

## Ramsey Family Swan Pond Association Officer Bios

### **Frederic R. Ramsey President 2004 – 2012,**



Fred is a native of Washington State and still lives there. He holds a bachelor's degree in Education with majors in history and cultural anthropology from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington and a master of public administration from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Between degrees, Fred joined the U.S. Army where he served as a personnel specialist in the U.S. Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He also served a tour of duty with MACV Advisory Team #99 in Duc Hoa, Vietnam. After college and a stint in the military Fred became a management analyst and budget analyst for the State of Washington. His avocation is genealogy and has written several books on the family to include The Ramsey Chronicles and Ramsey of Swan Pond. Fred is a member of the Washington Society Sons of the American Revolution. He is currently chapter genealogist Alexander Hamilton Chapter in Tacoma and is former president of the same chapter. He has also served as state registrar, state secretary and state genealogist for WASSAR. He is also a member and current governor of the Washington State Branch, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. His hobbies are hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing.

### **Helen Keough Sears 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2008-2012**



Helen is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee. After high school she attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and graduated with a business degree from the Charron Williams College in Miami, Florida. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors, Ramsey House Plantation where she serves as Assistant Treasurer and Event Publicist. She is also a member of the James White Chapter, NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution). She is previous Previous Chapter Regent and presently serving as Chapter Chaplain. She has served at the state level in DAR as Community Service State Chairman, 2004-2007 and is presently serving as Women's Issues State Chairman, 2007-2010. In 2004, Helen organized the Daughters at University of Tennessee Chapter, NSDAR. It is the first (and still the only) college/university DAR chapter in the world. She continues to serve as Honorary Regent of this chapter, remaining active as their Mentor. In 2006, she organized the Flying Solos (a Bible Study/support group for single moms) which meets weekly at the Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. (This church was established in 1796 by Rev. Samuel Graham Ramsey, son of Reynolds Ramsey, and brother of Francis Alexander Ramsey). She continues to serve as Group Leader.

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### **Maxwell Doak Ramsey** **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2004-2012**



Max is a native Tennessean. He received a degree in Social Science and History from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee and did graduate work in regional planning at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Max served in the U.S. Army for three-and-a-half years. He was assigned to the 34<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Orleans, France, the only major U.S. Army hospital in France. Returning home he took a position with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) where he remained for thirty-two years. During his career, Max worked on the recreational use, preservation and conservation of resources. He has served on many boards, including Ramsey House Plantation. He has written bylaws for the National Recreation Maintenance Management School sponsored by North Carolina State University. He has also written bylaws for the National Trail of Tears Association. Max also worked with Methodist Youth programs and the American Youth Hostels Association.

### **Charles Allen Perkins** **Secretary 2008-2012**



Chuck is a native of California. He graduated from high school and college there. He served in the U.S. Army for three years and is retired from the wholesale food business. He has spent a great deal of time lately caring for aging parents and working on his family genealogy. And this is a really old picture.

### **Alexander Reynolds Ramsey** **Treasurer 2008-2012**



Alex is a native of Washington State where he grew up and graduated from high school. During his youth he was active in Boy Scouts of America where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. After high school he served four years as a US Army Military Intelligence Specialist at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is currently working as a security supervisor at a Seattle high rise. He lives on Bainbridge Island and is taking classes from Poulsbo Community College.

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### **Luke Michael Bunnell Ramsey** **Historian 2008 – 2012**



Luke attends Lancaster High School in Lancaster, California. He is a captain in the Lancaster High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) the head of the JROTC legal department and the commander of their new marksmanship team. He is a Civil War and WWII re-enactor. The World War II group he belongs to is called the Second Sendai division of the Imperial Japanese Army. The Civil War group he belongs to is the Eighth Louisiana Volunteers who fought at Shiloh. He plans on going directly to college after high school and then possibly on to a military career. The silhouette is of Luke's 8<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather Captain James Agnew of Balloo, County Antrim, Ireland 1671. We will replace it as soon as we get a picture of Luke.

### **Erin Elizabeth Bunnell** **Chaplain 2008-2012** **Associate Chaplain 2004-2008**



Erin was born in McMinnville, Oregon and grew up in Washington State. Erin has an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a graduate degree from Harvard Divinity School. She is currently a pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Pontotoc, Mississippi and currently lives in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

### **Lara Victoria Ramsey** **Swan Pond Chronicles Editor 2004 – 2012**



Lara Victoria Ramsey was born and raised in Washington State. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington and a Master of Fine Arts from Nevada State University at Las Vegas. Lara has taught first grade English in Cuernavaca, Mexico. She has also taught English at the University of Nevada, Seattle Community College and Tacoma Community College. She has worked as a newspaper editor and she is a published poet. Her avocation is Middle Eastern dance which she dances and teaches. Lara currently lives in West Seattle, Washington with her new husband Andrew Eigenrauch.

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### **Brigadier General Walter Julian Bacon, USAF, Ret. Member at Large 2004 – 2012**



Bud was born in Knoxville, Tennessee and graduated from Knoxville High School in 1946. He graduated in 1951 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, with a bachelor of science degree and a commission as second lieutenant. He earned a master of arts degree in English from the University of Southern California in 1957. He graduated from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in 1964 and graduated from the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., in 1971.

During the Korean War he flew 81 combat missions in F-84G Thunderjets. During the Vietnam War he commanded the F-100F Misty Strike Control and Reconnaissance Detachment at Tuy Hoa Air Base and then Phu Cat Air Base, Vietnam. After that he served as chief of the Special Actions Branch of the Operations Division, Seventh Air Force at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon.

During his career General Bacon has served as an English instructor on the faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also served as deputy executive assistant to the undersecretary of the Air Force, Dr. John L. McLucas. General Bacon also served on the faculty of the National War College.

He is a command pilot. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

General Bacon was promoted to brigadier general April 1, 1977. His final duty was deputy commander Caribbean Contingency Joint Task Force in Key West, Florida. He currently lives in Knoxville, Tennessee where he spends much of his time as a board member at Ramsey House Plantation.

### **Henry Lee Ramsey Advisor 2008-2012 Treasurer 2004-2008**



Henry Lee Ramsey was born and raised in the Euclid Valley in Washington State. He graduated from High School in Grandview, Washington. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington and a Master of Science in Entomology from Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. Between degrees he joined the U.S. Army for three years. He was stationed in Germany and served as a general education instructor in Germany, tutoring servicemen who had not yet received their high school diploma. After receiving his masters degree, Hank took a position with the Mobay Chemical Corporation as a field research representative and worked in that capacity until his retirement. His hobbies include skiing, hiking and riding his BMW motorcycle. He is retired and spends his summers in Wenatchee, Washington and winters in Casa Grande, Arizona.

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**Marikay Allene Ramsey**  
**Advisor 2008-2012**  
**Historian 2004-2008**



Marikay attended schools at Larson Air Force Base (AFB) in Moses Lake, Washington; and Ben Guerir AFB in Morocco. She also attended the Royal Oaks American Schools in Madrid, Spain. She attended Junior High in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and she graduated from Manzano High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Marikay graduated from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She also graduated from the University of Nevada in Las Vegas with a Master of Science degree. She graduated with honors and is a Phi Beta Kappa. Marikay is a member of the Moclips Cetological Society a whale research group. She is also a member of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and an avid soccer player. Marikay is currently employed as an Ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service in New Mexico. Currently she is the R3 Bat Conservation Coordinator, Black Range Wildlife Staff.

**Thomas Charles Ramsey**  
**Advisor 2008-2012**  
**Chaplain 2004-2008**



Tom attended schools in Hawaii, Washington State, Morocco, and Spain. He graduated from High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and he graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California. He was ordained in The Covenant Synod, Miami Presbytery, Ohio in May 1998 where he served as a minister until 2007. He currently lives in Middletown, Ohio.

**Smylie, John Avery (Rocky)**  
**Advisor 2008-2012**  
**Secretary 2004-2008**



Rocky was born in San Antonio, Texas. He currently lives in Dallas where he is a senior account executive for an IT firm. He is also Scoutmaster of Troop 35.

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**Charlotte Elizabeth Nickerson Travland**  
**Advisor 2008-2012**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2004-2008**



Charlotte was born in Kerrville, Texas. She grew up and graduated from high school in El Paso, Texas. Charlotte has attended the University of the Americas in Mexico City, where she studied Spanish and Mexican History. She also attended the University of Texas and Eastern New Mexico University. She worked for many years in the accounting department for Permian Exploration Corporation in Roswell, New Mexico. She is active in local politics, her family, family history and photography. She has taken some beautiful photographs of scenes from the Southwest. After the 2004 reunion Charlotte married Lewis Travland. They currently live in Alpine, Texas.