

AHS Class of 63

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2019 Newsletter

FaLaLaLaLa Edition

Coming up jingle bells at the Outpost. We made Green Pastures' old-fashioned milk punch for a buncha new englanders last week and they're still lining up at the back door. Next year we're sellin' it. 'Probably the Buffalo bourbon was what did'em in. Or maybe the cognac. Whatever. Y'all need the magic recipe to do this for Christmas Eve maybe and get back into the real thing from our youth (or close enough). So here it is from Mattie Faulk's 1965 recipe, serves 6-8—OR serves 2, going back and forth to the fridge while wrapping, if nobody cares what the bows look like or even who gets what:

4 ounces Buffalo Trace Bourbon
3 ounces Pierre Ferrand 1840 Cognac
1.5 ounces Appleton Reserve Jamaican Run
16 ounces half & half
8 ounces whole milk
2.5 ounces grade A or B maple syrup
2 ounces Tempus Fugit creme de cacao
1 ounce quality vanilla paste

Combine all ingredients and stir vigorously to make sure the vanilla doesn't just sit there and glob in the bottom of the pitcher. Serve very cold in small frosty cups with fresh grated nutmeg on top. Two servings will knock you on your sweet bippy so go slow. Maybe leave some out for Santa with cookies and probably you'll get to keep the whole sleigh. Getting it off the roof will be tricky, but it's a known fact up here that reindeer are crazy for rum balls *don't ask, many weird things are native knowledge up here* so just toss a few out on the lawn and get out of the way. Ho ho.



SPEAKING OF PARTYING DOWN ...

So the Austin '63ers had the annual Christmas party at Sidney Brient Lock's B&B in Hyde Park and apparently it rocked. See for yourself. .



*Linda Burk Kemp
in the kitchen*



*Louise Adams, Danny Kohler
Lew Adams, Bill Benham*



Steve Goodwin, Ann Varnado & Danny Kohler



Jo Ann Morris



Santa Jim Collier .



Jerry Raines &
Barbara Huber Ward



Sidney Brient Lock



Mary Frances Guerrero



Marcy Howard



Nancy Williams

And this year, we have a great story from Lew Adams & wife Louise. Turns out, Lew has been in the film industry, starting out in Burbank and ranging around all over the place as director, cinematographer, and producer. His last piece of work is a thing of beauty about a special group of WWII soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division. The title of the film (and you can click on the title to go to the website) "[Heroes of Old Hickory](#)." The history, from the website, goes like this:

*"The Old Hickory Division was **not** regular Army but National Guard troops called to duty to shore-up the invasion at Normandy. Made-up mostly of young farm boys from North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, they were rushed to war to reinforce the invasion at Normandy. However, with minimal training and no combat experience, they would fight*



in some of the most crucial battles of the European Theatre."

"These 'citizens soldiers' would spearhead the break-out at St. Lo; defeat Hitler's best SS Panzer Divisions in one of the largest German offensives at Mortain; fight in the Battle of the Bulge and the Siegfried Line; and finally stop at Magdeberg, Germany, where they met the Russian Army."

*"At wars end, Eisenhower asked his staff to evaluate the numerous divisions that participated in the war. The 30th Infantry Division was selected as the **number one unit** recommended for Presidential Citation for heroism."*



"Filmed in the US and Europe, this little known WWII story takes us back to the European battle fields where American soldiers once fought and died to liberate a continent enslaved by Nazi rule. Lew captures the realism through the words of the veterans themselves reflecting on the courage and valor of what was considered a necessary and "justified" war, and the thousands of Europeans who have not forgotten the "Americans" who restored their freedom."

Lew's wife, Louise, sent an email to Kathy Carr Hobbs about the awards this film has garnered: *"Heroes of Old Hickory" has won the Gold Award in 3 categories at the 2018 Aurora International Film Festival—Documentary Historical Event, Individual/Creative Achievement in Directing, and Individual/Creative Achievement in Editing. The Festival represents international filmmakers, corporate videos, and educational film works not broadcast on the major US networks."*

From the film's website here's a little something about Lew and his work:

"An Award winning Producer/Director and Cinematographer Lew has won numerous show awards including The Gold Cindy, The Cine Golden Eagle, Aurora, and 4 Emmy Award nominations. A member of the Directors Guild of America since 1977, productions Lew has directed, photographed or produced have received more than 25 Emmy awards and nominations."



"Lew has worked with some of the industries most talented and influential artists from Andy Williams, Dean Martin

and Frank Sinatra to Bob Hope, Roger Miller and Carol Burnett just to name a few. While Lews' career began in 1965 at NBC Studios in Burbank California his work includes productions at Universal Studios, Fox, Paramount, Columbia, CBS, Disney, PBS and MTV."

We bring all of this to you because, every once in awhile, we get a story about someone in our class who has distinguished themselves in some way that, without fanfare, comes to light. Lew is a humble guy and, as humble guys go, he will probably have an "Oh no!" moment when he reads what we've done here to tell a little of his story. But this is a time of year when we celebrate good things—and this is truly a lovely thing to celebrate. Don't you think?

Thanks, Lew, for being one of us, and for building a great story with your life's work.



*Just a note: Since today is the winter solstice—a day of new beginnings farrrr more ancient than New Year's Day—we have turned over a new leaf to insure that birthdays are delivered in a more timely fashion . . . sorta. Your birthdays are going to be published a whole month in advance. We know this will warm Claudia to a happy fever because she hates it when we don't do this newsletter at the **FIRST** of the month.*

*We are just not built for that. Takes too much planning. As it happens, we actually started doing the birthday list ahead of time **LAST** month. But we blew it. What a serendipitous thing it was that Diana Roberts Cooper wrote us a note wondering about where all those **OTHER** December birthdays went. Whereupon we investigated. Much duh. We accidentally copied the December birthdays only up to December 21st. And that's why you are getting the **rest** of December below before you get the January birthday list. Much ado. Try to carry on. Love, Queenie*



THE REST OF THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST...

Yes, Virginia, there ARE birthdays after Dec 22nd!!

26 Joyce Ritchie Garner (45) * miss you Joyce!

27 Ronnie Peterson (44) Happy 75th Ronnie!

28 Alyson Evans Anderson (44) Happy 75th Alyson!

29 Tommy Lewis (44) Happy 75th Tommy!

30 George Allen Perry (44) Happy 75th George!

30 Diana Roberts Cooper (45) ONLY 74! you young thing you . . . thanks for the note on our little oversight :)

31` Brenda Klein (44) Happy 75th Gorgeous!



New Year 2020 BIRTHDAY KIDS

01 Ginnie Lou Peck Smith (45) Happy 75th Ginnie!

02 Doug Spiller (45) Happy 75th Doug!

03 John Bode (46) omigosh...only just now 74! you fascinating young thing you!

05 Myron Ralph Boyd (45) Happy 75th Myron!

06 Bev Wright Witwer (45) Happy 75th Rev Bev!

07 Harold Hashem (45) Happy 75th Harold!

09 Mike DeGeurin (45) Happy 75th Mikey!

10 Dick Williamson (45) Happy 75th Dick!

10 Jimmy Collier (45) Happy 75th Handsome!

10 Gwen Doss Stone (45) Happy 75th Gwen!

11 John Pendleton (45) Happy 75th John!

12 Grady McGonagill (45) Happy 75th Grady!
12 Charlotte Johnson Klingman (45) Happy 75th Charlotte!

15 Lulu Peal Muse (45) Happy 75th Sweetie!

15 Scotty Thomas (45) * Miss you Scottie

15 Tom Dunlap (45) Happy 75th Tom!

18 Vickie Herold Dow (45) Happy 75th Vickie!!

19 Bill Crimm (45)* Miss you Bill

19 Betty Hage Heaton (45) Happy 75th Betty!

20 Kenny Roberts (45) Happy 75th handsome!

21 Janan Rodgers Moses (45) Happy 75th Janan!!

22 Gloria Sue Cook Hyatt (45) Happy 75th Gloria Sue!

22 Bo Rothchild (45) Happy 75th big darlin' Bo!

23 Danny Kohler (46) Lordy...another young thing! Only 74? Is that even possible?

23 Steve Goodwin (45) Happy 75th big guy!

24 Grant Simpson (45) Happy 75th Grant!

27 Jann Sorrell Fractor(45) Happy 75th Jann!!

29 Franklin Mendez (45) Happy 75th Mr. Fab Artist!

29 Harry Menn, Jr. (45) Happy 75th Harry!!

*Didja have a birthday? Did we miss it? We don't just make it up—you hafta send it in. We **like** remembering your birthday, and even when we screw up we eventually get it all done*

—one way or another, bless our heart.

So help us out and do the right thing! Send us your birthday.

Just hit reply :)



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