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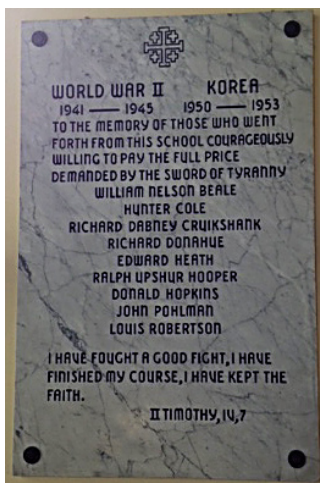
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"The enemy laid down very heavy artillery and mortar fire on our positions in the vicinity of Eilendorf, Germany," wrote the Secretary of War on July 10, 1947, to Mrs. Harrison Cruikshank, mother of St. Paul's alumnus Dabney M. Cruikshank '36. The Secretary was responding to Mrs. Cruikshank's request to know the precise circumstances of her son's death in 1944. "Enemy snipers and tanks infiltrated our positions in strong force," the letter continued. "It was during this engagement the following day that your son was killed as the result of a gunshot wound to the chest received when he attempted to take and hold an enemy pillbox."

A display case in the Upper School contains the aforementioned letter to his mother and both his Purple Heart and Bronze Star, awarded posthumously. The Dabney M. Cruikshank Award, created in 1955, is given annually to a St. Paul's student who displays "Outstanding Contribution to School Spirit."

St. Paul's has record of fourteen alumni who gave their lives for their country: three in World War I, six in World War II, three in Korea, and two in Vietnam. The names of each are displayed on two marble tablets in the chapel. The 1946 yearbook lists four alumni who died in World War II, in addition to Dabney: Hunter Cole '37, Richard C. Donohue '43,





Donald M. Hopkins '40 and John Poehlman '38. William N. Beale '37, died in a carrier-landing accident in 1947, piloting an F4U-4 Corsair, and is classified as a war death, according to his son, William A. Beale '63. The First World War claimed Robert B. Hill, Maurice M. Hill and James J. Strugnell, while Edward Heath '48, Ralph U. Hooper '43 and Louis Robertson (class year unknown) died in the Korean War. Vietnam took the lives of Stephen H. Adams '66 and James R. Hammersla '61.

With the approach of the holiday season, we remember these Crusaders. Please be in touch with any additional information about these men or others unknown to us who made the supreme sacrifice. Corrections and additional information will appear in subsequent issues of the Crusader Connection.

Voices from the Hill: Chad Curlett '89



The law career of Chad Curlett '89 features experiences at home and abroad not often found on legal resumes. After graduating from law school in 1998, Chad joined the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, the Netherlands. Chad was involved in the investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the genocide at Srebrenica in 1995. While working for the trial team bringing the cases in court, Chad also spent time in the field as a legal advisor for the execution of search warrants at Serbian weapons storage facilities and military command posts. "It was a remarkable experience and a very exciting time to be involved in that work," said Chad. "The war had recently ended, the former Yugoslavia

was still recovering, and the attention of the international community was focused on bringing those responsible for the worst atrocities to justice."

At St. Paul's, Chad had spent his senior year in Rennes, France, in an immersion program living with a host family before graduating with his class in 1989. He then attended Johns Hopkins University and Brooklyn Law School. While in law school, Chad secured a summer internship with the US State Department, assigned to the anti-terrorism bureau and stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. His task: to draft a report chronicling France's military and legislative response to the 1995 terrorist bombings in Paris by the Algerian GIA. That stint led him to war crimes prosecution in The Hague, and by 2001 he had also earned an advanced law degree (LL.M.) from Leiden University concentrating in International Criminal Law.

In 2001, Chad landed in the prestigious Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he spent five years trying felony criminal cases in court. Chad He was also assigned by then District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau to the Investigation Division, where he investigated and prosecuted domestic and international financial crime involving the use of Wall Street banks.

Chad was briefly called back to international service in the summer of 2004 to join the investigation team formed by the State Department to document the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Taking leave from the

DA's office, Chad spent three weeks in the refugee camps of eastern Chad gathering evidence and interviewing refugees fleeing the violence in Darfur. As a result of that investigation, the Bush Administration publicly declared that the actions of Sudan's government in Darfur, acting in concert with the Janjaweed militias, constituted genocide.

In 2006, Chad returned to Baltimore and joined Saul Ewing LLP. He was elected partner in 2009 and chaired the securities litigation practice and served as vice-chair to the white collar and government enforcement practice. In 2011, Chad founded the law firm Levin & Curlett LLC where he is the managing partner. His firm represents individuals and businesses in criminal matters and civil litigation, as well as whistleblowers in False Claims Act litigation. "Saul Ewing offers a prestigious practice, but a smaller firm can represent clients in a more cost effective manner," Chad explained. "Also, cases routinely settle in large firms, but our trial practice is robust. We thrive in court, where we are often found."

Chad was recently recognized as a "Maryland Super Lawyer 2014" in the area of white-collar criminal defense, an especially welcome honor as no more than five percent of lawyers in a state can be so recognized. He's also a National Trial Lawyers "Top 100" pick and in 2011 found himself on the Daily Record's "VIP Successful by 40" list. Chad and his wife Christina have three children: Charlie (7), Chloe (4) and Dashiell (2). Chad's father, Chuck, is St. Paul's class of '65, and his mother, Holly Hamilos, is SPSG class of '65. Chad's step-mother, Karen Curlett, teaches in the lower school.

Chad reflected on his time at St. Paul's: "I'm lucky to have such an interesting career. But I am ultimately motivated by working in the service of others. The values espoused by St. Paul's, which were such a fundamental part of my secondary education, provide the foundation for what I do today. That really is what makes it all so rewarding."

A Look Back at St. Paul's

Venue History: Campus Locations:

- February 9, 1849: founded at St. Paul's Parish, corner Charles and Saratoga
- 1868: moves ten blocks west to 258 West Saratoga St., former home of Maryland Asylum for the Blind
- 1878: rents house at 95 St. Paul St.
- 44 East Monument St. (year not known)
- 309 Cathedral St. (students taught in a room in church parish building, year not known)
- 1884 (?): 31 East Franklin (later renumbered as 8 and 10 East Franklin)
- 1923: 2101 Rogers Avenue (Mount Washington campus)
- 1952: 11152 Falls Road (Brooklandville campus). Name officially changes to "St. Paul's School" from "St. Paul's School for Boys."

Advertisement in The Maryland Churchman, 1924-25: "Capacity of School, 42 boarders and 8 day scholars." Tuition is \$300 for "boys with voices available for St. Paul's Church choir; for others, \$350; day scholars, \$125."

December 10, 1955: Donald Bates '55 and Arthur Teagarden '55 chair the first Annual Memorial Ball, commemorating the new Arthur Kinsolving Gymnasium. Music is by Jack Sher and his six-piece orchestra; the leader plays ten different instruments during one number.

November 18, 1966: The Crusaders scuttle the Little Admirals of Severn, 46-6, to clinch the C-Conference football championship—the first MSA grid title by St. Paul's since 1940. Bruce Cornbrooks '67 grabs two

TD passes and two interceptions, while the Sun describes fullback Bill Conkling '67 as "the main torpedo," gaining 118 yards and scoring a TD. The win caps a 6-1 season that earns the team induction into the St. Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame on November 2, 2013.

1972: Brooklandwood is placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

October 2013: John Morton '68 conveys to the Alumni Office the striking fact that St. Paul's has four connections to the UCLA football team: assistant offensive line coach Dimitri Hajimihalis '08; long snapper Peter Hajimihalis '11; quarterback and holder Jerry Neuheisel (SP grades 7-9); and quarterback Mike Fafaul, (SP grades 1-5). John lunches with Dimitri, Jerry and Mike before the Bruins' game against the University of Utah.

Memorabilia

Thanks to Chesley Prince '64 for the kind donation of his old football jersey to the archives. Chesley is now retired from the Social Security Administration and lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

Upcoming Events

December 20: *rescheduled* 123rd annual Turkey Bowl, 11 AM, Tullai Field (students, faculty and alumni)

December 20: Alumni Hockey Game, 5 PM, Patterson Park Ice Rink

December 23: Young Alumni Day (pancake breakfast and open squash/basketball Courts), 11 AM, Brooklandwood

January 18: Alumni Basketball Game, Pollock Gym, 2 PM

February 4: ROMEO lunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out), 12 noon, Mt. Washington Tavern

February 21: 43rd Annual Bull Roast & Auction, 6 PM Pollock Gym

School Store

The school store, on the south side of the Middle School adjacent to the squash courts, has a wide range of St. Paul's gear: jackets, fleeces, caps, sweats, mugs and more. Too far away to shop in person? [Check out some items here.](#) Order online or phone the store directly at 410-821-2005. The store's a great venue for holiday shopping!

Crusader Connect



Headed to Bird-in-Hand, PA (so named for the old tavern sign with a picture of a man with a bird perched on his hand), and want to see which fellow Crusaders are there? Our free app for the iPhone, iPad and Droid is just what you need. This SP Alumni App allows you to find contact information easily for any alumnus in the U.S. who is in our data base. Alumni can update their contact information, share photos and class notes and network with fellow alumni via LinkedIn. We hope this convenient app will help us all stay better connected—download it with these easy steps: [download](#)

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State of the Reunion

Save the date for next spring's Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend, May 2-3, with a special welcome for five-year reunion years ending in 4 and 9. Enjoy the varsity lacrosse game on Friday afternoon and the return of the casual Blue-Gold cocktail party under the tent on Hamilton Lawn. Thanks to all class reunion chairs who are making plans for class dinners and other activities.

In Memoriam

Capt. William J. Hunter '49, USN (ret.), April 2013

Michael S. Fuller '90, December 2013

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