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Richard Arnold “Dick” Stoewer

AAFA #0120S

Charter Member

September 22, 1933 – July 14, 2020

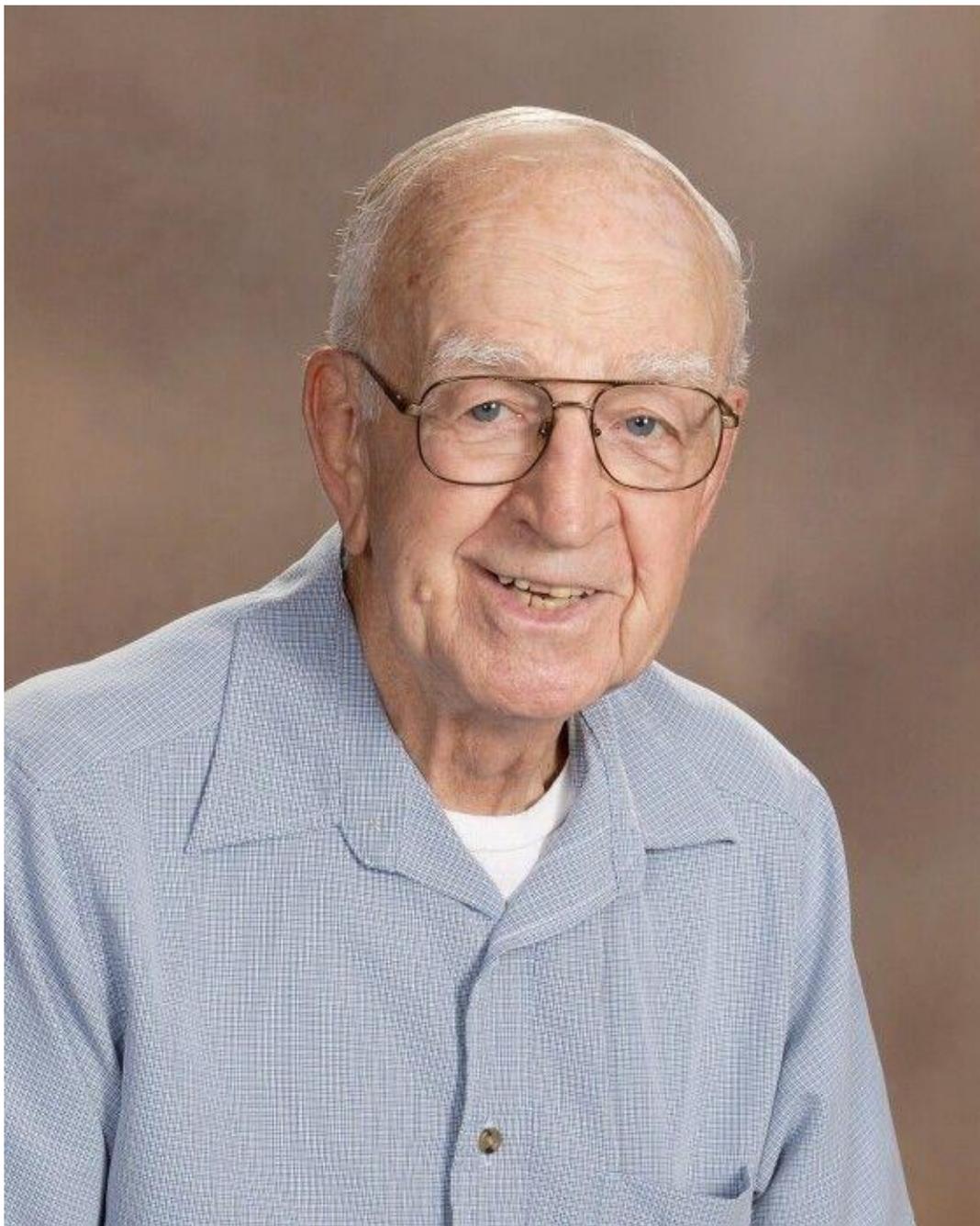


Photo by [Linda Fourroux](#)

Added to Dick’s Find-A-Grave Memorial on 19 Jul 2020

Obituary

Richard (Dick) Stoewer, age 86, a resident of Central, passed away on July 14, 2020. Dick was born on September 22, 1933 in Galena, IL and graduated from Galena High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force where he met his wife, Sally, and retired after 23 years as an aircraft electrician. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. After military service, Dick worked and retired from Cargill Milling in Port Allen. He continued his devotion to servicemembers and veterans as a member of the American Legion Post 38 where he proudly served on the Honor Guard.

At age 72, he joined the American Red Cross in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and volunteered at various disaster sites around the country until 2016. Dick is a member of Magnolia United Methodist Church in Greenwell Springs. Dick and Sally were world travelers who treasured every trip they took and site they saw. They camped and cruised the globe with their children and grandchildren sharing their wonder for the world. For 23 years, Dick remained a faithful and avid fan of the LSU Tiger Softball team and was a familiar face in his regular seat in Section 104 behind home plate.

He is survived by his children, Charles (Pam) of Baton Rouge, Sherry Kinchen of St. Amant, and Teri Hruska (Bob) of Virginia; grandchildren, Justin Kinchen (Julianne), Amanda Kinchen, Ryan Stoewer (Portia), Caroline Stoewer, and Elena Hruska; great-granddaughters, Aurora, Zoe and Luna; brother, Kenneth of Normal, IL and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Sally; his parents, Charles and Mildred Anger Stoewer, and brothers Donald and Gerald.

Visitation will take place at Resthaven Funeral Home, Baton Rouge, LA on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The funeral service will be Monday, July 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Magnolia United Methodist Church in Greenwell Springs, LA followed by burial with military honors at 11:00 a.m. at the Louisiana National Cemetery in Zachary, LA.

In keeping with the current Covid-19 restrictions, we ask that everyone attending the services wear a face covering and observe proper social distancing.

Information and photo were copied from the [Tribute Archive](#) web page.

Personal Data

Birth: 23 Sep 1933
Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, USA

Death: 14 Jul 2020 (aged 86)
Central, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, USA

Burial: Louisiana National Cemetery
Zachary, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, USA

Plot Section 2, Plot 330

Memorial ID: 213180393

Inscription:



MSGT
US AIR FORCE
KOREA
VIETNAM

HUSBAND FATHER
GRANDFATHER

Photo Added by: [Vermeer63](#) on 14 Jan 2021

Family Members

- Parents
 - Charles F Stoewer, 1907–1974
 - Mildred M Anger, 1911–1989
- Spouse
 - Euphamie Sally Bateman, 1934-2018 (m. 1953)
- Siblings
 - Donald Stoewer, 1932–1987
 - Gerald Stoewer, 1938–1999
 - Kenneth Stoewer
- Children
 - Charles Allen Stoewer
 - Cheryl Lynn Stoewer Kinchen
 - Teri Elaine Stoewer Hruska

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and Ancestry web pages.

AAFA Notes:

1. Dick received the AAFA Hall of Fame Award in 2001 at the Raleigh, NC Annual Meeting for creating and operating the AAFA Merchandise Program.

AAFA Hall of Fame Award Presentation
2001 Raleigh, NC Annual Meeting
Created and Operated the AAFA Merchandise Program



presented by Max Alford

Sally and Dick have managed the gift shop at the meetings for seven years. They haul the merchandise to each meeting and then what's left is hauled back to Baton Rouge. Dick is always helping out in the store except the few times he is able to sneak off and read the paper. Sally and Dick were heavily involved in the planning of a very successful meeting in 1993 in St. Francisville, Louisiana. Sally is the Chairperson of the Merchandise Committee. As such, she searches each year for new items to add to the shop's inventory. Sally has also submitted Alford obituary data, contributed to the Census Project, and served on the Board of Directors. Sally and Dick are also truly deserving of the honor.

Information from the **2001 Annual Meeting Report** published in *AAFA ACTION* Summer 2001 (#53), page 86.

2. Dick also received the Distinguished Member Award in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Distinguished Member Award
1998, 1999, 2000
(for significant contributions to the purposes and goals of AAFA)

Dick Stower, AAFA #0120S, for excellent work assisting the Chair of the Merchandise Committee and as a committee member: assembling, transporting and selling merchandise in the gift shop and assisting with the management of the AAFA store.

Miscellaneous Data



Dick and Sally Stoewer
 Saturday Night Dinner
 2010 LA Meeting
 Photo by:
 Janice and John Smith, #0152
 and son Walt Smith, #1247

The Tale of Captain Wick Alford's **RED** Jacket

Unbeknownst to those assembled at the Friday session, an elaborate plot had been hatched by Sally and Dick Stoewer, AAFA #0120, to honor, the missing third member who had never missed a meeting. As Wick Alford is known for his rather colorful outfits, Sally and Dick happened to be in a thrift store not too many days before the meeting when Dick spied a red blazer. He immediately thought of Wick. They purchased the jacket and wrote a memo in Wick's style of writing. This is where the plot thickened. It was decided that after the presentation to Mary and Gil, my wife would approach the lectern and hand me what would purportedly be a fax from Wick expressing his regrets at not being there (in reality, it was the memo that Sally and Dick composed). The purported fax read:

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye. This is the Captain speaking.

Gil - My comrade, my friend, buddy and pal, I sometimes sit on the front row so I can be seen by everyone - but mostly to make eye contact with you so I can harass you, dispute your research and to keep you straight.

To my buddies that go out to smoke a cigar after dinner - I hope you will keep this camaraderie and think of me.

To Earline - I will not be buying any tickets this year - I suggest you sell my tickets to Gil.

I will miss every one of you and I regret having to miss my first meeting. I trust you all can carry on without me.

Please make a place in the front row for me so Gil will see me often.

Respectfully
Wick Alford, Captain
US. Navy Retired"

Now any of you who have read anything that Wick has written (he writes all the Hall of Fame certificates as well as the Distinguished Member certificates to name a few), know that the above message captures Wick's writing style very well. As I finished reading the fax, Jeanne Singleton, AAFA #0249, came rushing up and pretended to excitedly whisper something in my ear. I barely had time to exclaim "Ladies and gentlemen, I have just been told that Wick has come to the meeting after all!" At that moment Dick Stoewer walked in wearing the red jacket, a baseball cap pulled low over his eyes and Wick's name tag. I must admit at first glance, I thought it was Wick. Dick did a really bang up job of impersonating him.

Everyone got a big kick out of the little masquerade. Dick then proceeded to remove the jacket which was hung in a place of honor on a coat rack at the front of the meeting room with Wick's name tag draped over it and a copy of a photograph of Wick attached to the coat hanger.

If you look closely at the pictures taken during the meeting sessions, you will see the red jacket with Wick's picture in the background of a lot of the shots. While I am not 100% sure of this, at one point during the Saturday afternoon session, I even thought I saw the jacket raise its sleeve trying to get the floor so it could dispute one of the points that Gil made during his presentation.

Information from the **2002 Meeting Report**, *The 2002 Salt Lake City Meeting Report* by Max Alford AAFA #0230, Member Hall of Fame, published in *AAFA ACTION* Fall 2002 (#58), pages 59-60.