Kerimov, a free-lance cameraman, was on assignment for APTV when he was shot while working near villages outside the Chechen capital Grozny. He had been covering the breakaway republic's war with Russia over its independence since December 1994. He had covered the Caucasus region's ethnic and civil conflicts since 1990, traveled repeatedly to the disputed enclave of Nagorno Karabakh and covered civil and ethnic wars in Georgia, Tadjikistan and Moldova. Kerimov was born in Moscow but spent most of his life in the Azerbaijan capital of Baku, where he graduated from the Institute of Physics and Mathematics and worked in the scientific field before switching to journalism in 1988.

Myles Tierney (1964-1999)

Myles Tierney, a producer for APTN, was killed Jan. 10, 1999, when gunmen opened fire on his vehicle at a checkpoint in Sierra Leone, torn by civil unrest between rebels and the government. He was 34. Ian Stewart, AP's West Africa chief of bureau, suffered a gunshot wound to the head in the attack and AP photographer David Guttenfelder was injured by flying glass. Though he was a cameraman, Tierney's byline appeared on a range of stories from Africa. He joined AP's TV arm in 1996, organizing coverage of a military coup in Burundi. He set up the agency's first TV bureau in New York before returning to Africa in 1997. Nigel Baker, head of news for APTN, said he was reluctant to send Tierney back but eventually relented. "Not only was he the best man for the job," Baker said, "colleagues in Africa called me to say Myles was the only man for the job. They trusted him with their lives in difficult situations."

Miguel Gil Moreno De Mora (1967-2000)

APTN producer and cameraman Miguel Gil Moreno de Mora, was killed May 24, 2000, when rebels ambushed his vehicle near Rogberi Junction in Sierra Leone. He was 32. A native of Barcelona, Spain, Gil Moreno de Mora abandoned a career as a corporate lawyer to work as a journalist. His family said Gil Moreno felt called to his mission of giving a voice to people who had none. He covered conflicts for APTN in Bosnia, Chechnya, Kosovo, Congo, and Sierra Leone. He won the 1998 Rory Peck photographic prize and the 1999 Television Technician of the Year award from the Royal Television Society. His death brought an outpouring of grief and tribute from inside and outside the AP. "Miguel was intuitive, bold and one of the most intelligent cameraman of his generation," said Nigel Baker, head of APTN news, "He had immense respect from all who knew him not just for his work but because he was a deeply modest man who would help anybody he could."

Kerem Lawton (1970-2001)

APTN producer Kerem Lawton was killed March 29, 2001, when his car was hit by mortar fire near the volatile Kosovo-Macedonian border. He was 30. Lawton was the husband of APTN producer Elida Ramadani. Born in Brussels, Belgium and raised in England, Lawton was the son of a Turkish mother and a British father. Bilingual in Turkish and English, he also spoke German, French and some Italian. Lawton joined the AP as a newsman in Rome and later joined APTN in Turkey. He immersed himself in assignments that took him into the grimmest of circumstances - the conflict in Kosovo, the Kurdish insurgency in southeast Turkey, Albania's 1997 plunge into near-anarchy, ethnic tensions in China's Xinjiang province. Yet through it all, there was a sense of generosity about him, an infectious sense of fun. "I do not exaggerate in saying that he was everyone's golden boy," said Rome Chief of Bureau Dennis Redmont, a family friend. "He had a lightness in a profession where many people are heavy hitters. Everyone wanted Kerem as his brother, his boyfriend and his son."

Nazeh Darwazeh (1959-2003)

APTN cameraman Nazeh Darwazeh was killed April 19, 2003 while filming a confrontation between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians throwing stones and firebombs in the West Bank city of Nablus. He was 43 and was hailed by colleagues as a courageous cameraman who worked fearlessly to ensure that events in Nablus were reported internationally. Darwazeh began working for APTN in 2001 after the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Born into a large family, Darwazeh studied at the University of Amman in Jordan. He returned to Nablus in 1990 to work in one of his family's three photo studios, and later as a cameraman for Palestinian TV. Darwazeh was married to Naela and the couple had four sons and a daughter, ranging in age from four months to 11 years old.

Saleh Ibrahim (1971-2005)

In the days of Saddam Hussein, Saleh Ibrahim shot wedding videos but dreamed of becoming a news cameraman. After the fall of Hussein in 2003, the Iraqi native realized his goal when he was hired first as a stringer and then made APTN cameraman for Mosul, a northern Iraqi city. The father of three was so dedicated to his work that he taught his wife to transmit video to London via satellite phone - enabling him to stay in the field shooting without losing ground to competitors. On

April 23, 2005, Saleh and his brother-in-law, AP photographer Mohammed Ibrahim, drove to the scene of an explosion in Mosul. Shots were fired, killing Saleh, 33, and injuring Mohammed. AP still does not know who fired the shots. "It's a double tragedy for me," said Ahmed Sami, senior APTN producer in Baghdad. "I have lost a friend and a news champion in APTN's Iraq network."

Aswan Ahmed Lutfallah (1971-2006)

Nicknamed 'The Eagle,' APTN cameraman Aswan Ahmed Lutfallah was known for his determination to get the story no matter how difficult the circumstances. On Dec. 12, 2006, the Iraqi native was having his car repaired in eastern Mosul in northern Iraq when police and insurgents began fighting. The 35-year-old rushed to cover the clash, only to be shot to death by insurgents who spotted him filming, according to Iraqi police. The insurgents also stripped him of his camera equipment, cell phone and press ID card. "He never, ever lost a story. He loved his job and was dedicated to it. He only filmed what he saw: The truth and nothing but the truth," recalled Ahmed Sami, senior APTN producer in Baghdad. Lutfallah had begun working for AP as a cameraman in 2005. He was married to Alyaa Abdul-Karim Salim and the father of 6-year-old Yusof and an infant daughter Rafa.

Ahmed Hadi Naji (1978-2007)

Ahmed Hadi Naji left his home in the Ashurta Al Khamsa district of Baghdad on December 30, 2006, headed to the AP bureau on his red-and-white motorbike. When he did not return home that night, his wife, Sahba'a Mudhar Khalil, reported him missing. Six days later, on January 5, he was found in a Baghdad morgue, shot in the back of the head. His killing remains unsolved. Naji, 28, joined AP 2 1/2 years earlier as a messenger, but his love of video cameras and his talent earned him a promotion to cameraman. "He was over the moon with his work," said Ahmed Sami, APTN senior producer in Baghdad. "He was a young guy who learned quickly and had a bright future." Naji had just become a father, and left behind four-month-old twins, Zaid and Rand. His two brothers also worked as bike messengers for AP.

Anthony Mitchell (1968-2007)

In 2006, AP reporter Anthony Mitchell was abruptly expelled from Ethiopia following a series of stories about government fraud and corruption. But that didn't deter Mitchell. The following year, as Nairobi correspondent, he uncovered the illegal detention and transfer of terror suspects from Kenya to Somalia and eventually into Ethiopian prisons. He was returning from a trip investigating the criminal trade in endangered species in the Central African Republic when the plane he was on crashed in Cameroon on May 5, 2007. There were no survivors. Mitchell, a British citizen who had also worked in Sierra Leone, Kosovo and London, had two children: Tom, 3, and Rose, 1. "Anthony was a fantastic father, husband and son," said his wife, Catherine Fitzgibbon. "He was the life and soul of every party with a wonderful dry wit and a great sense of humor. He lived life to the full and died doing the job he loved."

Anja Niedringhaus (1965 - 2014)

Anja Niedringhaus faced down some of the world's greatest dangers and had one of the world's most infectious laughs. She photographed dying and death, and embraced humanity and life. She gave herself to the subjects of her lens, and gave her talents to the world. Her subjects included wars' unwitting victims in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia and beyond. Shot to death by an Afghan policeman on April 4, 2014 - an attack that seriously wounded colleague Kathy Gannon - Niedringhaus left behind a diverse body of work that won awards and broke hearts. She documented Wimbledon champions, children playing between armies on the front lines and soldiers confronting death. She was a member of the AP team that received the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography for war coverage in Iraq. "Anja Niedringhaus was one of the most talented, brave and accomplished photojournalists of her generation," said AP Vice President and Director of Photography Santiago Lyon. "She truly believed in the need to bear witness."

Ali Shehda Abu Afash (1978 - 2014)

Gaza resident Ali Shehda Abu Afash was a computer engineer until he quit to work as a translator and advocate for journalists covering the Palestinian territories. He was affiliated with the Gaza Centre for Media Freedom and a sister agency in Doha. Abu Afash, 36, was working with AP video journalist Simone Camilli and photographer Hatem Moussa on Aug. 13, 2014, as they covered a bomb disposal crew in the northern Gaza Strip. Abu Afash, Camilli and four bomb experts were killed when ordnance they were inspecting blew up. Moussa was seriously injured. Family, friends and colleagues cited Abu Afash's generosity. "He is not a journalist. He's not a terrorist, nor a politician. He's an innocent man who loves to help everyone," said his wife, Shireen, a doctor who spent much of the war treating the wounded. "For a month, he went out day and night, working with all the foreign journalists, under the bombs," she told The Washington Post. In addition to his wife, Abu Afash is survived by two daughters, ages 7 and 2.

Simone Camilli (1979 - 2014)

Video journalist Simone Camilli was a consummate storyteller - a passionate, talented newsman who covered popes in the splendor of the Vatican and horrific conflict from the former Soviet republic of Georgia to the Middle East. But he could also capture the simple joy of a smiling child. The 35-year-old newsman was killed Aug. 13, 2014 in the Gaza Strip when leftover ordnance believed to have been dropped in an Israeli airstrike blew up. Also killed were freelance Palestinian translator Ali Shehda Abu Afash and four Gaza police engineers. AP photographer Hatem Moussa was badly injured. "You might think he was a thrill-seeker. Simone wasn't one of those," said friend and AP colleague Chris Slaney. "His best work was filmed far from the front lines. He was proud of items which were simple, human stories well-told." Simone Camilli is survived by his long-time partner Ylva van den Berg, their 3-year-old daughter Nour, his parents and two sisters.

Franklin Reyes Marrero (1975 - 2014)

Born in Havana, Franklin Reyes began his career as a warehouse employee at the Cuban state-run newspaper Juventud Rebelde. After studying photography with Cuba's official journalists' association he became a professional photojournalist. The paper would send him to Mexico and Venezuela before he came to work for AP in

2009. Reyes was returning from an assignment west of Havana in November 2014 when his car apparently hit a patch of gravel. Police said he lost control of the car, colliding with an oncoming vehicle. Two occupants of the other car also died. "He was an integral part of AP's team in Cuba. His passion and professionalism were exemplary and his energy, talent and good company will be deeply missed," said AP Director of Photography Santiago Lyon. Reyes is remembered as smart, funny and dedicated to his wife, Gricell Fernandez Mendez, and other family members. He often presented them with gifts of his images. "His pictures will speak for him forever," said Regional Photo Editor Enric Marti.

Today in History - May 27, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 27, the 147th day of 2019. There are 218 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.

On this date:

In 1199, King John of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey nearly two months after the death of his brother, Richard I ("The Lion-Hearted").

In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).

In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program.

In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS West Virginia, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1957, the single "That'll Be the Day" by Buddy Holly's group The Crickets was released by Brunswick Records.

In 1962, a dump fire in Centralia, Pennsylvania, ignited a blaze in underground coal deposits that continues to burn to this day.

In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. O'Brien*, upheld the conviction of David O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.

In 1985, in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification for an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese control in 1997.

In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.

In 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 1998, Michael Fortier (FOR'-tee-ur), the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing

for not warning anyone about the deadly plot. (Fortier was freed in January 2006.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama announced more spending for renewable energy after touring a large field of solar panels at Nellis Air Force Base, near Las Vegas. Gunmen detonated a car bomb in Lahore, Pakistan, killing about 30 people and wounding at least 250.

Five years ago: Charting an end to America's longest war, President Barack Obama announced plans for keeping nearly 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan after 2014 but then withdrawing virtually all by the close of 2016 and the conclusion of his presidency. Michelle Obama struck back at House Republicans trying to weaken healthier school meal standards as she met with school nutrition officials who said the guidelines were working at their schools; the first lady called any effort to roll back the guidelines "unacceptable."

One year ago: LeBron James reached his eighth straight NBA Finals as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics 87-79 in Game 7 of the semifinals. Danica Patrick ended her auto racing career at the track that made her famous, losing traction on a slippery surface and crashing out of the Indianapolis 500; the race was won by Will Power.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 96. Former FBI Director William Sessions is 89. Author John Barth is 89. Actress Lee Meriwether is 84. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 84. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 83. Rhythm and blues singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 80. Actor Bruce Weitz is 76. Former Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) is 75. Singer Bruce Cockburn (KOH'-burn) is 74. South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is 72. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 69. Actor Richard Schiff is 64. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures, Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 62. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 61. Actress Peri Gilpin is 58. Actress Cathy Silvers is 58. Comedian Adam Carolla is 55. Actor Todd Bridges is 54. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 53. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 50. Actor Paul Bettany is 48. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 48. Country singer Jace Everett is 47. Actor Jack McBrayer is 46. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 44. Rapper Jadakiss is 44. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 44. Alt-country singer-songwriter Shane Nicholson is 43. Actor Ben Feldman is 39. Actor Michael Steger is 39. Actor Darin Brooks is 35. Actor-singer Chris Colfer is 29. Actor Ethan Dampf is 25. Actress Desiree Ross (TV: "Greenleaf") is 20.

Thought for Today: "A man who limits his interests limits his life." - Vincent Price, American actor (born this date in 1911, died 1993).

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