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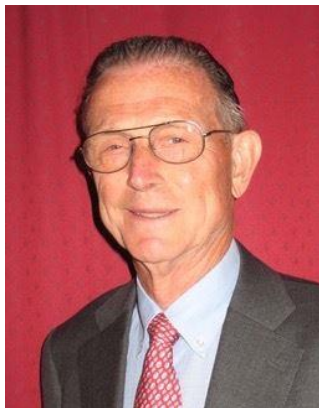
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Editorial



Richard M. "Dick" Sheridan
Treasurer ACB

Meet the Exco Members: Richard M. "Dick" Sheridan

Dick is the Club's Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and, besides being an active and supportive member, has numerous hobbies and interests such as bridge, golf and rowing with the Royal Sport Nautique de Bruxelles. He is also the President and Treasurer of the Association of Retired Members of US Military Forces in Belgium

Dick had a military and a corporate career and spent 25 years in Europe, particularly in France, Germany, Italy and Belgium.

Dick was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Intelligence through ROTC, University of Wisconsin, Madison. For the next 28 years, he served in various command and staff assignments in the United States, Europe and the Far East including several assignments with airborne units. These included Commander, 519 Military Intelligence Battalion, 18th Airborne Corps; Commander, 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, V Corps (Germany) and Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, US Command Berlin. Dick concluded his military career in July 1989 as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters, US Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany. He retired with the rank of Colonel.

He then began a corporate career as the Security Manager for Kaman Aerospace Corporation in Bloomfield, CT, then World-wide Director of Safety and Security for Gateway Computers in South Dakota. During the last eight years of his corporate career, he was based in Brussels as the European Director of Security for Ingram Micro Inc, a US Corporate 100 IT wholesaler and distributor.

"Retiring" from Corporate America, Dick briefly returned to the United States and, subsequently, took a position as a Department of the Army Civilian at Headquarters, HeaHHHHUS Army Africa, Vicenza, Italy in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence.

That assignment was completed in 2012, at which time he moved to Brussels.

His education includes a Master of Arts in Economics from Georgetown University, Washington, DC and the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. He speaks German and is now in the process of learning French.

The midterm elections are coming up on November 6, 2018. Are you registered to vote?

Americans living abroad number in the millions. With elections being decided by microscopic margins, the importance of overseas votes has never been more obvious!

All American citizens abroad retain the right to vote in U.S. Federal elections (including midterms!) no matter where or how long they have been overseas or when and where they last voted.

At VoteFromAbroad.org you can fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form with specific directions based on your state's requirements. That way, you can be sure you receive and return your ballot on time.

Voting from abroad is an easy 3-step process. You need to:

1. Request an absentee ballot (you can register as a new voter at the same time)
2. Receive your ballot (Your state will send out ballots at least 45 days before the election)
3. Return your ballot before the deadline. [Deadlines vary by state.](#)

Go to VoteFromAbroad.org and follow the instructions to get started!



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Upcoming Events



Final Friday Drinks - Pentahotel

Friday, June 29 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Independence Day Picnic (jointly organized by AWCB & ACB)

Sunday, July 1 – 12:00-4:00 p.m. - **Reservations are closed**

[Event details](#)



**Ommegang Dinner at la Maison des Brasseurs
(Grand-Place)**

Friday, July 6 – 7:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



**Second Tuesday Historic Bar at Brasserie 28 - Central
Station**

Tuesday, July 10 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Game Night - Chez Wawa

Tuesday, July 10 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Reading Group

Wednesday, July 11 - 7:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Final Friday Drinks - Chez Wawa

Friday, July 27 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Reading Group

Wednesday, August 8 - 7:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Dine-Out August - Au Grand Forestier

Thursday, August 30 – 7:30 p.m.

[Event details](#)



Final Friday Drinks - Hotel Manos

Friday, August 31 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



A Taste of Antwerp - Walking Tour

Saturday, September 8 – 2:15 p.m.

[Event details](#)

Expat Information Fair



Expat Information Fair - ING Marnix

Wednesday, September 26 – 12:00-8:00 p.m.

[Event details](#)



**The Hoover Legacy Gala Dinner
100th Anniversary of the end of WWI**

Friday, October 19 - Thon Brussels Bristol Stephanie

[Event details](#)

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Jill Van De Weyer (move coordinator),
Tonnie De Coninck (move coordinator)
and Luc Premereur (sales director
diplomatic moving Belgium).

Meet Gosselin Mobility Expert - Luc Premereur

When it comes to moving diplomats across the globe, Gosselin Mobility has a few dozen years of experience to fall back on. Luc Premereur, sales director for diplomatic services in Belgium, tells us more.

What makes a move for diplomats different than a move for a private person or company?

"The destinations for diplomats are completely different", Luc says. "Very few if any moving companies will send expats to Ndjamena in Chad, Bangui in the Central African Republic, or Harare in Zimbabwe. These are however normal destinations for diplomats. All of these countries have special procedures for import and export and for obtaining diplomatic accreditations and exemptions."

Why is Gosselin the ideal partner for diplomatic moves?

"First of all, because of the enormous amount of experience Gosselin has in this specialized field. Secondly, our pan-European network of offices lends itself perfectly to the world of diplomats: many embassies have delegations in countries where we have offices. Take for example diplomatic hubs such as Brussels, Rome, Moscow, Prague and Bern. We also benefit from our unique presence in the Caucasus and Central Asia, in countries such as Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. These are areas where Gosselin's footprint really comes in handy."

Diplomats move often. Do you develop a personal relationship with them?

"Diplomats are subject to a rotation of two, three or four years per assignment, and move very often. This means that many of our customers are repeat customers. I recently spoke with someone I will be moving for the seventh time. This person has become like family to me. Sometimes I see my customers more than my own family (laughs)."

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