

Lindley Inducted Into Military Intelligence Hall of Fame

By Ellen Paquin

Alan Lindley was inducted into the United States Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame this summer, following a 51-year career of designing and building surveillance and weapons systems.

Mr. Lindley grew up in Allenville and was graduated from LaSalle High School in 1957. He and his wife, Nancy (nee McLeod) Lindley, who was graduated from LaSalle in 1955, have made their home for 30 years in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Mr. Lindley, an acquisition logistics engineer, works with a team of other mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic engineers as a special advisor to the Commanding General of United States Army Intelligence and Security Command at its headquarters in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He travels overseas four times a year to U.S. bases in Germany, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan to determine the surveillance equipment that is needed by American forces, and then designs that equipment.

Of his job in military intelligence, he said, "My favorite part is working with the soldiers, because I came up through the ranks myself. We bring the soldiers in right off the front line so we can build the systems exactly as they want them. We never spend more than a year building even the most complex systems, so that keeps it interesting. I spend a lot of time with the soldiers, with no bureaucracy in between," he told *The St. Ignace News*. "We go over there regularly, ask the guys on the ground what they need, come back, and build it for them. These systems save lives."

As part of a special operations team of 10 people, Mr. Lindley specializes in designing airborne surveillance systems, which have been used heavily by American forces since the Vietnam conflict. The team also designs ground surveillance equipment.

"We find the bad guys, keep track of them, and never let them out of our sight," Mr. Lindley said.

He has worked in the intelligence field as a military officer, then as a civilian with the Department of Army, and now as a contractor. Much of his early career was spent fighting drug operations in Central America.

Following a retirement, he was called back to duty after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He is now involved in anti-terrorism efforts in several theaters of Army operation.

Mr. Lindley's list of projects and accomplishments is long, as he has been directly involved in some phase of the development or use of virtually every ground and airborne military intelligence system presently used by the Army. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Legion of Merit, and Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has earned many civilian awards, as well, including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Knowlton Award, Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Commendation for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Superior Civilian Service Award, two Commanders Awards for Civilian Service, and an Exceptional Civil Service Award.

He has served with the United States Army Security Agency and has been stationed in Germany, Turkey, Vietnam, and Korea, as well as Vint Hill Farms Station in Virginia and the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland.

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qualified for work in the Army Security Agency.

Before enlistment, he worked as an apprentice home builder, and worked as a cable spinner during the building of the Mackinac Bridge.

When he enlisted in the Army, so did his brother, Bob.

"He was smarter than me, because after three years, he got out," Mr. Lindley said. "He retired as chief engineer with the Mackinac Bridge."

Mr. Lindley took two years of specialized Army training after earning his electrical engineering degree and went on to make his whole career out of military intelligence work, taking more training courses over the years.

After his military service, he stayed on to complete 20 years of civil service, working for the government in the same capacity.

"I even kept the same desk," he said.

Now a contractor for the government, he is one of the top advisors to the commanding general.

"When I come in to work every morning, it's interesting work," Mr. Lindley said. "We have challenges every day. The day-to-day, hands-on support we provide to the war fighters encouraged me to spend another 10 years of service, as I think it's exciting and it's the most rewarding thing one can do to keep our country free."

He often visits the Intelligence Corps training grounds in Arizona, where he is involved with teaching classes of 300 to 400 soldiers to use the weapons systems he's designed.

He is involved in his community as a member of the local Moose Lodge, Lions Club, American Legion Post, and VFW. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children and five young grandchildren, who all live in the Woodbridge area. They enjoy making return visits to St. Ignace.

Relatives remaining in the area include his brother, Bob, and uncle and aunt, Walt and Gert Litzner, all of St. Ignace, and aunt LaVerne Shimkovitz of Moran. Mr. Lindley's parents are the late Fred and Margaret Jackson of Allenville. Mrs. Jackson played the organ at the Lutheran church in Moran for 42 years.

Mrs. Lindley's parents are the late Francis and Helen McLeod of St. Ignace. Mr. McLeod was a plumber who sold his plumbing business to the Belonga family.

Mr. Lindley particularly enjoyed returning to St. Ignace in 2007 for his 50th high school reunion.

"St. Ignace is still my favorite place in the whole world," he said.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in a June 27 ceremony at Fort Hauchura, Arizona. He was nominated for the honor by the Commanding General of United States Army Intelligence and Security Command John DeFreitas III, who wrote, "Personal integrity, unremitting dedication, and hard work are embedded precepts that inspire all who know him. For those who have worked the programs, and received his unflinching support over the years, Mr. Lindley is truly a legend in his own time."

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Man Caught Breaking in Bowling Alley

A 26-year-old St. Ignace man was caught by city police while breaking in and causing destruction at Gateway Lanes bowling alley at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, September 16.

Officer Rich Cullen, while on routine patrol, noticed a window broken at the bowling alley on Ferry Lane. While investigating, he noticed someone was inside the

building.

The man was arrested and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail and was awaiting arraignment Tuesday morning.

The man caused damage with fire and an object to the bar counter-top, the floor, pull tab machine, cash register, and doors, police allege.

Special Olympics Torch Runners Cross Mackinac Bridge

By Paul Gingras

As a fundraiser for Special Olympics Michigan, four runners carrying a torch passed through St. Ignace Wednesday, September 10, and continued over the Mackinac Bridge for the 27th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The bridge marked the halfway point for their 750-mile endurance run, which began in Copper Harbor and ended in Sterling Heights. Runners crossed every mile, taking turns and continuing 24 hours a day.

As members of the Michigan State Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Michigan Department of Corrections crossed the bridge, they ran with Special Olympics competitor Todd Williams of Petoskey.

For the third year, members of the Michigan State Police Dive Team swam the Straits of Mackinac below the bridge during the event. In anticipation for their swim, they sold T-shirts announcing the effort. Relay swimmers included State Trooper Jennifer Hodgson of Brighton, Trooper Craig Dorenbecker of St. Ignace, Trooper Randy Paros of Detroit, Trooper Dale Girke of Flint, and Sergeant Larry Schloegl of Detroit.

"We were up at 5 a.m. and in the water by 8 a.m.," Ms. Hodgson said.

"The water was extremely cold and rough," Mr. Girke added.

The two clearly didn't mind.

"My favorite thing about it is helping the athletes," Ms. Hodgson said.

In St. Ignace, Barb Choryan of the Department of Corrections handed off the torch to Mr. Williams at the Michigan State Police Station.

The most powerful aspect of the Torch Run is its capacity to raise awareness for Special Olympics, she told *The St. Ignace News*.

"We pay millions to professional athletes. Special Olympics athletes compete purely for the fun and glory of it," she said.

At the Special Olympics summer games in May, she helped award medals.

"It was like giving them each a million dollars," she said, "very exciting."

John Card, captain of the run, works with Special Olympics athletes. He has run in the fundraiser



To benefit Special Olympics Michigan, members of three relay teams participating in the 27th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run cross the Mackinac Bridge on a 750-mile trek Wednesday, September 10. Pictured (from left) are Carl Smith of Muskegon, a member of the Michigan Department of Corrections team; Al Arche of the Sterling Heights Police Department, a member of the Fraternal Order of Police team; Todd Williams of Petoskey, a Special Olympics athlete; and Liz Hunt of the Michigan State Police team. Her post is in Bay City.

every year since 1995.

"All sorts of things go through your head as you run," he said. "You think about the athletes and the program, and how you're trying to help. If you get tired and sore, you think about why we're here."

As he runs, he remembers the camaraderie of the athletes at Special Olympics competitions, and that helps him keep going.

"Special Olympics changes lives," he said. "It changes the

lives of the athletes, their families, and the people involved with raising awareness."

The Torch Run generates about \$400,000 in Michigan, benefiting 15,000 athletes in the state.

DeTour Hosts Happy Apple Day

Happy Apple Days will take place in DeTour Village Saturday, September 20, featuring antique appraisals, a Homemakers Apple Dessert Contest, children's games and scarecrow building, craft fair, antique fair, and community auction.

- A schedule of events follows:
- Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ontario and St. Mary's Street.
 - Antique Appraisals, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Village Hall.
 - Homemakers muffins and coffee, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Village Hall.
 - Homemakers Apple Dessert Contest, entries submitted by 10 a.m., judging at noon, Village Hall.
 - Kids games and Scarecrow building, 10 a.m., school playground.
 - Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pavilion. Set up is 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 - Antique Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., DeTour High School. Set up is Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 - Sacred Heart Altar Society Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., DeTour High School.
 - Sidewalk Sales, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ontario Street.
 - Apple pie eating contest, 11 a.m., Dragon Fly Floral Tents at the Pavilion.
 - Drummond/DeTour Elementary Dancers, 1 p.m., Pavilion.
 - Vintage Style Show and Tea, 2 p.m., Huron Street Inn Bed and Breakfast. Tickets are \$5. Seating is available for 50 people. Advance tickets available at the Village Hall or by calling (906) 297-8051.
 - Community auction, 5:30 p.m., Fine Arts Council Cultural Center. To donate items, call (906) 297-3231 or (906) 297-5533. Contest and drawing winners will be announced during the auction.

Falling Leaves Moon Festival Planned

By Allison Levy

Mackinac Island Town Crier
Mackinac Island's Festival of the Falling Leaves Moon, known as Binaakwe-giizis in Ojibwa, celebrates fall.

The festival first took place in 2006, to introduce a new event to fill the weekend occupied in alternating years by the Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference. That weekend happened to be, according to Ojibwa tradition, the weekend that the season changes from the Harvest Moon to the Falling Leaves Moon.

The festival focuses on Mackinac's Native American inhabitants during the fur trade.

"So many people just think of Mackinac's Victorian history, but there is another aspect to the Island," said Mary McGuire Slevin, director of the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau. "We wanted to

celebrate the early 1800s."

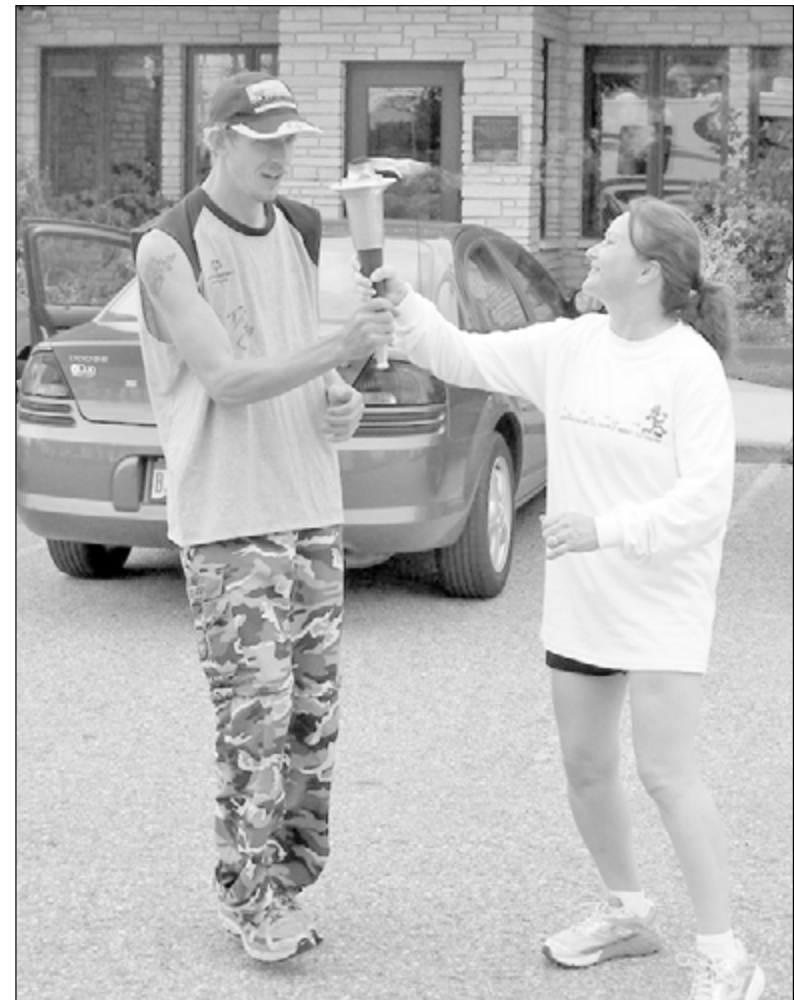
In 2006, the Tourism Bureau brought in historic re-enactors, hosted a fur show, and showcased the Island's Native American heritage. The festival also celebrated the life and death of Madame La Framboise, a successful Ottawa fur trader. The festival proved difficult to organize.

This year, the festival will shift from a celebration of the entire era to a more low key, local affair. It will be held Thursday, September 18, through Saturday, September 20.

An art show featuring the work of Don Andress and mother-daughter team Kelly Church and Cherish Parrish, all artists with roots in Native traditions, will be included.

Mr. Andress is known for his hand-crafted walking sticks, and this will be his first exhibition.

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Barb Choryan of the Michigan Department of Corrections hands the Special Olympics torch to athlete Todd Williams of Petoskey Wednesday, September 10, in St. Ignace. Mr. Williams joined several law enforcement officers in the central portion of the 27th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, which included crossing the Mackinac Bridge.

Island City Council Bases Preservation Ordinance on Michigan's Model

By Ryan Schlehuder

Mackinac Island may soon have a new ordinance that will assist the city in protecting its historic structures and landmarks that are threatened by redevelopment. The ordinance is one of the beginning stages in strengthening the Island's National Historic Landmark status, which is under watch by the National Park Service.

Mayor Margaret Doud directed city attorney Tom Evashevski to draw up an ordinance, based on the state's Historic Preservation Ordinance, for temporary regulations that the city and developers

can follow, which will be used until permanent guidelines, either through the city's zoning ordinance or its architectural review process, are created.

Mr. Evashevski told Council that the new ordinance will allow Mayor Doud to appoint members to a local historic preservation commission and to set up districts within the Island community that reflect particular histories, which the soon-to-be-created commission would determine.

To create a commission, Council must first adopt the state's Historic

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