

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #240



Copied from Carl Showalter's facebook page



These two patriotic messages extracted from Max Putter's facebook entries



I have a prayer request. There's a lady I've known forever. She's very sick. On top of that, she's being abused by those to whom she has given everything..... Lies about her abound, and seem to come from all sides. Just breaks my heart.

Seems there's nothing I can do alone but maybe, if we join in and lift her up together, we can heal her. She's well over 230 years old, but way too young to die. Her name is ' America '... And I love her and have always been proud of her. Take time to say a prayer for her - even if it is a short, simple prayer like, Lord, please heal our land. Amen.

Thanks. Please ask your friends and family to pray for healing for our country!

Requesting 40 days of prayer for our country, beginning September 28, 2012 and through election day!

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Elder RC Green

Let me begin by expressing my views on the 2012 reunion. I've tried to keep a lid on costs and know full well how costly attending the reunions from afar can be – The number attending the annual reunions has been on the decline, perhaps in part due to the recession or maybe the element of curiosity needed to motivate some vets to attend is no longer there. So, what's the problem?

I encourage all ASA Turkey vet's to avail yourselves to reach out to your old Turkey veteran's to meet in Pittsburgh and reminiscence about those days in Turkey. Together we can make the 2012 reunion equal to previous reunions. You don't have to be a part of every reunion, but please don't fall into a habit of perpetual absentism, either.

The Det 4-4 group inform that they will actively motivate all vet's who served at Karamursel to attend the 2013 reunion. The group is represented by ditty-boppers Bob Stewart and Greg Kearney. In addition another ditty-bopper from Karamursel has stepped forward and informs that he will host the 2013 reunion if Annapolis, Md is selected as the site for the 2013 reunion. This person is also a SP5 ditty-bopper at Karamursel. It's none other than Maj General Rod Isler who resides in Annapolis. General Isler informs that he is in the process of putting out feelers for selecting the hotel and establishing the historical places to visit during the 2013 reunion. Will keep all informed and thank those three vet's for getting involved.

FYI: Det 4-4 replaced the operational mission of Det 27 in October 1967. This group is headed by ex-ditty-boppers Bob Stewart of Florida and Greg Kearney of California.

When you send an email to me - PLEASE include the word ASA in the subject line to insure that I open it and not mistake it for SPAM.

2012 ASA TURKEY REUNION

7-10 October 2012

Sunday thru Wednesday

The 2012 ASA Turkey reunion will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in the South Hills of Pittsburgh at 164 Fort Couch Road. The room rate is \$89 and with taxes, etc comes to \$101.46 and includes a hot breakfast. The Crown Plaza is 8 miles from down-town Pittsburgh.

To make reservations call 412-833-5300 and give a credit card number
NOTHING WILL BE CHARGED UNTIL YOU DEPART THE REUNION
You can cancel your reservation by 6 pm on the date of scheduled arrival
INFORM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE ASA TURKEY REUNION

The South Hills Mall is just across the street from the hotel
PETS are welcome without extra charge
The hospitality room will be in the 1200 sq ft Carnegie room on the FIRST FLOOR

The tentative reunion agenda will include the following outings:

PLEASE NOTE: The HOSPITALITY ROOM will be well stocked with food and beverages throughout the reunion. Luther and Edna Jones will again be in charge of keeping the hospitality room stocked with food. See Luther or Edna if anyone needs special foods, etc.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday at NOON – 7 October - - - - The Registration for the reunion will be on the first floor in the Carnegie Room. A welcome package from the Pittsburgh CVB will be given out during registration and will include needed info to consider during your reunion stay. The CVB also prepared the reunion badges. Sufficient food, beverages and snacks will be available throughout the day for those interested. There is nearby restaurants for those who desire such.

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday morning – 8 October - - - - FREE breakfast in the hotel dining area.

Monday morning – 8 October - - - - There are no scheduled activities. There will be a meeting in the hospitality room to re-new old friendships and swap Turkey tales. There will be food and beverages available in the hospitality room for the noon meal. For the ladies – Take the hotel van to the South Hills Mall which is within 2 blocks of the hotel. It is a very large mall with many Men's & Women's Fashion stores and also there is a Sear's, Macy's and a Target store. Also there is a food eating area with many restaurants to choose from.

Monday evening – 8 October - - - - A Turkish Kebob buffet style will be catered into the hospitality room by a Turkish restaurant in Pittsburgh. The meal will begin at 6 pm.

The KEBABS will be self serve buffet style

First will be the choice of the following Appetizers

Hummus – Pureed chick peas, fresh garlic, tahini and special herbs

Mediterranean Dip – spicy tomato, chili pepper sauce, walnut, feta cheese and special herbs

Baba Ganonsh – Pureed roasted eggplant, fresh garlic, sesame seeds, tahini

Kisir – Cracked wheat, parsley, tomatoes, cucumbers, fresh onion, olive oil, romaine lettuce and special herbs.

1. DONER kebab – Thin sliced lamb & veal cooked over an open flame on a vertical spit. Shaved-off in tender thin slices.
2. Turkish meatball – Char-grilled beef patties.
3. Chicken Shish Kebab – Char-grilled marinated and skewered chicken cubes.
4. Shish Kebab – Char-grilled marinated & skewered tender chunks of leg of lamb.

All of the above 4 kebabs served with choice of rice or cracked wheat with tomato, cubanelle pepper, onion and pita bread.

The cost for the KEBAB'S will be \$25 per person

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday morning – 9 October - - - - Free buffet breakfast

Tuesday morning – 9 October - - - - The hotel will transport us to the Port Authority T Light Rail Transit/Subway Station in the South Hills Mall for a FREE ride to the Rivers Casino.

The tentative trolley departure from the South Hills will be at 09:27 am and arrive at the casino at 10:08. Proceed to the casino lobby where each will be provided an ID card for use in playing the slot machines. Prior to departing the hotel each will be given a token worth \$10 to gamble free in the casino.

If you've never been to a casino this will be an experience. The Rivers Casino features nearly 3000 slot machines that are completely different than the one arm bandits that we played in the NCO clubs in Turkey.

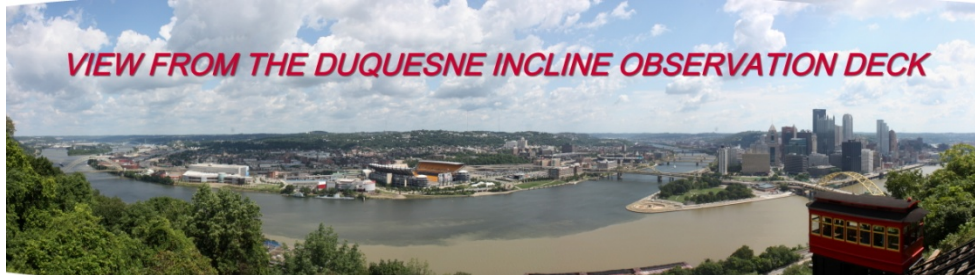
Also in the casino is 86 table games, a night club and a 1000-seat riverside amphitheater, live music performances. The casino has multiple promotions and giveaways daily. The casino offers an interesting alternative activity for something to do on a Tuesday morning. All casino's allow smoking in the gambling area, but wasn't bad and we went home without cigarette odor on our clothes.

Tuesday evening – 9 October - - - - A picnic style BBQ on the hotel patio will start at 6pm . After the BBQ all will go to the hospitality room for relaxation and snacks, etc

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday morning, 10 October - - - Free buffet breakfast

For those interested – a trip to Mount Washington via the trolley to the Duquesne or Monongahela Inclines will be scheduled and the details will be posted in the hospitality room. There is no charge for senior citizens to ride the incline, but the capacity is 23 people per trip.



The Duquesne Incline

1197 WEST CARSON STREET

PITTSBURGH, PA. 15219

SINCE 1877

Take a step back in time on a century-old cable car and see the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the two remaining inclines in the Pittsburgh. Opened on May 20, 1877, the Duquesne Incline was rescued and restored by a group of local residents in 1963 and still delights residents and visitors with its original, elegant, wooden cable cars. The Duquesne Incline's upper station houses a museum of Pittsburgh history, including photos and a storehouse of information on inclines from around the world. Unusual Pittsburgh souvenirs, maps and photos can be found at the gift shop.

We had intended to have a bus tour of the downtown Pittsburgh area to include visits to the Steelers, Pirates & Penguins venues but no one responded to my request. No visit to Pittsburgh is complete without a stop atop Mt. Washington to view the amazing view of Pittsburgh especially at night. USA Today Weekend Magazine calls it the "second most beautiful view in America."

Wednesday afternoon, 10 October - - Nothing planned.

Wednesday evening -- The group photo will be taken at 5:30 at a place to be announced. The plated meal banquet will begin at 6 pm in the Laurel Ballroom which is near the hospitality room. The details will be posted in the hospitality room.

THE REUNION ROSTER AS OF 9/30/2012

ATKINS, John, Det 27, 61-62, Valley Forge, PA
ASPINWALL, Paul & Bonnie **Bruce**, Det 4, 65, Madison, WI
AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine, Det 4, 64-65, Vienna, VA
BERGMANN, Chuck & Helen, Det 27, 66-67, Bay Village OH
BROWN, Chas & Lori, Det 4, 66-67, Robesonia, PA
COX, Jim & Vicki, Det 4, 66-67, Anniston, AL
FITTANTE, Tom & Beverly, Det 27, 61-63, New Waterford, OH (commute)
GOODMAN, Jay, Det 4, 7 KOA Campground, Washington, PA (commute)
GREEN, Elder & Patty, Det 27, 61, 65, 66-67, Det 4-4, 67-68, Indiana, PA
GREENE, Ralph & Carol, Indiana, PA (commute)
HOLLOWELL, Herbert & Sandra, Det 4, 58-59, Virginia Beach, VA
HOUGHTON, Jim & Sally, Det 4, 56-57, Johnstown, PA
HUNT, Carlos & Frankie, Det 4, 58-59, Henderson, TX
JONES, Luther & Edna, Det 27, 62-63, Sunset Beach, NC
MARGEL, Bob & Paula, Det 4, 72-73, New Castle, PA (commute)
NEARPASS, Bob & Lorraine, Det 27, 64-66, New Jersey
OBRIEN, Jack & Kay, Det 4, 64-65, Beaver Creek, OH
OWEN, John & Janette, Det 4, 64-65, Elkhart, IA
PARSONS, Fred & Margaret, Det 4, 58-59, Iuka, IL
PETERSON, Bambridge, Det 27, 63-65, Barron, WI
PRUITT, Bill & Carolyn, Det 4, 64-65 & 76-77, Campbellsville, KY
RAUK, Ed & Kay, Det 4, 64-65 & 66-67, Spicer, MN
SIEBENALER, Frank & Judy, Det 27, 62-64 Lake City, MN
STEFFEN, Arnold & Janet, Det 4, 58-59, Jackson, TN
SURAY, Mike, Det 4, 64-65, Pittsburgh, PA
TETI, Angelo & Phyllis, Det 4, 64-65, McKeesport, PA
WENGER, Barry & Sharon, Det 27, 60-61, North Bloomfield, PA
WHITMAN, Ken & Judy, Det 27, 62-64, Rehoboth Beach, DE
WINKLER, Winky & Bobbi, Det 4, 60-61, Cincinnati, OH

MAIL call

ASPER, Rick, Det 4, 66-67, Ft Lauderdale, FL
FAITZ, Stan, Det 4, 60-61, Algonquin, IL
JONES, Ed, Det 27, OC62-MR65, Vancouver, WA
MALSCH, Chuck, Det 4, 64-65, Lindenhurst, IL
MUNK, Terry, Det 4, DE68-NO69, Wichita, KS
NOVACHECK, Lou, Det 4, 81-82, Ocala, FL
PARSONS, Fred, Det 4, JA58-JA59 & TDY to Det 27, 45d in 63, Iuka, IL
RAUK, Ed, Det 4, 64-65 & 66-67, Spicer, MN
ROOSEVELT, Dick, Det 4, 59, Manchester, VT
STEFFEN, Arnold, Det 4, JL58-JL59, Jackson, TN
TARR, Don, Det 66, MR66-SE67, Edison, NJ

MAIL call, in alphabetical order

ASPER, Rick, Det 4, 66-67, Ft Lauderdale, FL, (Carol), cell 954-328-2149,
ricka@aviation-professionals.com

Dear Elder, - I had lobbied very strongly for the Nigeria-USA airline route hearings for next month in Lagos to be held later in the month. Alas, I found out today that they will begin on October 8, necessitating that Carol and I miss the ASA Turkey reunion next month. Please give my best to everyone.

FAITZ, Stan, YOB: 1936, RA, 058, E2-E4, Det 4, 60-61, (Mary), Algonquin, IL 60102,
847-854-8614, stanf1top@att.net

gH,

Due to unforeseen personal issues, I will not be able to attend the 2012 reunion. Believe me, I was looking forward to it; even practicing CW (once a ditty-picker, always...). Sorry. Stan Faitz

JONES, Ed, YOB: 1944, RA18664602, E3-E5, 059, Det 27, OC62-MR65, (Florence), 5209 NE 34th St., Apt B5, Vancouver, WA 98661, 504-805-2180, elspec1@live.com

Elder, After discussing this with Florence, and several commitments we have coming up just before and after the event, we won't be at the Convention. However, I appreciate your time and trouble and hopefully next year Take care Ed and Florence Jones

MALSCH, Chuck, YOB: 1940, RA16757920, E4-E5, 988RU, Det 4, 64-65, (Joan), 518 Hillcrest Ln., Lindenhurst, IL 60046, 847-356-6497, charles-malsch@sbcglobal.net

Hi Elder,

Unfortunately, Joan and I will be unable to attend the reunion this year. Joan's Mom fell and broke her hip. Although she came through the surgery well, she is 95 years old and will have an extended rehabilitation which is going to require a lot of ongoing active support from the family. Joan and I both believe that is where we need to be during this period.

Previously, I offered to make three "treasure boxes" for the reunion. I have these ready to go and will ship them to your address. Hopefully you can sell some raffle tickets or use them in some way to raise a little money to help allay the expenses incurred in putting on the reunion.

Joan and I will miss this reunion and the good times that are sure to be had. It sure sounds like there are a lot of good events scheduled.

Best regards, Chuck Malsch [I received the 3 treasure boxes and I thank you]

MUNK, Terence (Terry), 98C20, Det 4, DE68-NO69, (Patricia), 5200 S Ash St., Wichita, KS 67216, 316-522-3942, twmunk@yahoo.com

Sir: I was stationed at Sinop Turkey from Dec 1968 to Nov 1969. Do you have any details about a reunion set in stone yet? Terry, 98C20

NOVACHECK, Lou, YOB: 1945, RA13780106, E7, Pers Sgt, Det 4, 81-82, Ocala, FL., luigibasco@gmail.com

I'm in Ocala FL now, AI, since July 2010. Ocala's horse country, about equidistant from Jax, Tampa & Orlando, not far from the Gulf. They call it "The Horse Capital of the World!" I dropped you a line this past winter, I think it was, when I heard about the Pittsburgh reunion. I was stationed there (Oakdale) for a couple years, Oct 1967 to Jan 70. Otherwise, just laying low! Best, Lou

PARSONS, Fred L., DOB: 14 May 1936, SP3, 722 (Comm Spec-Crypto), Det 4, JA58-JA59 & TDY to Det 27, 45d in 63, M/Sgt, USAF(Ret), (Margaret), P.O. Box 308 Luka, IL 62849, 618-323-3636, f_parsons@msn.com

BIO of Fred L. Parsons, dated October 2002

Re-print from DOOL #89: I served at Det 4 from January 1958 until January 1959. Worked in the comm center and generally hated every second of it. My best buddy was John Crisp from Greeley, CO., if memory serves me right. (getting to the point that it doesn't any more). Besides that's over 40 years ago. My wife looks at some of my old pictures and wonders how we ever put up with all of that, especially living in a Jamesway tent. I spent a total of 9 years with ASA, serving at Arlington Hall, Camp Wolters, TX and Rothwesten, Germany. Just returned about a week and a half ago visiting an old friend from AHS and Camp Wolters. He was an old time comm officer by the name of Lester Beaty. At this point in time I would be interested in a TUSLOG reunion. In all the excitement of hearing from someone from the land of squat johns and tubes in the ground I totally forgot to include all the info that you asked for. Namely my rank at Sinop was SP3. I retired as a M/Sgt in the USAF. Unfortunately all old orders from Det 4 have been long lost. I do remember a few names that you may have, John Crisp was my best buddy. He was from Greeley, CO and had served with the 14th AC in Germany on his first hitch. I believe he was an ammo specialist with the 14th.

We had a big guy from upstate New York by the name of Lee Van Hosen. I did buddy around with him a little but not that much. I ran across him again at Camp Wolters with the 316th. Dick Jansen was from New York City and I had served a short 6 months TDY with him on the island of Cyprus in 56/57. Dick tried to drink all the wine that they could make in Sinop. You know how it is in the ASA, if you have been in any time at all you always ran across someone you knew.

I left the ASA in 1963 and joined the USAF. That was something that I have regretted ever since. Can't cry over spilled milk though so I'll not dwell on that. I did continue to run across ASA people even after I joined the AF. It really is a small world. My wife, Margaret, and I have talked this over for the past few days and the more we talk the more we like the idea. There is one problem though. I have looked over your roster and

find very few names from Det 4 and even fewer from the time that I spent there. When I was at Sinop the only aux det we had was the aviation det stationed in Ankara. When I first arrived in Sinop we had only Jamesway tents to live in and did not have wooden buildings until the Marines went into Lebanon in 58. The stone chapel had been started by that time and was very nearly completed by the time I left and I guess we had about 600 people on the hill. Speaking of the aviation Det, they flew L20s and landed on the beach on the east side of the hill. I'm sure that things changed later but we had no real airstrip. I was Stationed with the 319th in the winter of 63 and Det 27 requested help for their commcenter. I went down and stayed 45 days (15 days longer than I was supposed to). I recall one of the first things that I did was burn about 6 file cabinets full of classified material. All the message traffic that they had sent and received for the past two years. I took the opportunity to go back to Sinop to see how things had changed. Boy was I surprised, they had permanent buildings, running water and even pay for the movies. When I arrived the first time. we had showers a couple of times a week, (water was hauled up on the hill) Four holers for latrines and tubes in the ground. Movies were free and included TV movies commercials and all. We had an old dog that used to lay down in front in the theater and a couple of guys would start to howl and he would start up. Needless to say the main form of entertainment was found in the bottom of a bottle of beer can. We couldn't even purchase soda drinks at the club as it was used for mixed drinks. I volunteered for Turkey when I reenlisted in 57. I knew a guy at AHS who had spent the biggest part of the Korean war in Turkey and from what he told me he was billeted in a hotel. That sounded pretty good to me until I finally spent a night in a Turkish hotel. I really did enjoy myself though. I am somewhat of a history buff and the history of our divination was written in that part of the world. C U L 8 R

DOOL #105, 21FE2003: PARSONS, Fred DOB: 14MY36 SP3 722 C/C Det 4, JA58-JA59, (Margaret), PO BX 308 Luka, IL 62849, 618-323-3636, f_parsons@msn.com
TDY to Det 27 (45d) in 63

Merhaba, Nasasinis: I have been sitting here trying to think of how to answer some of your questions about my year on the hill. I can't remember the name of the CO and the XO but think that the ops officer was named Nobel. I ran across him in Rothwesten about 61 or 62. He was retired from the Army and, ""selling club equipment"". Drove a nice Citron. I've always had questions about our meeting and association in Sinop. Can't remember the 1st Sgt name but he was a big guy - had to have two belts sewn together to get around him. I wasn't in a vehicle of any kind while in Sinop. Don't remember cabs running around in town. Walked everywhere. I take that back I arrived in a deuce and a half and departed to the airstrip in a icki bachuk. The only time that I saw Turk soldiers walking hand in hand was in Ankara when I left. Yes I did pull security guard duty one time shortly after I arrived. They gave me a night stick and instructed that if I heard the command DUR that I should stop. Turks did not give the same command twice. According to the CQ it meant stop. The name Dunlop rings a bell but I can't put a face with it. I remember a SFC Sprague. He got sick one night and threw up in to a four holler. He always blamed me for loosing his teeth. I don't know why he blamed me, I didn't get sick. MIGs sure did buzz us while I was there. Generally

created a lot of excitement. The Turks had a strip some where in the area and were flying F-100's. MIG's could always bring them out.

There was a story going around at that time that a few years earlier the Turks were in P51's and some MIG 15's entered Turk airspace. The Turks were supposed to have jumped them and shot one down over the Black Sea. Probably one of those urban legends. The Turks did pull aerial target practice over Sinop. One plane would be pulling the sock and the rest would be shooting. They were quite high but it was easy to hear the machine guns.

I would really like to make the trip to 7 Springs but don't think that I will be able to make it this year. I want to go to Palo Pinto, TX to see an old friend by the name of CW4 Beaty. He was communicating with helo graph. Old Signal Corps and ASA type. He even remembers the 2900. I have a number of old Polaroid photos in my scrap book, if I can get them to come out on a zerox machine I'll be happy to send them along.

You do realize the Chapel that was built on the hill was started in 1958? That chapel had no government money in it at all. Built strictly with donated money, mainly from GI's. I did a 45 day TDY to Det 27 in the winter of 1963 and they let me take a side trip to the hill. The Jamesway huts were gone and they had permanent USAF type billets up there. They had even drilled wells so water was no longer a problem. Somebody told me at that time that the Chapel was in the way and in order to account for it they had to list it as found on post. The Turks took a great deal of interest in the chapel and one was even found praying to Mecca in the area where the alter would be. You know maybe more attention should be paid to the similarities between Islam and Christianity and less to the differences.

All in all I think that I can truly say that I enjoyed my tour in Sinop. I learned a lot, mainly about myself, and made friends which I served with later on. All in all I spent nine years in the Army and look upon my departure and subsequent enlistment in the USAF as a mistake. That's another story and water under the bridge. I still have a pair of boots there were issued to me at Fort Knox. They don't have buckles on the side, but they are brown. I don't know what happened to my OD's, but I think that my mother still has an old field jacket of mine. Let me see about copying these pictures and I'll send them along.

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Kay and Ed Rauk

In the fall of 1963 I was no longer enrolled in college, so gave up my student deferment status. My local Selective Service Board notified me to get my affairs in order, that they would soon draft me. I had been having a number of conversations with a friend about his experience in the Army, and I was convinced I did not want to be a foot soldier. I enlisted thinking it would be a three year commitment, until I arrived at the induction center in Minneapolis where I was informed it would be a 4 year enlistment. I told them I'd go back home and wait for the draft. An NCO encouraged me to call an acquaintance who was a former ASA man. When asked if he would enlist for four years, he said yes, and so I did.

Basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood, MO., Co. A22. It was very hot and humid the first few weeks. It seemed as though we only did PT on a gravel pit, never on a grassy field. When it finally cooled off, it became very cold. Fireman duty was a pain in the back side, to be done at awful times of the night. Do you remember those old wooden two story barracks? Fire Guard duty was necessary to keep them from burning to the ground. We got 2 weeks leave for Christmas and New Years. When we got back

it was out to bivouac where we broke ice off the water barrels in-order to shave. Packed up our shelter-halves in eight inches of fresh snow. Food really stayed hot on those cold metal trays.

I will always remember having just finished a field lunch, and we were waiting to go back into class when we got word that President Kennedy had been shot. They told us to "smoke em if you got em" and "we'll call you back in as soon as we know anything". Shortly, they called us into the classroom and gave us the sketchy details. All classes were cancelled and they marched us back to the Co. area. Most people went to the day room to stay glued to the TV for the balance of the day.

After Basic, it was off to Ft. Devens for morse code school. My typing speed was good, but I couldn't get up to speed to be an 058. Made good marks in 059 classes, so became a Teletype Interceptor. Conditions at Devens were more tolerable than at Leonard Wood. It looked like Army life could be endured. Spent very little time off the post, so didn't really get to know the northeast.

After orders came to go to Det. 4 at Sinop, someone in upper level determined those of us going to Turkey had to have a military drivers license. So orders come for us to report to Fort Dix, NJ for two weeks of driving school. When we finally got to Turkey we couldn't drive anyway because we had indigenous drivers.

We flew Pan Am from LaGuardia in New York to Paris, to Rome and landed in Ankara to a world of new smells. Bafra cigarettes, burning dung, etc. After a day or two we left Ankara for Sinop via a deuce-n-half. What a ride!!

While in-processing we lived in a temporary quonset hut. If memory is correct, got assigned to Trick 3 and moved into Jackson Hall with an entrance very close to the Mess Hall. What a nice relief to have only 3 men to a room. When we began at the Operations Center, I think my OJT trainer was named Jim Conway, and Harry (last name forgotten). Also spent time with them sailing in a small boat they shared. Learned the ropes about the local economy from these "short timers", drinking Kavaklidere wine, and eating Ekmek (bread). Being "Yeni's" meant all the low life menial duties. "Agbey watch", burn detail, guard detail all became routine in just a short while. Remember how good and succulent the fresh fruit and vegetables were both in the mess hall and on the local economy?

I remember one night of guard duty walking the perimeter fence with another "Yeni" newer than I, when we saw what appeared to be single lights coming up the hill towards the Post. Not just one, but many lights!! We made a hurried return to the guard shack to report our findings. Found out it was just local Turks out hunting seagull eggs where gulls had made nests in the grass. Relieved to find out it wasn't Russians sneaking up the "Hill" to attack us.

Filled off duty time by using the photo lab, reading, bowling, taking classes from U of Maryland taught by some of the Officers on post. Got involved with the dentist, Capt.

Sam McCloskey , providing dental care to the young students at the boarding school down town. Other Officers I remember were. Dr. Columbel, Chaplain Benjamin Smith, Chaplain Duval, and Capt. Navarro was Operations Officer.

My eleven month 10 day tour of duty was extended because of a security issue for which S-2 was keeping me as a witness. After some delay in reassignment S-2 took some more depositions and I finally got to leave.

Next duty was at Vint Hill Farm Station at Warrenton, VA from fall 1965 to fall of 1966. It could have been a good assignment being that close to Washington, D.C. However, being that close to the Pentagon meant lots of "Informational Visits" from high level Brass. That meant we shut down the mission and equipment to clean, strip and re-wax the floors each night. That didn't sit well with me, so I requested a transfer. Since I had only approximately a year of service left, that didn't leave many duty stations available to me. Got orders for Sinop for the second time.

Arrived at Sinop for second time sometime in October 1966. This time I was assigned to a newer barrack slightly down the hill and across the road from the quadrangle. Not sure of the name but it could have been Washington Hall.

It was shortly after my arrival that a young man who was on time-off for a trick change was out hiking with some buddies. They were out on the point beyond the antenna field and DF site, as I recall. At any rate he slipped and fell off the cliff and was fatally injured. He apparently lived in my barracks, because the Company Commander came to our storage room looking for his personal effects. Our barracks Sgt. had given permission for E-5's and above to remove the 3rd bunk to the Storage Room. When the CO discovered the bunk parts, he located the rooms with only two bunks and started throwing parts and pieces at us while we were asleep, since we had worked either the "swing shift" or the 'mid-shift".

The second tour at Sinop seemed better than the first, since I wasn't hesitant to take short leaves for travel. The most memorable was a trip to the Holy Land made by four of us in late May of 1967. We started in Lebanon, then to Syria, to Jordan, and finally to Israel. We had difficulty acquiring transportation to the airport in TelAviv to catch our flight back to Turkey because all public busses, taxis, etc were being used to transport all reservists to active duty for the "Six day War of 67".

We missed our commercial flight back to Turkey, so had to finally catch a "military hop to Adana. At least we were out of Israel and now in Turkey. A few days of either extended leave or "TDY" we finally caught a flight to Ankara and on to Sinop. What an adventure! When we arrive back at Sinop and got to the "OPS" building, we were intently watching the "UPI" and "AP" and REUTERS news updates as to the various battles and their locations in the "middle east".

Separation from the ASA came at Ft. Hamilton, NY 24Sep67. Though I had requested an early out for education, it came too late to enroll in college that fall. It was

during this time that I met my future wife and we were married the next fall-- 31Aug68. Kay was just beginning her student teaching experience, and I enrolled in college using my GI bill for education. I graduated with a B.S. in Music Education in Dec. 70, but did not get a teaching position until fall of 1972.

After teaching for two years, I realized that teaching was not the career for me, since I did not feel I had the rapport with the Jr. and Sr. high students that I felt I needed to be successful. I returned to the carpentry trade in which I had been engaged while going to college and during the summers while teaching.

In the spring of 1979 Kay and I bought a "Ma and Pa" resort in west central Minnesota which we ran for seven seasons. Kay continued teaching, and I returned to carpentry until retirement.

I had often wondered about Army reunions, but thought that since the ASA only moved people around in small groups, not as company level size units it probably wasn't something being done. Not until I got on the internet in preparation for a pleasure trip to Turkey this past February did I know about the ASA reunions or the whole realm of information regarding the ASA and especially Turkey duty.

Kay and I will be in attendance at this years reunion in Pittsburgh.

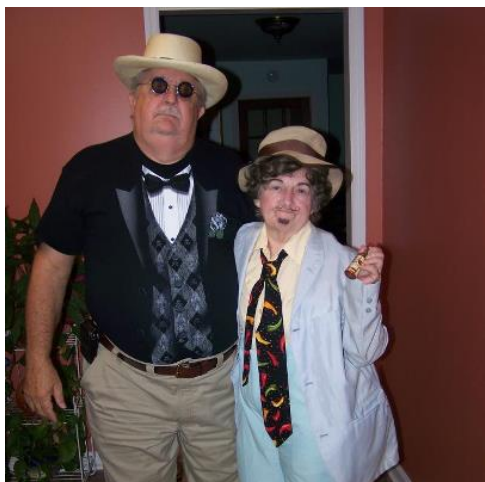
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[edited] Thought I'd update U2 on my work.....This Tue , 2nd I'll be in Artemus PA till the 1st week in Dec on a project with NiSource/Columbia Gas, refurbishing a Compressor Station. Artemus is just north of Cumberland, Md. Looks to be about the same distance to Indiana from there as it did from St Marys..... hopefully I'll be able to break loose and see you folks again on a Sunday....and just maybe might be able to attend the reunion on 7 October provided I get settled at this new job. I'll contact you after I get settled in. Meanwhile I hope you're feeling better.....and please give my best to Patty. Regards, Dick

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It was good to hear from you again. Unfortunately, I will be in Disney World with the grand kids on the weekend of the reunion. Unfortunate for me, because I was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania (Washington, Pa.).

I have tried to establish contact with some of the guys I served with in Det 66, but have not been successful. One guy has a listing in Lindkin (Edward Viskup), but when I tried his e-mail address the communication was marked "undeliverable."

Following my stay at 66 (1966-67) I returned to western Pennsylvania and attended college at California State College (now California University of Pennsylvania) and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. (Got an MA in History in 1974.)

I taught high school in New Jersey until 1985, when I was hired as a UniServ Director for the New Jersey Education Association. I've served in that capacity to date. This is now my 28th year at that position, but I hope to retire in a year or so. Perhaps I'll go into the fields of arbitration/mediation after retirement – perhaps not. The organization has been very kind to me, with a healthy retirement figure in the wings.

It would be nice to hear from some of the guys from Det 66 with whom I served, but I haven't seen their names on your listing. The names that come immediately to mind are: Goldstein, Shively, Logan, Viskup, the Brown twins (identical, Ricky and Randy), and Shimansky. Goldy, Logan, Shimansky, and Viskup were from NYC when they served. The Brown twins from Baltimore, and Shively from Lansdale, Pa. They've probably blown to the four winds since then. Viskup was living in Roswell, Georgia according to his info.

Keep in touch, Elder. It's always nice hearing from someone who spent time at Site 23.....

