

Memorial Article Inventory Sheet

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AOG, USMA; 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 800 232-4723 ext. 1613

Full Name of the USMA Graduate: _____

Cullum Number & Class Year: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Place of Death (city & state): _____

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• *Cremated/Ashes scattered:*

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Name of Next of Kin: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Fax:** _____

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I approve the enclosed memorial article and authorize its publication in AOG printed and AOG electronic publications.

Next of kin's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Name of the memorial article author and relationship to deceased: _____

Shall we cite the author(s) name at the bottom of the article (check one)? YES NO

If yes, how should the credit appear? _____

Author's address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Guidelines for Writers of Memorial Articles

to be published in TAPS by the Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy

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WHO WRITES MEMORIAL ARTICLES?

Typically, memorial articles are written by a classmate, family member, or close friend, usually working in cooperation with the next-of-kin. Some articles are group efforts, involving several people who knew the graduate at different times during his or her life. Memorial articles may also be written by the next-of-kin, or a close family member.

WHAT ABOUT FAMILY APPROVAL?

The author is responsible for obtaining the next of kin's written approval of the article. Without approval, the article cannot be published. If after a diligent search no relatives are found, the author may obtain approval from the graduate's class president.

WHO QUALIFIES AS THE NEXT-OF-KIN?

The next-of-kin are surviving spouses (whether they've remarried or not). If the graduate was divorced or there is no surviving spouse, the next-of-kin is the graduate's oldest surviving child. If the graduate never married, the parents qualify as the next-of-kin. If there are no surviving parents, then the next-of-kin is the oldest surviving sibling. If there are no siblings, the next-of-kin is the closest surviving relative.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FILE AT THE AOG?

The Association of Graduates keeps a file on each graduate, known as the Cullum File. Some graduates have regularly updated their files, some have not. Copies of this material can be requested for the purpose of writing the memorial article by contacting Marilee Meyer at 800 232-4723, ext. 1545, or e-mail Marilee.Meyer@usma.edu.

HOW LONG SHOULD THE ARTICLE BE?

Articles should be 850–1,000 words. The AOG editor reserves the right to do minor editing and proofreading. Articles longer than 1000 words will be returned to the author for editing. The editor will make suggestions on how to reduce the length. Exceptions to the length guidelines are made in the rarest of circumstances (former superintendents and commandants of cadets, chiefs of staff of the Army, etc.).

WHAT ABOUT A PHOTOGRAPH?

Each article is published with a photograph. Select one that represents how the graduate would have preferred to have been remembered. The photo must be clear and in good condition. The photo will be returned. If a suitable photo cannot be found, the graduate's Howitzer (USMA yearbook) photo may be used. Negatives are acceptable.

IS THERE A STANDARD FORMAT?

(See the enclosed sample.) Most memorial articles are chronologically organized, including events before West Point, significant achievements and activities as a cadet, assignments and achievements in the military, marriage and children, retirement or separation from the military, important activities in civilian life, anecdotes and quotations, and an impressionistic section quite like a eulogy.

MAY I WRITE A MEMORIAL FOR MYSELF?

Yes. Send it to the address below. Prior to publication, your next of kin will receive a copy for approval.

IN WHAT FORM SHOULD I SUBMIT THE ARTICLE TO AOG?

We prefer receiving articles electronically as Microsoft Word files attached to an email or on a computer disk. Otherwise, please send a typed copy. Please do not use all uppercase type. We prefer Times New Roman font.

WHEN WILL THE ARTICLE BE PUBLISHED?

Normally, within 7–9 months. Articles are published in the order in which they are received.

HOW DO I RECEIVE COPIES OF THE ISSUE IN WHICH THE ARTICLE APPEARS?

The next-of-kin will receive two complimentary copies of the TAPS in which the article appears. Extra copies can be ordered. Please pay by check or credit card (MC, Visa, AmEx) —\$5 for the first copy and \$3 for each additional copy. Please send payment when the approved article is submitted.

WHAT NEEDS TO ACCOMPANY A MEMORIAL ARTICLE?

All memorial articles must be accompanied by a completed inventory sheet. We can mail or e-mail one to you, or you can obtain one off the Web at: www.aogusma.org/PUBS/inven.htm

TO WHOM DO I SEND THE ARTICLE?

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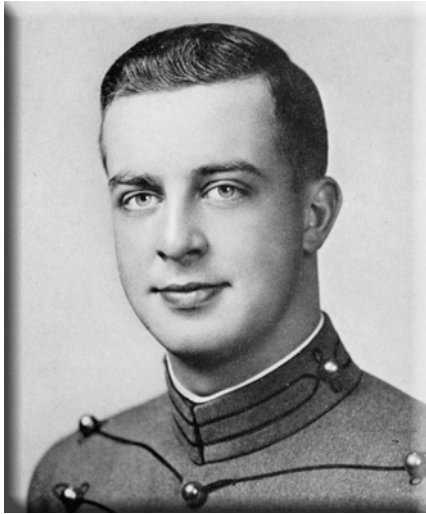
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QUESTIONS? Call 845 446-1518

Sewall H. E. Johnson '46

No. 16127 ■ 4 Sep 1923 — 24 Jun 2003

Died in Sarasota, FL ■ Interred in West Point Post Cemetery, West Point, NY



One scorching July afternoon in 1947, I arrived in Taegu, Korea, on a smoke-and-cinders train from Pohang. The regimental adjutant greeted us, loaded us aboard his two-and-a-half-ton trucks, and dropped us at what was euphemistically called the O Club. Behind a bar made of a 2-by-12 plank supported by two barrels sat “Sully” and Alvin Futrell '46, and other juniors of the 1st Infantry Regiment. It was like a grog break on The Bounty. There were no fancy uniforms, no neckties, and not a woman in sight. This was the Class of '46's initial introduction to America's Regular Army, a far cry from our West Point TACs' descriptions.

Sully handed me a can of Rainier beer—the Taegu Bar's best—and it reminded me of that old song, “Is that all there is?” Then Sully flashed me his usual, warm smile, and everything on that hectic day suddenly brightened.

Sewall Harvey Emler Johnson was raised a couple of miles south of Sioux Falls, SD, which Sully described as grim in the winter. “As a kid I thought everyone in America suffered as we did. Sometimes howling winds formed big drifts that would isolate us for three days before they cleared the road. During the winter, I'd see newspaper pictures of people in bathing suits at Miami Beach, and I was sure the photos were faked or had been taken the summer before.” He wrote in 1999, “You can be sure that June and I are happy to be retired in Sarasota.”

Sully left Sioux Falls to major in aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota. On campus was June, a journalism major and farm girl from Fulda, MN, who would eventually become the love of Sully's life.

Sometime in Sully's initial years at the university, Senator William Bulow of Beres-

ford, SD, appointed Sully to West Point. At 200 pounds, Sully naturally gravitated to the Army football team. The same day Sully graduated from West Point, his brother, Rogness, graduated from Annapolis. On graduation day, Sully returned to St. Paul and married June. Other than those initial Korean assignments, they were together for virtually all their years.

In a 1998 letter, Sully compared his second trip to Korea with the first and described how miserably cold December 1950 had been in North Korea. When a native Dakotan complains of cold weather, accept it as a testament from one who truly understands biting cold. Sully's advance northward with the 3rd Infantry Division wasn't a rag-tag occupation; it was the most serious part of the Korean War. This time Sully had the opportunity to perform like a warrior, and it was no surprise when he won the Silver Star.

Sully returned to America, and the Johnsons spent their second tour at Ft. Benning. Sully attended the Advanced Course and Parachute School, while June busied herself with promotional work for Kirven's department store. Subsequently, they had a less demanding ROTC assignment at the University of Connecticut. There they brought daughter Karen into the world.

If not for classmate Anastasio Somoza, the Spanish language may have been Sully's West Point nemesis. But strange things occur in life, and Spanish eventually catalyzed one of Sully's most rewarding assignments: the Academia General Militar in Zaragoza, Spain. Just as Sully arrived in 1956, King Juan Carlos began his studies there. Through many contacts, Sully came to know the young king well.

Some corporate types have called our Army life as one of genteel poverty, but it has its rewards. Sully also attended Spain's outstanding Army Mountain School at Jaca. There his fluency in Spanish soared, and he was able to enjoy skiing, climbing, and even more travel. It proved to be a helluva long way from the Taegu Bar. It also proved that Army salary wasn't everything. Moreover, because both June and Sully were fluent in

Spanish, it made their trips throughout Spain rewarding experiences. They went into the Pyrenees, into Biarritz, and to St.-Jean-de-Luz on France's Bay of Biscay.

A less satisfying career experience was his four-year assignment in Iowa's cornfields as a National Guard advisor. Even this stifling tour had its highlight: the birth of June's and Sully's devoted son, Eric.

In 1962, Sully attended CGSC followed by a fulfilling assignment to our Army Mission in Ecuador during 1962–65. Again, Sully's Spanish proved a wonderful entrée and there were many opportunities to travel throughout South America. Their final assignment was with IG in Washington. Upon completion, the nostalgic days of the Taegu Bar swung full circle. Sully and Al Futrell stood their farewell parade together at Ft. Myer.

Sully immediately took an investments position in Geneva, Switzerland, during 1967–76. While the Johnsons lived abroad, they were inveterate peripatetics and visited Egypt, Morocco, Kenya, Machu Picchu (Peru), Tunis, Galapagos Islands, throughout Latin America, Mexico, Europe, and down to Rio. On 1 Aug 2000, Sully wrote of their trip to Russia, “No Chicken Kiev, no chicken in Kiev . . . it's all meat, potatoes, and borscht!”

The Johnson kids' formative years were unusual. Karen was educated in an English boarding school from age 12 through high school. She received a bachelor's from Sussex University, a master's from Stanford, and speaks four languages. Son Eric currently lives in Nairobi, served in the Cameroon Peace Corps, and speaks French fluently. Sully was very proud of June's and his kids' many accomplishments.

Sully especially wanted to remind me that both he and June were long-time smokers, “dumbest thing we ever did,” he said. He died of cancer at age 79.

You were some great guy, Sully, and we miss you.

Harl Koch, '46 Classmate