# DAYS OF OUR LIVES #224

#### MAIL-bag - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES OF TURKEY

I welcome articles, BIO's, articles, stories, etc and certainly hope that all ASA Turkey Vet's will contribute and make the DOOL worthwhile. You can write whatever message you would like, and it will show up right here for all ex-ASA'ers to read and enjoy! I will respond to all e-mails and will assist whenever needed, but reserve the right to edit for content and clarity and welcome any errors or imperfections that may appear herein.

In this issue I've included a photo of the 1961 ASA BIG BLUE basketball team which brings back a lot of memories about the concentrated effort by the ASA Commander in Frankfurt to dominate throughout Europe in basketball in the 1960's. I will appreciate any and all comments regarding the BIG BLUE basketball teams and what caused the demise of those great teams.

For this I thank ex-ditty-bopper Vance Brehm from Sinop for his input. I remember going to a BIG BLUE basketball game in Munich versus the SACOM Commanders with Sgt's Ragatz, Cram, Rathburn and of course SFC Arnold Love who ran the gym at Bad Aibling. The SACOM team had an outstanding point guard who dominated the game with his playmaking and scoring. We booed him constantly and it didn't bother him except once when he threw the ball in our direction. The BIG BLUE barely won this game and the SACOM player later played point guard for the Baltimore Bullets. I simply cannot remember his name.

There was a tall – black SP5 – who worked with Sgt Love - who told us that he was a Brooklyn, NY classmate with Lenny Wilkins. I do not remember if this person ever played with the Big Blue.

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Photo by Ken Hendrix

# The soon to be forgotten days at Manzarali Station



Photo from Ken Hendrix Anyone remember the Det 27 Varan Mercedes bus on the dusty roads to Ankara



Photo by Ken Hendrix L-R Billy Hall and Roger Glubka posing with the camel's

### THE 1961 ASA BIG BLUE BASKETBALL TEAM



Photo courtesy of Vance Brehm

The 1961 ASA EUROPE BIG BLUE BASKETBALL TEAM

Year after year the ASA Big Blue Basketball Team was the team to beat in all of Europe Front Row: L-R: Jim Vargo, Rich Williams, Willis Black, Leo Orestad, Cleatus Doyle & Bob

Weems

Back Row: L-R: John Schmittzehe, Bill Saul, George Dean, John Smith, Vance Brehm, Ron Davis, Dave Ludwig.

VANCE BREHM AND BOB WEEMS HAD SERVED AT DET 4 IN SINOP John O'Brien, Det 27 was transferred from Det 27 to Frankfurt and played on the 62-63 Big Blue basketball team..

## TAPS

DAHL, JOHN C. JR DOB:27MY1936 DOD:5AU2009 at Hot Springs Village. AR, Det 4, 56-57, (June)

LANGLIE, Ted, E3-E5, YOB: 1936 RA 058 Det 27, OC60-62, (Luan), 8A Masters Village, Panorama Village, TX 77304, 936-856-5770, <u>tllanglie@mail.flex.net</u>.

Hi there, I came across your site after looking for information about my step-father, Ted Langlie. I also wanted to let you know that Ted passed away on 21 May 2011 from a heart attack. My mom was looking for information about his army baseball team. Any information you have about that would be appreciated. Thanks so much. Brooke Hanna

I remembered the name Ted Langlie and scrambled to put together a fitting compilation from the DOOL pages. Complicating matters was that I had lost my Det 27 Master Roster and the webpage search engine isn't too reliable. And, yes how quickly I forget. I remembered talking with Ted Langlie and later putting words into a write-up on Ted Langlie in DOOL#146 as follows:

I contacted Ted Langlie on 2 December 2004 and had a most interesting chat. Ted informed that he was aware of the DOOL website and had visited the Det 27 website and had made contact with someone, but got no response. Said that the Langlie spelling is Norwegian. After high school attended the University of Houston where he participated in the baseball program there as a right handed pitcher. By this time I knew from others that Ted Langlie had been a stand-out righthanded pitcher for the University of Houston and at least one thought he would eventually pitch in the Major Leagues, thus I did not ask him questions about



#### University of Houston Logo

Said that he dropped out of college and enlisted for a 3 year stint in the ASA at Houston, TX in January 1960. Took basic at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and successfully completed the Morse Code course at Fort Devens. While at Devens was on the Fort Devens baseball team there as was Joe Kelly. His first assignment was to Det 27 at Manzarali Station which was 23 miles from Ankara.

Believes that everyone in his 058 class was sent to Det 27. Det 27 was also known as Site 23. Arrived at Det 27 and was assigned to Trick 1.

At that time, Det 27 was in its infant mission stage as was the sports program. Det 30 a USAF detachment in Ankara was eligible to field a baseball team for a MSC tournament at Tripoli, the capital city of Libya but could not field a team and requested that Det 27 organize a team for that tournament.

Watch Officer LT Bobby Gene Mize organized and coached the Det 27 team. Ted Langlie was the starting pitcher for that team. Others remember that few liked to take batting practice against Langlie as his fastball was FAST and his curve balls were just as wicked. Others on that team that Ted remembers is Bob Beal and Joe Kelly. The team didn't do good in the tournament and it is remembered that Mize got soused while there. Mize was a good old boy from Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

During 1961 Ted flew to Frankfurt with Jim Spinney, a 059 from Ipswich, MA and jointly bought a 1950 black Mercedes in Weisbaden for \$250 and drove it back to Manzarali. The Mercedes was a 4-cylinder, 4 door model with a manual transmission. They knew that this vehicle would be a good means of transportation during their tour and would be a popular model for the Turks to convert into a dolmus (taxi)when their 18 months was up and sell it for a profit.

That motor trip took them thru Germany, Austria, Italy and Greece. They crossed the Adriatic Sea from the ferry port at Brindisi to Patras and then overland via Athens, Thessaloniki to Kavala and thru the Greek/Turk border crossing point where they cleared customs and onward via Istanbul to Ankara. It took them 3 days to clear Turkish customs. The experience is lasting, especially dealing with psycho drivers in Italy, Greece and Turkey. The radio only played local folk music and it about drove them crazy; however, the countryside was a beautiful blanket of citris and olive trees dotted with white houses and tile roofs.

There was only a few privately owned vehicles (POV'S) on Manzarali and most were anxious for rides to Ankara or wherever the Mercedes was headed. Once Ted got into trouble with a zoomie in Ankara and the incident was reported to the Company Commander, CPT Alwin H. Sprehe who subsequently restricted Ted Langlie to post.

That didn't work as Ted was smuggled off-post in the trunk of the Mercedes, but drove it once they were safely off post. Ted remembers the Mercedes having ring and pinion clutch troubles and that they put it up on blocks and were having trouble getting the needed parts, etc. The post was due an IG inspection and Langlie was told to get that car fixed and he told them that he couldn't find the parts. Someone in the Motor Pool got the needed parts at no cost to Langlie or Spinney and it was back on the road again. A friend of Langlies and Spinneys was Roger Henry who was from Green Bay, WI and had bought a VW bug from one of the German cooks at Manzarali. Henry later settled in the NYC area. Another with a POV was a lifer Sergeant known only as "The Stump" who had a big old Chyrsler. He was so short that his head was barely visible when he was driving it. Also remembers Roger Robbins who owned a new 1960 Karman Ghia during this period. Robbins was from a rich family in California. The 058 Trick Chief on

Trick #1 was Douglas M. Grist who Langlie says was a good soldier who got into trouble and was busted.

Later in the 1980's Langlie ran into Grist in Atlanta who told him that he had gotten out of the ASA with over 8 years active duty and was now driving a tractor trailer rig. See the TAPS section in DOOL #145 for info on D.M. Grist. The Watch Officer was Lt Jud Reynolds. During his off-duty hours Ted Langlie worked at the Manzarali NCO Club as a cashier for SFC E6 Charles Christman. His duties at the club was to give credit to those without money and during the payday - sit in the line to collect the owed money. Ted also drove the club van weekly or when needed to the Ulus section of Ankara to buy fresh vegetables, etc. That was the extent of the write-up. As with many other unfinished write-ups – I get caught up in other write-ups and never got back to finish the one on Ted Langlie.

Merhaba Elder, Thanks for the emails and phone conversation. It has been a long long time since I've heard so many names from Manzarali Station. Many years have passed! I appreciate all the work and time you must have and are still investing to keep the communications flowing. Looking forward to additional news. Ted Langlie

[edited] Bob (Scooter) Rizzetto remembrance of that Baseall team: "I TRIED OUT AS A SHORTSTOP FOR THE 1961 BASEBALL TEAM THAT WAS BEING FORMED BY COACH LT BOBBY GENE MIZE TO GO TDY TO LIBYA FOR SOME GAMES. EVEN THOUGH I WAS A PRETTY GOOD BALLPLAYER - I DIDN'T MAKE THE TEAM BECAUSE I COULDN'T PUT THE BAT ON THE BALL DURING BATTING PRACTICE. THE PITCHER FOR DET 27 WAS NAMED TED LANGLIE WHO HAD PITCHED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON NCAA BASEBALL TEAM AND HAD A BLAZING FAST BALL THAT FEW OF US COULD HIT. I'VE OFTEN WONDERED IF HE EVER MADE IT TO THE MAJOR LEAGUES AS HE WAS THAT GOOD. DO REMEMBER THAT HE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE BEFORE HE GRADUATED. IT WAS DURING THE TEAM INFIELD PRACTICE THAT I GOT TAGGED WITH THE 'SCOOTER' NICKNAME AND IT STUCK TO THIS VERY DAY. AT THAT TIME PHIL RIZZUTO WAS THE NEW YORK YANKEE SHORTSTOP AND I WAS FROM NEW YORK AND WAS TRYING OUT AS A SHORTSTOP - THAT LT MIZE STARTED CALLING ME SCOOTER." Scooter was paralized from the waist down while training at CIA and has since died.

Hi Elder-

Ted was born in Duluth, Minnesota. Ted played for U of Houston in 1959 and was a starting pitcher. He led the team in strikeouts that year. He is still ranked #5 all time for strikeouts per nine innings. It appears that he did not play for the team when he returned from the Army. I think he injured his shoulder and could no longer play. He did go on to finish his degree and worked in software development. I will forward you the obituary once it is finished.

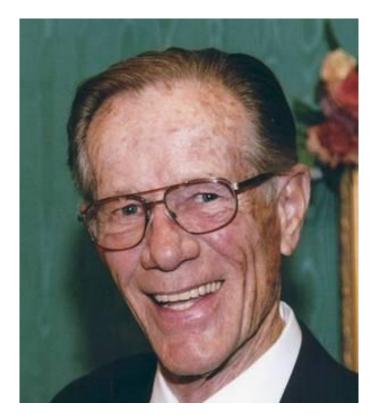
I also noticed in the issue #199, you mentioned you had a picture of Ted and would put

it in a future issue. Do you know what issue that was published in? I'd like to forward that pdf to my mom.

I'll be in Texas in a couple of days and will forward you a picture of her and Ted.

Thanks again-Brooke

DOOL #146: LANGLIE, Ted, E3-E5, YOB: 1936 RA 058 Det 27, OC60-62, (Luan), 8A Masters Village, Panorama Village, TX 77304, 936-856-5770, <u>tllanglie@mail.flex.net</u>.



#### TED LANGLIE

#### THE TED LANGLIE OBITUARY

Ted Alvin, Langlie, age 74, resident of Panorama Village, died of a heart attack at his home on 21 May 2011. Born to Hillard and Vada Nelson Langlie on 28 May 1936 in Duluth, Minnesota, his family later moved to Houston, Texas. Ted served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963, where he was stationed in Turkey as a Morse code intercept communications specialist. He graduated from the University of Houston with a business degree in 1965. He had a long and distinguished career in software development and sales. Upon retiring from TOSC, International in Houston, he moved to Panorama Village, Texas, where he was an avid golfer and helpful friend to all who knew him.

Ted had a promising baseball pitching career that began in high school. He pitched for the University of Houston, where he led the team in strikeouts in 1959. He ranks #5 in all-time team history for strikeouts per nine innings. Ted also played baseball in the Army and was the starting pitcher for the 27th Army detachment tournament in Tripoli.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife of twelve years, Luan Brooks Langlie; daughters, Denies Langlie Myers and husband Scott of The Woodlands and Tammy Langlie of Dallas; stepchildren, Stephanie Baird and husband David, Wade Earthman and wife Kim, and Brooke Hanna and husband Jon; sisters, Jessica Arena of Panorama Village and Vada Hilts of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hillard and Vada Langlie; and brothers, Nelson Langlie of Brownstown, Illinois and Hillard Langlie of Panorama Village.

Friends are cordially invited to a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 28, 2011, from two until five p.m. at his Panorama home. You are invited to visit our website at <u>www.cashnerconroe.com</u>.

The following 5 ex-058'ers knew Ted Langlie and attended the 2002 reunion in Hershey, PA



2002 Reunion at Hershey, PA Ex-Manzarali 058's, L-R: Ken Lady, Bob Murphy, Roy Norman, Dick Bartholf & Larry Heese LEPKE, Richard Philip, DOB: 15SE1920 DOD: 25JA2010 89y, LtCol, AIS, CDR, Det 4, 1963. (Dora)

I called Col Lepke on 25 January 2003. He was not interested in giving me any information about his tour as commander of Det 4. Research reveals that he enlisted in 1943 and was commissioned a 2LT in the Engineers via OCS and was assigned to the 163rdEngineer Combat Battalion and served in WWII from May 1943 until August 1945. He also served during the Korean War with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Below is his Det 4 Unit Day announcement that I found on the internet. It spells out some, but not all, history of Det 4

# UNIT DAY 1963

September 15th marks the anniversary of the USASA and our unit. It was on that date 18 years ago that the ASA was established as a separate command under the direct control of the (then) War Department. Since that time, "progress" coupled with "results" have proved and reproved our necessary existence - the ASA is indeed here to stay. The following message, received the other day, from the Chief of the ASA in Europe, underlines this fact: "On this occasion, I extend congratulations to the members of this command for accomplishing the many difficult and arduous, and highly important tasks during 1962. The ASA plays a vital part on our national defense team and consistently performs in the highest traditions of the US Army." Those of you who are members of Operations Company are reminded every working day of the importance of your job. But perhaps you who have supporting roles lose sight of the magnitude of our overall mission. I am speaking now about the clerk behind the typewriter, the man at the main gate, the medical specialist, and so on. Your duties also are difficult and arduous in their own right. You are all necessary and important in the accomplishment of our primary mission here at Detachment 4.

Most of you have been stationed here less than one year. Perhaps when you first saw Sinop, this question entered your mind. "When did our Government see fit to place a station out here?" Let me briefly answer that question for you now. At the beginning of fiscal year 1957 the unit was split into three elements. The unit headquarters and a small operational detachment was located here on the Hill. A second element was located in Samsun, Turkey, and a third element, a communications facility, was located in Ankara, Turkey. During May 1957, the main operational element of the Samsun detachment was integrated into the headquarters group at Sinop. Effective 1 January 1957 the unit designation changed from the 23rd Detachment to the 276 Company. On 10 August 1961, the 276 Company was deactivated and TUSLOG Detachment 4 became the official unit designation. TUSLOG Det 4 is subordinate to TUSLOG Det 27 located in Ankara, Turkey. Both stations are subordinate to Headquarters Europe, located in Frankfurt, Germany.

This, briefly, is how it all came about. Here in Turkey, you and I wear no distinguishing crests, patches, or specific branch insignia, but we are constantly aware of why we are here at this time and place. I add my congratulations on the 18th Anniversary of the ASA; and to you the members of this unit, I say sincerely, well done.... Keep it up.

RICHARD P. LEPKE Lt Col, AIS Commanding

LEPKE, Dora Mae (Ketchum Dora Mae Ketchum Lepke -

A native of Tallulah and a former resident of Baton Rouge, she died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Air Force Village West Hospice Care in Riverside, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Col. Richard P. Lepke; a daughter, Linda Studley, of Sunnyvale, Calif.; a son, Richard P. Lepke Jr., of Henderson, Nev.; four grandchildren;

MC KITO, Ronald T.. DOB:1AU1934 DOD: 20AU2005 71y at Lincoln, Neb SSN 205-26-8523 issued PA., Det 4, 56-57 (<u>ronaldmckito@hotmail.com</u> CW2 Cliff Storment submitted his name in DOOL #143

# 'A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES'

Let us start with the ASA Turkey Logo's of Det 27, 4 and 4-4. What insights. How can we relate to each? Do the logo's convey an emotional attachment that ASA Turkey veteran's relate to. If anyone was to prepare new logo's – what would they look like?



The above patches are available. If interested send a self addressed stamped envelop (SASE) to: Elder RC Green, 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA and I'll mail you a Det patch that you served in. No charge, just send me an SASE.

OUR VISIT TO BRANSON, MO, 8-14 MAY 2011 During the week of 8-14 May 2011 Patty and I plus my brother JR and his wife Carol had an enjoyable stay in Branson, MO. Our objective was to scout out a place to hold a future ASA Turkey at. We stayed at the Savannah House Hotel, the Lodge of the Ozarks and also at the Radisson Hotel. The room rates were very reasonable. We were able to do a lot of sight seeing and attended eight shows that included the play NOAH at the Sight & Sound Theatre.







L-R: Carol & JR Greene, Courtney Pozo & Patty & Elder Green While in Branson we ran into Courtney Pozo who was representing the Valley Forge CVB there.





The GREEN brothers overlooking the flooded area of Branson. Below is the home of Andy Williams



We became close friends with the above two gals and enjoyed their show that is depicted below. That's Jenna on the left and on the right. Jenna served 4 years in the US Army and was part of USO group out of Frankfurt that travelled thru out Europe entertaining the troops that included shows in Afghanistan, Iraq and Bosnia. She was a SP5 when she was discharged at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

All of Branson has come to know this fun-filled, fast-paced, high-energy production show and it's award-winning cast and live band. Join us for a non-stop party as we continue to celebrate the good vibrations of the 60's with music & dance, comedy, timely trivia, and unique video segments, including our very special tribute to Vietnam Veterans.



Above is the cast of the Osmond Brothers That's Tammy Felton & her daughter, Jay Osmond, Jimmy Osmond, Patty, Elder and Wayne Osmond

# JOIN US

at the 2011 reunion



Radisson Hotel

Valley Forge/King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 8-11 September 2011

Room rate: \$2.80 + tax = \$90. + hot breakfast

To make reservations: 610-337-2000

And state that you will be attending the ASA Turkey reunion All individual reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card and will not be charged until check out. <u>Anyone can cancel</u> 24 hours before scheduled arrival without penalty.

So make your Radisson reservations now.

Pets not allowed

THE ATTIRE FOR THE REUNION IS INFORMAL

Bring your memorabilia (albums, slides, patches, etc) with you and display in the hospitality room which will be secure and open for the entire reunion. Getting to the Valley Forge area

There are 6 major highways approaching from virtually every direction. It's served by exits 326 thru 343 of the PA Turnpike (I-76) & I-476. I-95 is nearby. The GPS for the Radisson is: 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA

The Hospitality Room will be open 8am – 11:30 pm in Suite 1417



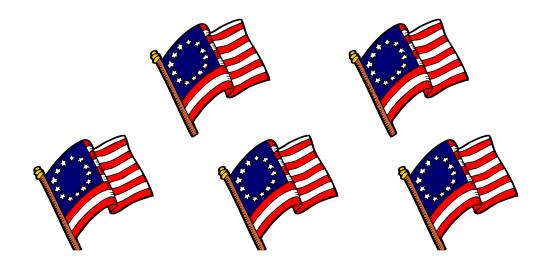
Patty & Elder Green & Courtney Pozo. Courtney was the one I contacted before visiting the Valley Forge area. She set up our itinerary and took us to the Radisson where I negotiated the 2011 reunion contract.

### NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

WE NEED TO KNOW BY **1** AUGUST 2011 HOW MANY PLAN TO TAKE THE BUS TO PHILADELPHIA ON SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO ORDER AND RESERVE THE TRANSPORATION. EACH BUS SEATS 48 PASSENGERS AND WILL HAVE A PA SYSTEM SO THAT THE DRIVER CAN POINT OUT THE LANDMARKS. THE BUS WILL LEAVE THE HOTEL AT 9:30, DROP US OFF AT THE WELCOME CENTER NEAR THE LIBERTY BELL AND PICK US UP AT 4:30 TO RETURN TO THE HOTEL BY 5:30

THEREFORE – PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO ELDER & PATTY GREEN AT asagreenhornet@comcast.com WITH C/C TO MIKE & JANE COMROE AT pennstateblue@verizon.net

REMEMBER – If you will be attending the reunion – your teamwork is needed, so send the email today. The e-mail results will determine the number of buses to reserve and the bus costs to Philadelphia. The cost per person will be collected at the registration desk. See below for the details of the bus trip to Philadelphia.



#### Valley Forge, Pennsylvania Thursday, September 8

Registration begins 3pm FEE: \$15. Per person In The Hospitality Suite – Room 1417

### Friday, September 9

**Tour** Valley Forge National Park on your own King of Prussia Mall Dinner – The Blue Grotto \$35. Per person

### Saturday, September 10

Historic Philadelphia

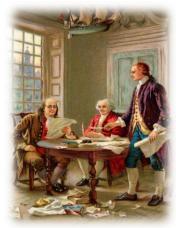


Independence Hall The President's House Elfreth's Alley/Christ Church Franklin Institute Philadelphia Zoo Liberty Bell Jewish History Museum Betsy Ross House Philadelphia Art Museum/Boathouse Row Reading Terminal Market

National Constitution Center Ben Franklin House/Grave Society Hill/Penn's Landing U. S. Mint Battleship SS. New Jersey

Tour – On Your Own/Walking - Bus - Trolley Tours Available/Carriage Rides Lunch – In the City of Brotherly Love Bus from Radisson Valley Forge – Reservations Required Lunch and Dinner – On Your Own





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### Sunday, September 11



Longwood Gardens – Dupont Estate Philadelphia Premium Outlets

### Banquet – The Radisson Hotel

The Gettysburg B room Cost: \$35. Per person

#### COST FOR THE REUNION

REGISTRATION FEE= \$15. per person The registration fee's will be used to keep the hospitality room stocked with food Price for Friday nite buffet= \$35. per person

Price for Sunday buffet and entertainment= \$35. per person

If you're attending – please tally up your tab and send a check to Hal Winkler, 12195 Thames Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45241 for your total due. Thanks- - -gH

PLEASE PAY ASAP BUT NLT 15 AUGUST 2011

#### THE FOLLOWING HAVE REGISTERED AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE REUNION

Antonello, Tony & Val, Det 27, 65-68, Det 4, 69-70, Burke, VA Aspinwall, Paul, Det 4, 65, Madison, WI

Ausbrooks, Sonny & , Det 4, 64-65, Vienna, VA COMROE, Mike & Jane, Det 27, 61-62, Audobon, PA Courtney, Chuck & Doris, Det 120, 67-70, Berryville, VA Green, Elder & Patty, Det 27, Det 120, Det 4-4, Indiana, PA Greene, JR & Carol, Indiana, PA Hendrix, Ken & Jackie, Det 27, 64-65, Sioux Falls, SD Hunt, Carlos & Frankie, Det 4, 58-59, Henderson, TX Jones, Luther & Edna, Det 27, 63-64, Sunset Beach, NC Lazzara, Tom, Det 27, 63-66, Leominster, MA Levy, Dan & Theresa Hamilton, Det 27, 61-62, Many, LA Lienke, Wes & Sharyn, Det 27, 64-65, River Falls, WI Malsch, Charles & Joan, Det 4, 64-65, Lindenhurst, IL Poling, Jay & Shirley, Det 27, 62-64, Decatur, IL Pruitt, Bill & Carolyn, Det 4, 64-65 & 76-77, Campbellsville, KY Rotzal, Hank & Helena, Det 27, 64-65, Oxford, CT Tavernetti, David & Sue, Det 27, 62-63, El Dorado Hills, CA Wenger, Barry & Sharon, Det 27, North Bloomfield, PA Whitman, Ken & Judy, Det 27, 62-64, Rehoboth Beach, DE

## MAIL call

ARMSTRONG, Ataturk, 059, Det 27, MY60-JN62, New Bern, NC BREHM, Vance, 058, Det 4, 18AU60-7AU61, Bend,OR COURTNEY, Chuck, CWO, Det 120- 67-70, Berryville, VA HENDRIX, Ken, 72B, C/C, Hq Co., Det 27, FE64-AU65, Sioux Falls, SD HOUGHTON, Jim, Motor Pool & Construction, E3-E4, Det 4, 56-67, Johnstown, PA LAZZARA, Tom,058 Det 27, JN63-FE66, Leominster, MA NOVACHECK, Lou, Det 4, 81-82, Ocala, FL SCHOENINGER, Dick, 058, Det 4, JN65-MY66, Malvern, PA STONSKA, John, 98J Det 4, SE68-NO69 & JA75-FE76 & JA79-MR79, Tinton Falls, NJ

### mail CALL in Alphabetical Order

ARMSTRONG, Bob (Mitch & Ataturk), YOB: 1940, RA14705416, E3-E5, 059, Det 27, MY60-JN62, (Dot), 1007 Colony Dr., New Bern, NC 28562, 252-637-2525, no email As usual Ataturk called me as he does every month to find out how the ASA Turkey gang is doing and if any new info is available. He says that he will be retiring in 4 days and is planning to attend the 2011 reunion in Valley Forge, PA. Said that he knew of Ted Langlie and was sad to hear of his passing.



The above photo was taken in January 1961 and shows SP4 Anthony Simone and SP5 Mitch Armstrong posing with a wild boar they had just killed.

BREHM, Vance W., YOB 1936 RA13666167, E4 058, Det 4, 18AU60-7AU61, (Constance), 22080 Stormy Lane, Bend, OR 97701 541-388-4770 <u>cvbrehm@msn.com</u>



Vance Brehm and his wife , Constance, at the beautiful Oregon Coast

Elder, I have been meaning to take some time to send along a few memories from Turkey and today is a good time. I recently received my Army records from the National Personnel Records Center and am able to confirm where and when I served. If any of your people have not done that it is well worth the effort. Here is my history Brehm, Vance W. DOB: 3Dec36, RA13666167, E-4, EOD 30Oct59 Co A USASATR 99322) Fort Devens MA 3 Feb 60-14 Jul 60 TUSLOG Det 4, APO 133 18, Aug 60-7 Aug 61 Co A 320 USASABN APO 108, (Bad Aibling) 11 Sep 61 - 27 Sep 61 Hqs&Svc Co, USASAE (9420) APO 757 Frankfurt Gutleut Kassern 28Sep61-13 Dec 61 Co A 320 USASABN OPS 14 Dec 61- 19 Jul 62 Fort Hamilton NY Discharged 2 Aug 62

I was at Sinop with Col (then Captain) Donald S. Aines. The break from Bad Aibling when I went to Frankfurt was to play basketball for the Big Blue. We were the ASA team that traveled all over Germany to play at all Division level teams plus many others.. We hit them all and did not lose many games. We ended the season at something like 52 wins and 2 losses. Then I went back to Bad Aibling and worked my MOS (058) until I rotated back to the US. My home at that time was Carlisle PA. My Army buddy that enlisted with me (Zack Barbieri RA13666166). We enlisted on the buddy system and went to Ft Jackson, Ft Devens, Sinop and Bad Albling together. I got an early out to train horses in Carlisle. I have been to your town, Indiana, PA., many times because my Father had a mobile starting gate and he started the races at the Indiana County Fair every year.

Today I called Phillip Aines here in Bend. I sent him the "Days of our Lives" E-mail address and told him about the article on his brother Col Aines. Phillip is also a WWII veteran and was seriously wounded in Battle of the Bulge. I have visited his home to show him some slides of Sinop when Donald and I were there. While I was in Sinop I went to Athens to play volleyball and Col Aines (Capt at that time) was our coach.



THE ABOVE PHOTO IS THE BURNING OF FIRST SERGEANT CRAWFORD BOYD'S HOOTCH ON 4 July 1961. The photo courtesy of Bob Markey who obtained the photo while working in S3. Jack Markey was not assigned to Sinop until 1962 and is eliminated as being the arsonist



Photo from Vance Brehm This is what was left of First Sergeant Boyd's hut after the fire on the Fourth of July 61

What prompted me to send you a short note was the fact that the DOOL # 181 had a picture of SGT Crawford's hut on fire. It burned on the Fourth of July 1961.

At the time there was a party at the EM club and I was acting as the SGT of Arms. I guess I was more or less tending the door and not much else. Someone ran up to me and said the First Sgt's hut was on fire. I ran up the hill to his hut and was probably the first or second guy there. I tried to reach into the hut to pull his foot locker out but could not do it. If I remember correctly we had no fire truck, but we did have a watering truck.

By the time it got there the only thing left was the soles of his boots. He left the hill a few days later. Col Aines was correct in saying he was not very much liked but he was all Army and was a good soldier. We were technicians and the discipline was not all that Army strict. While I was at Fort Devens that was a young Lt by the name of John Spivey. He was spit and shine all the way. We heard he was coming to Sinop and did not want him there but he arrived and he realized it was not Fort Devens. We did not always have our boots shined but we were walking in the mud. He was one of our most popular officers.



Picture taken presenting trophy to LtCol Les Butterman after returning to Sinop



Picture taken before the tournament in Crete Feb 61 Left to right back row Capt Hamlin, Fred Cummings (21), Larry Teague (12), Vance Brehm (32), Roscoe Turner (40), Cecil French (24), Front row Robert Weems (31), Zack Barbieri (23), Dave Kellor (10), ? Hoffa, Art Fredericks (14)



Picture taken after finishing in second place at Crete

Here are some pictures of the basketball team from Sinop. Capt Hamlin was our coach. We first went to Samsun to play in TUSLOG tournament and defeated Samsun and Trabson.

We than went to Crete for the mid East tournament with 14 other teams. We lost to Crete in the opening game of a double elimination tournament but came the whole way back in the losers bracket only to lose to Crete again in the final and playoff game. Had we won we would have gone to Oklahoma for the World finals. We were the only Army team. We got our uniforms at the last minute before leaving Sinop We had no warm up sweats but we did have new basketballs. The Air Force teams had warm up sweats fit for the best college teams. Capt Hamlin told us that we had received a sports shipment intended for Ankara by mistake and that was the only reason we had the new B-balls.

Bob Weems and myself went to Bad Abling after Sinop and were selected to play for the Big Blue in Frankfurt. Cecil French (Russian language specialist) was assigned to Berlin but I knew he was on the way to Berlin and our Coach in Frankfurt who was the top personnel Sgt in Europe and I met Cecil at the train station and had his assignment changed to play for the Big Blue



Vance Brehm in summer of 61 with one of the many stray pups at Sinop



Left to right Ralph Weaver, Fred Cummins, Larry Teague and Bob Weems First three are still among the unlocated and Bob is a Law professor at Ole Miss.



Vance Brehm in the winter at Sinop of 1960



Sinop in 1960 snow storm



Four guys on a road trip Charlie Redden,Zack Barbieri, Vance Brehm and Jim Mohan leaving Sinop for the last time on 6 Aug 61



The transportation the four guys took



The home they left behind in Sinop

I will ship this off to you and say I am sorry I can not make your reunion at Valley Forge It sounds like fun Take care Vance Brehm



#### The BIG BLUE BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row: L-R: Jim Vargo, Rich Williams, Willis Black, Leo Orestad, Cleatus Doyle & Bob Weems

Back Row: L-R: John Schmittzehe, Bill Saul, George Dean, John Smith, Vance Brehm, Ron Davis, Dave Ludwig.

Ron Davis stayed in Frankfurt and coached the American school basketball team for a number of years, but tragically died at an early age. Dave Ludwig lives not too far from you near the Ohio border and has been responsible for locating all of us and we correspond often.

#### Robert A. Weems

Mr. Weems joined the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1977 and became a full professor in 1989. Professor Weems currently holds the position of the Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada Lecturer in Law. He has taught courses on Torts, Wills and Estates, Evidence and Trial Practice.

Weems graduated from Mississippi Law School in 1966. He practiced law for eleven years as an Associate at the law firm of Brunini, Everett, Grantham and Quin and then as a Partner of Brunini, Everett, Beanland and Wheeless in Vicksburg, Virginia.

In addition to his works for West, Weems authored "Mississippi Law of Intestate Succession, Wills and Administration and the Proposed Mississippi Uniform Probate Code, A Comparative Analysis," 62 *Miss. L.J.* 1. Weems has also authored several publications and articles on Wills and the administration of estates.

From 1962 until 1964 Weems worked as a Mathematics teacher at Chastain Jr. High School in Jackson, Mississippi. He served in the United States Army, Army Security Agency, stationed in Turkey and Germany from 1959 until 1962, when he received an Honorable Discharge. Weems attended the University of Mississippi Law School, graduating in August 1966 first in class with his J.D. Degree, where he was Assistant Editor of the *Mississippi Law Journal*, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. He attended Millsaps College, graduating in 1959 with a B.S. degree in mathematics.

Weems was born January 8, 1937 in Morton, Mississippi and he grew up in Jackson, Mississippi. He married Janis Mitchell, in Corinth, Mississippi in 1963. He has been honored as Law School Teacher of the Year, 1980, 1989, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, and as University Teacher of the Year, 1994.

Cecil French is not in this picture because he had not yet left Sinop and had not joined the team. He actually took my place when he arrived so I went back to BA. When we (Dave and I started trying to locate him a year back we had a hard time. I discovered he was on the UCLA basketball team in the late fifties with Denny Crum (Coach of Louisville basketball team) We sent him (Denny) an E-mail to inquire if he knew where Cecil was and he did indeed give us his address.

It turns out that he lived about 15 minutes from Dave and see him. When we first got to Frankfurt we (Ron Davis, Weems and myself) were given a job in the I.G. Farben building. We arrived on the first day in uniform and was informed we should wear civilian clothes. After we won our first five games the Colonel in charge of all the European ASA troops (Forgot his name) told us as long as we kept winning we did not have to go to work. Aah, the good old army days. We never went back to work. When we went to Herzo base in Germany to play an all star team the coach told us to drop our bags and get dressed to practice. In the middle of practice a young Capt. came into the gym and told the Coach to get us back to the barracks and clean it up. The coach said we did not come to clean his barracks - we came to play B-ball. The Capt went to the Colonel commander of the base and the Colonel called a base wide GI party. The coach asked the Col if he could use his phone and called the Col in Frankfurt to talk to the base commander and he then cancelled the GI party. The coach came into the gym before the game and asked us if we had any money. We all gave him our money. I remember I had about \$54. He left and came back and said he had bet some of his friends \$1700 on the game. When I asked him if he had given any points he said he had to give 20 points. We won something like 132-75. and I doubled my money. I think he was betting on every game we played but we

never knew. We had a hell of a team.

#### COURTNEY, Chuck

Dear Elder and Patty,

We are looking forward to this year's reunion. This has not been our best year, but we are recovering and fully expect to be able to enjoy the reunion and all the possible activities that we can cram into the visit.

We definitely are planning on taking part in the bus trip to Philadelphia. It is an area which we have too long ignored and do want to see, and a Saturday there will be just long enough to whet our appetite for more.

Thanks for all your good work on keeping this "organization" afloat.

Chuck and Doris

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Jackie & Ken Hebdrix at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI



Kari, Kris & Kim



### Family Tree

Kate, Erik, Kim, Steve, Ken, Kari, Jackie, Kris, Ben, Joe Someone named Kenneth Leon Hendrix signed up to attend the 2011 reunion and I must admit that I had no record of him as serving at any of the ASA Dets. I entered a remark in DOOL #223 and he replied. Surprise, surprise he has been receiving the DOOL's for a long time, but never sent me his name, etc.. Enlisted 27 August 1963 for duty with the ASA. Took basic at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, then on to Fort Gordon, GA for MOS 723 training. After this was sent to Fort Dix for overseas travel. The PAN AM flight encountered trouble and had to land at the Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport which was at that time a no no place for ASA personnel. They did not deplane and after the repair took off for Ankara. Was assigned to Hqs Co and remembers only First Sergeant Hamilton's name from the company. Others that he remembers are SP4 Roger Glubka, Bob Dandridge, Bender, Ralph "Rocky" Gutierrez, Kendal Kendrick, Dykus who played a Guitar, Eddie Parker, Luebke & Sonny Ausbrooks. Took 4 or 5 leaves while at Det 27 that included trips to Eastern Turkey and Greece. Regrets that he did not visit the Holy Lands. Married his high school sweetheart and lived off post while stationed at Vint Hill Farms. Has 3 daughters. Was discharged in 1967 and took a job with the Chesapeake & Potamic Phone Company in Fairfax VA. In 1969 he moved back home to SD and continued working in telecommunications for Northwestern Bell, AT&T, US West and retired in 2006 from Qwest Intl Comm. after 40 years. Is looking forward to attend the 2011 reunion at Valley Forge, PA

#### Elder

I finally sorted out 30 pix from my assignment in Turkey. Sorting through the pictures certainly brings back memories of days gone bye. I had captions on all of the pictures but they did not transfer with my Picasa photo program e-mail setup. Hope you can make sense of this info. See you in September. Ken Hendrix Home 605 336-6442 Cell 605 351-7735

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Sgt Hamilton Lake Gulbasa



L-R Ben



Luebke headed home to Iowa



Unknown Det 27 band – That's Thom Leonard on the drums



Ken Hendrix Ataturks tomb/memorial



Ken Hendrix headed home to SD and then to Vint Hill Farms VA



Eddie Parker from Brownsville TX, he later transferred to Germany – Lake Golbosi



L-R Bill Bender, Bob Dandridge, Unknown, Unknown



Dykus (sp) at Ataturks memorial, he learned to play a guitar during his stay in Turkey



Horse show at Det 27



Ralph J. (Rocky) Gutierrez headed home to Albuquerque NM



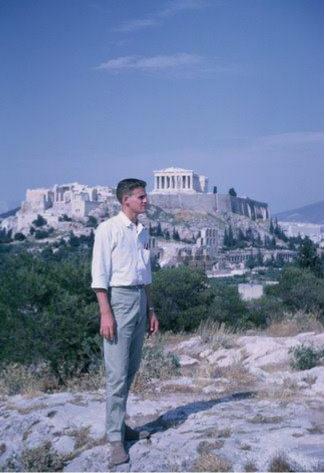
R1-05339-0004\_0046.jpg Unknown more camel rides



R1-05339-0006\_0042.jpg Ken Hendrix and Sgt Hamilton Lake Gulbasa



R1-05339-0011\_0040.jpg Dykus (sp) Ankara view of city



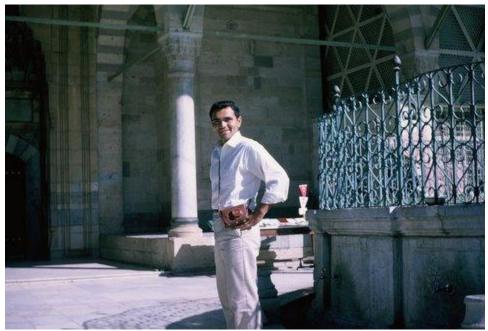
Ken Hendrix Athens Greece monuments



Front to back Eddie Parker, guitar player and Sgt Hamilton



Morale bus (some with and some without bullet holes)



0021\_0030.jpg Ralph J (Rocky Gutierrez)



R1-05340-0011\_0054.jpg Front to back Unknown, Sgt Hamilton and Eddie Parker



Dykus (sp) Attaturk memorial



R1-05340-0013\_0050.jpg Bill Reynolds beach in Athens Greece



Ken Hendrix London tower of Big Ben



Bill Reynolds Athens in background

Geez,

Talk about bringing back memories.....you asking me to remember 47 yrs ago when I can hardly remember yesterday!!!!!

Although several of the people are very familiar I cannot for the life of me remember names, however, these are the two I remembered:

05338--0004-0020 - Roger is the one on the right!!!! (Right Roger????")

05338-0006-0016 - From left - Bill Bender, Me, and although the 3d from left is awfully familiar I believe he was a maint guy in the Commcenter and I cannot remember his name or the one on the far right...

Sorry I could not remember more but I sure enjoyed the pictures.....

Bob D.

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My personal Email address has changed to <u>jeh\_124@atlanticbb.net</u> Please copy and paste to your address book.

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LAZZARA, Tom, YOB: 1942, RA14801553, E3-E5 058 Det 27, JN63-FE66, 556 Central St., Lot 76, Leominster, MA 01453, 978-534-7051, tommylazzara@msn.com Ret MSG E8 I will be going on the Philadelphia bus tour scheduled for 10 Sept. Wes & Sharyn Lienke asked that include their names as they also plan on taking the tour. They will

send an E-mail in a week or so to confirm. Tom Lazzara

MAYES, Bobby

Elder Green,

After our telephone conversation this month, I found some pictures I took around the village of Sinop in the Summer of 1956. Hope someone can remember the names of some of these guys.



The first is a picture of Lt. Garrett welcoming an Officer from Ankura. This was the first landing strip graded on the hill.



Can anyone identify this guy? His nickname was "Hands".

The next guy's last name was "Fleckenstein", but I don't remember his first name.

Help me out.

Bobby Mayes

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Hey AI, - Saw the pix of Fort Necessity in DOOL 223. According to this page: <u>http://lemontfurnacepa.usl.myareaguide.com/attractions\_map.html</u> I grew up 8.11 miles from there. Know the area well. Lemont Furnace got its name by the fact that it was where one of the coke furnaces belonging to the Fricke Coal Co was located. My grandfather worked the ovens and mined coal there.

Did you make it to Jumonville (where the big cross on the mountain is)? That's where the whole saga of the young Major Washington's first blooding in battle at the fort started.

Did you get to see Fallingwater, or the other two Frank Lloyd houses there?

Best, Lou

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Hi Elder: It was nice to speak to you the other night. As you requested, the following is my account of my time in

the ASA, specifically in Sinop, Turkey. I was smarter than my contemporaries were. I found a way to beat the draft.

I enlisted in the ASA. I was so smart; in fact, that I served four years instead of those other dimwits whom neither

went in the service or were out in 2. Ah, the impetuousness of youth. I enlisted in Philadelphia, PA on August 6,

1965. I took the "I state your name" oath at 401 N. Broad Street in the company of 300 other idiots on their way to

Fun Travel and Adventure. I took a bus to Ft. Dix. I remember seeing a sign that stated "Welcome to the United

State Army". I thought that was pretty nice, until I realized that was for PR purpose only. During the 8 plus a zero

week I spent there I learned the meaning of an Army welcome. I enlisted to become an 058. It seemed that the Army

had identified that I had a hidden talent for dits and daahs. To my amazement, I really did! In my class at Ft. Devens,

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I was accelerated twice and was given several 3 day passes for being AOG. Big deal, I didn't have any place to go or

any money even if I did. When I went in the service, I was paid \$78/month as an

E-1. I believe those wages were just slightly higher than in the Civil War. As dit training concluded 6 months later,

and can still remember the day they announced where everyone was going to be assigned. 80% of the guys were sent

to Nam. When the sergeant said, "Schoeninger-Sinop, Turkey". What the ??? Where's that? One trainer told me that

it was so remote they are still trying to invent the wheel. But the real hardship is ......No women. 11 months and 10

days. I guess you could say it was good news and bad news.....I took the Pan Am flight from New York not realizing

that bathing in jet fumes was considered a good thing. (Jet fumes were a precursor to flying home). I arrived in

Turkey some 18 hours and a few new hemorrhoids later. The sights that amazed me upon my arrival, in a new

culture, were of soldiers with weapons in the airport and with men holding hands on the street. The cars were old

and the taxi drivers drove like maniacs. I can still imagine the smell of cigarette smoke from the Turkish tobacco and

the rank smell of the streets. All of the Turks had dark hair and mustaches. I clean- and with blond hair, stood out

like a sore digit. The Turks seemed really intense and stared at you like they did not appreciate the U.S. Army being

there. Imagine that!......After a couple of days in Ankara I took the THY (Fly and Die with THY) flight to Samsun

and the bouncy deuce and a half ride into Sinop. I now have greater patience for my kids when they ask "are we

there yet?". I started my short-timers calendar that day.....I planned my quest to get off the rock the day I got there. I

wanted to see as much of Europe and anywhere else that I could. I tried to get on the tennis team, which had a TDY

match in Ankara, but I was still to yenni. I quickly discovered the NCO club and spent my 21st birthday there getting

getting hammered on rum and coke (a drink that now disgusts me) and listening to the Mama's and Papa's

(Monday/Monday). The NCO club was definitely the vortex of off duty activity. ...Cheap drinks, slot machines,

music, camaraderie-what more could you ask for? Women you say? No way!! We did have irregular visits from

some belly dancers that, due to their corpulence, could not do the dance of the 7 veils unless they had at least 20

extras to hide their mass. The really nice part about being ASA and in Turkey is that we didn't ever have KP (unless

the Turks went on strike), we had shoe shine boys, rare inspections, no PT, and our house boy (now know as house

person I suppose) did the clean up. I shared a barracks room with Lloyd Trivett, who was from somewhere in the

South and introduced me to country music and one other guy named Art. Art was really into the Turks, so I called

him Art-a-turk.....



Det 4 GYM

I loved playing basketball and was on a team called the Alkies. No explanation needed why.

We were undefeated in the intramural season and received trophies to prove it. Some of the team members were,

Brian Braman, Denny Naughton, Bob O'Hara, Ed Twadell, and Jim Hudson. We also formed a post basketball team

that took an infamous 30-day all expense paid trip to Samsun, Athens, Greece and to Bad Aibling, Germany......We

lost every game we played - kind of a good thing because it freed us up to see the sights. That whole trip is a story in

itself. I would love to hear from anyone who was on those teams. I also traveled for a week to Athens as R&R with

Jim Swinehart. It was a super experience. I was very lucky. I made E-5 in 18 months and made the most of my

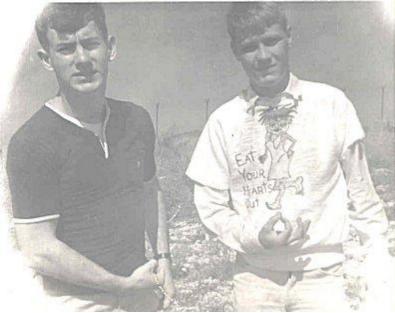
circumstances. For those of you 05H20's who are nostalgic for some dits, I found a web site that will download

Morse software. Even after 30 years of not taking code, I was still able to do about 22 wpm. Do a search on Morse

code and you will find the site eventually. My daughter got a Turkish puzzle ring for Christmas (not from me). Does

that bring back memories? I spent many hours during mid shifts taking these rings apart and putting them back

together.



Renz and Dick Schoeninger

Here are a few remembrances of my days at Sinop:

1. The landscape was most picturesque and everyone looked forward to seeing the plane fly over as we then looked

forward to the MAIL CALL - looking in your box and seeing a letter was an upper.

- 2. Mid flicks and really weak movies-(Frank Avalon and Annette)
- 3. Turkish puzzle rings.
- 4. Sail boat and beer trips on the Black Sea.
- 5. Unbelievable vistas of the Sinop Isthmus.
- 6. Turkish cigarettes. I never got used to the smell
- 7. Sinop City The Yenni hotel, turkish music, old structures and ancient customs.
- 8. Great Friends
- 9. The gym was a great way to spend time.

10. Counting the days and coming up with answers to the question; How short are you? So short that I \_\_\_\_\_.No

women ..did I say that?

Elder, thanks for effort you have made to bring back the memories of our time in Turkey. I really enjoy your

newsletter.



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### John Stonska

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Fort Monmouth will close in September 2011 due to implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law; and most of the U.S. Army officer and noncommissioned officer positions previously assigned here have already been reassigned to other military installations.

## WALTER, George

