

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #270

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

I welcome articles, BIO's, 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 at my discretion, show up right here for others to read and I'm hoping it will spur more memories. After all, isn't that why you're reading this now? 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 that may appear herein. You received this newsletter because you requested it. To unsubscribe from this newsletter send an email to me or your relayer. Thank you, Elder RC Green, aka gH, 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, 724-471-4899, asagreenhornet@comcast.net

Procrastination is a perilous thing. We're all guilty of procrastinating and we all have a case of the "what ifs" that we wish we could rectify. It does little good to lament over spilled milk. To all of you who say that it's too late, I must beg to differ. If you haven't wrote your BIO and all the stories you know, you risk losing priceless opportunities. Certainly and more than that, though, they are lost occasions for others to get to know you on a much deeper level. Maybe now is the time to stop procrastinating and get started with your BIO. As a result, we can learn a great deal from one another and continue to learn. In the meantime, we also can and will form closer friendships. Unfortunately, I guess many vet's feel that they will be around forever, and didn't have the good judgment to write down their Turkey experiences.

Within this DOOL is a brief write-up on the FIRST GI from Det 4 to be assigned to the US Navy P2V program at Incirlik Air Base in February 1958. His name is John V. Smith and he was a Monterey Mary grad with a PMOS of 965. That MOS was for a Vietnam linguist and how he and 2 other 965's were assigned to Det 4 makes one wonder if someone screwed up. But think back - the ASA didn't get involved in Vietnam until the 1960's. After grad in 1957 he was sent to NSA when it was located at Arlington Hall in Arlington, VA for additional training. After this training it was discovered that there was no place to assign them to. According to John Smith - the decision to send them to Turkey was made by a little 'old lady' at Arlington who also awarded John Smith with SMOS of 058 because he learned code in the Boy Scouts.

HOLY COW - - - Way back in March 2007 Jim Baker wrote in DOOL #173 about his experience at Det 4 for the years 1957-58. I quote an excerpt from that DOOL:

"... As both an example of the Army's less-than-perfect personnel system, and as a kind of harbinger of what would happen, there were three Vietnamese linguists assigned to Sinop in 1957. Of course, we didn't have any use for them, so they were given OJT and cross-trained to work either crypt analysis or traffic analysis. All three turned out to be exceptionally good workers, becoming highly productive in a short time. . ."

I called the late Jim Baker about the three Vietnamese linguist and he could not remember their names. Fast forward to 14 March 2015 when I received an email from John V. Smith who wrote that he and two other trained Vietnamese linguist were

assigned to Det 4 in 1957. Fast forward again: I called John Smith on 15 March 2015 and had a 2 hour chat about his tour at Det 4. The hi-lite of that chat was the fact that this John V. Smith was, in fact, the first from Det 4 to go to Incirlik Air Base and fly in the P2V US Navy ELINT program.



John V. Smith, Feb 1958



Above left is the P2V prop/jet that John Smith flew on. On the right is a side view of a similar P2V that flew out of Incirlik AB in Adana, Turkey.

His mentor was SFC Harry Craft who, at that time, was one of the most qualified in the ELINT field in the ASA. To read John Smith's memory - scroll down to the MAIL call entry under his name.

It has become a bad habit of mine when researching DOOL entries to become overly interested in past entries and get tied up in those past entries and lose track of what I was seeking. I guess its old age creeping up. Patty and I quite often get wrapped up in chatting about the Turkey vets we've met and wrote about in our computer room that most often is a disaster zone....

HEY CLARK BRYAN – PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT 724-471-4899

Below is a photo of the Green's and Bryan's taken at Webster, NY in 2005. Ronnie Deese and Clark Bryan, aka 'Mixie' are responsible for me starting the ASA Turkey newsletter. Clark served as a SP5 Bulgarian linguist at Det 27 and 4-4. Clark got out, grad from Tulane Univ, joined the US Navy and retired as a Commander as did his wife Althea, shown below on the right.



This photo was taken by the Bryan's oldest daughter, the late Sarah Anne Bryan on 28 April 2005 at their home in Webster, NY. We just found that Sarah passed away at age 20 and it dumbfounded us. See the below TAPS entry for Sarah Bryan

Its been 60 years since the ASA arrived in Turkey. For this item - I will be writing about Det 4. The mission at Det 4 was to intercept SIGINT and ELINT signals emanating from across the Black Sea to keep track of the Soviet Military Divisions and the Soviet Space and Missile programs.

At the 2004 reunion were three ex2LT's who played key roles in the early stages of building Det 4 in 1956. The names of those LT's is Jim Mulholland, Bob Posner and Bill Stuckert as shown below.



Joan & Jim Mulholland



Rita & Bob Posner



Janis & Bill Stuckert

Of course and by no way am I saying that the above named officers were the only ones involved in the early decision making at Det 4. The earliest officer assigned to Det 4 was 1LT Llewlyn P. Rose, aka Pat, who was not ASA, but Signal Corps who got to Sinop in April 1955. The mission then was ELINT and Rose told me that late in 1955 they unpacked airborne X-band receiving equipment and succeeded in making some of

what were the first intercepts and recordings of Soviet airborne conical scan signals in X-band. That was the reason for the subsequent intense and rapid escalation of the Sinop site which resulted in ASA taking over the mission from the Signal Corps.

LT Rose later moved to Germany with ASA and later to an ASA battalion at Camp Wolters, TX. Following that assignment he went back to more typical Signal Corps assignments and retired as a Colonel in 1976.

There were others who played key roles such as Maj Arthur T. Lawry who was the 1st commander, but spent most of his time with the ASA unit at Samsun. Later commanders were Maj's Jim Green & Bill Clark, Captain Walt Garrett in Ops - a tough ex-EM; an older Captain Ken Allison, LT's Ray Keane, J.R. Wooten, Dick Burns in Comm Ctr, Jim Yarborough and Harold Fleming were there but I have little info for them. Also there were Warrant's Arnold Taylor & Bill Taylor at the Motor Pool. To show how primitive it was – the chapel was a small tent with about 10 chairs. However their contributions played a key role in making the Det 4 mission a successful one.

A MOST GENEROUS TURKEY VETERAN AND HIS WIFE



Max & Carol Putter from Ventnor City, New Jersey

THE 2015 REUNION “MAX PUTTER HAT” FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE REUNION



2015



2015

Below is a collage of REUNION HATS that MAX PUTTER made starting in 2007 and thereafter and each attendee received that cap. Also at several reunions the wives got a cap. Plus MAX brought extra hats to give out as door prizes. A rough guess as to the total of HATS given out by MAX since 2007 would be near 800 HATS.



Briefly - Max Putter enlisted for ASA duty on 1 April 1959. Took basic at Fort Jackson - to Fort Devens for 058 training. He did not take kindly to the dits and dahs and was switched to non-morse 059 where he finished third in the class and was sent to Rothwestern, Germany where he served six months when he found his name on a list for duty at Det 27 in November 1960. Since 2007 Max has attended six reunion, missing in 2010 and 2012, but mailed the HATS, to give out at those reunions. I first contacted Max on 7 December 2006.

Below are examples of the Max Putter shirts made for the reunions



Max informs that he will take orders for anyone who wants a shirt similar to these two by calling 610-853-4273 or 609-823-2545 or send an email to nashswim@aol.com. The cost will be \$32. per shirt and that includes Shipping and Handling.



1954



1977

GREEN, Elder RC (gH), YOB: 1936, RA13513638, E7, 982/98C, Det 27, 1-15MY61, Det 120, MY-JL65, Det 27, JN66-OC67 & Det 4-4, OC67-NO68, (Patty), 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, 724-471-4899, cell 724-388-2510, asagreenhornet@comcast.net 1SG E8 USA(Ret)

TAPS

BARNDT, Ernest DOB: 1935 DOD: 1MR2015, 79y, RA13474888 E4 631 Det 4, MR56-MY57 & Det 27, MR59-JL61, (Fran), 18107 Meadow Creek Dr., Eagle River, AK 99577, 907-694-3645 & cell 907-227-2455, barndt@alaska.net, CW4 Ret

[edited] On Sunday, 1 March 2015, Ernie passed away after a courageous battle to overcome complications from heart surgery. While he passed away in Seattle, Wash., at the University of Washington Medical Center, he was only there temporarily for the surgery; his home and heart were in Eagle River, Alaska, where he resided since 1979. Ernie was 79 years old. He spent 57 devoted years married to the love of his life, Frances (McCloskey) Barndt.

How many remember the lyrics of Tammy Wynette's signatory song of "Stand By Your Man"? Well, let me say - those lyrics fit Fran (McCloskey) Barndt to the T. Her husband, Ernest E. Barndt had heart surgery on 10 December 2014 and was in a coma with several complications that included a stroke which complicated his recovery until early January 2015. Fran was at his side when he passed, spending 82 straight nights at his bedside and in the ICU waiting room to honor their commitment to "be in this together to the very end."

The two of them met while she was working for the CIA and with the assistance of Jim Houghton in Washington D.C. in 1955, and other than deployments of Ernie's service to his country, they have not been separated since. Ernie was born and grew up in the Somerset area in Pennsylvania. He attended Army Basic Training in 1954, and met his bride when he was a young man in Washington D.C., pursuing a career with the Army Security Agency. His total honored military commitment lasted 43 years. Ernie retired as CW4 after 28 years with the U.S. Army, followed by 15 years in civil service. His career took him, Fran and their family to Washington D.C., Turkey, Germany, Virginia, Georgia, Kansas, Washington state, and Alaska. Ernie also served actively in Vietnam, Korea, and short tours in Germany and Turkey. He was a proud veteran earning the Bronze Star in Vietnam and many other decorations. So dear to his heart, he never really quit his service, he served several years on the U.S. Army Alaska Retiree Council (USARAK) as their chairman and accepted a recall to active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm. Ernie enjoyed traveling with his 5th wheel around the U.S. and Alaska, to Pennsylvania to see family and varied trips to Hawaii and Las Vegas, Nev. He treasured times fishing with his family on his boat the "Family Affair" and hunting moose with his boys. He was a great cook, it wasn't unusual for him to cook for his own family, his many friends and for his children's many friends who considered him "Pa Barndt." Most of all, Ernie simply enjoyed being with his family at the many many gatherings at his home in Eagle River. Ernie was a very faithful man from which all his life's choices were based. He was an active member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Eagle River and a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. Ernie is survived by his wife, Frances (McCloskey) Barndt; and seven children: son, Robert

Barndt and wife, Ann of Eagle River; daughter, Anna Marie Dickey and husband, Andy of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Karen McLaughlin and husband, Ken of Millbrook N.Y.; son, Ernest Barndt and Robin of Wasilla, Alaska; son, William Barndt and wife, Ruth of Eagle River; daughter, Patricia Zugg and husband Ron, of Palmer, Alaska; and son, James Barndt and wife, Tara of Eagle River.

Additionally he is survived by 14 grandchildren (seven grandsons and seven granddaughters); as well as six great-grandchildren. His brother, John Barndt and wife, Catherine of Friedens Pa.; his sister, Ada Mae Perry of Arlington Va.; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Barndt and Deanna Barndt also survive him. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Reba Barndt; and brothers, Robert and Thomas Barndt. "Pap Pap" and "Uncle Ernie" was so dear to his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Their memories will certainly include Mickey Mouse pancakes, grilled salmon and halibut and fried potato sandwiches. He and Fran's retirement years were almost always based around the needs and nurturing of them. Ernie's selflessness, respect and dedication were admired and acknowledged by so many in the days since his passing. It's amazing what one man so humbly accomplished on this Earth!

For his final resting place he was dressed in his blues and interment was at Fort Richardson Memorial Cemetery, Alaska.



The above two photo's show Ernie Barndt as a SP3 at Det 4 and of Ernie's retirement ceremony at Fort Richardson, AK in July 1981 after 28 years of active duty with the ASA.



Ernie & Fran Barndt and Sally & Jim Houghton

I took this photo of the Barndt's and Houghton's at the Houghton residence in Johnstown, PA which is about 2 miles from our youngest son's home.

BIO of Ernest Barndt Born in Queecreek, PA.

I enlisted in the Army January 1954 at Pittsburgh, PA. Completed Basic Training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD, with further assignment to Fort Devens. I was then assigned to ASA, Arlington Hall Station in late 1954.

I was stationed at Sinop (Det 4) 8 March 1956 - May 1957. The Arlington Hall Travel Orders assigning me and 6 others to Det 4 were dated 7 March 1956 are as follows for your record and all, except McGrew worked in the Motor Pool:

Sgt William P. Wolfenbarger, RA44173425, 643.60, TOE: 6y, ETS MR62
 Pfc Ernest E. Barndt, Jr RA13474888, 630, TOE: 4y, ETS FE58
 Pfc James E. Houghton, Jr RA13492192, 642, TOE: 4y, ETS FE58
 Pvt-2 Gene C. McConnell, RA14565362, 635, TOE: 3y, ETS FE58
 Pvt-2 Leroy J. Leveling, RA17427499, 635, TOE: 3y, ETS FE58
 Pvt-2 Arthur F. Vetter, RA12467623, 630, TOE: 3y, ETS OC57
 Pvt-2 James R. McGrew, RA18488321, 711, TOE: 3y, ETS SE58

Wolfenbarger, Leveling and Vetter are deceased.

Additional assignments after Sinop were to Det 27, Turkey; Ankara, Turkey where I received appointment as Warrant Officer in the Automotive Maintenance Field in 1961; Fort Riley, KS; Berlin, Germany; Fort Richardson, AK (4 tours); Fort Lewis, WA; Hanau, Germany; Vietnam and Korea. My awards and decorations include: National Defense Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Berlin); Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster); Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award); Vietnam Counteroffensive; Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II; Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster); Korean

Defense Medal; Civilian Service Medal. I retired at Fort Richardson, Alaska after 28 years of military service as CW4 and continued working for the Department of Army, Civilian Service as an Environmental Specialist for 15 years, retired again in 1996, and currently reside with my family in Eagle River, Alaska. My wife Frances and I have 7 children and 14 grandchildren.



Above is Ernie Barndt departing Det 4 in 1957

BRIGGS, Bob, DOB: 28MY41. DOD: 14MR2015, Civ, Det 4-2, 66-67

Resident of Los Altos

Robert (Bob) passed away on 14 March 2015. He leaves behind Anna, his wife of 38 years, and two children, James & Elizabeth (Kerby). Born in Michigan, Bob graduated from Kalamazoo College, where he earned a degree in Physics, and then earned a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Bob was employed as an Electrical Engineer first at GTE Sylvania (Mountain View), then at Argosystems (Sunnyvale), and finally at Applied Signal Technology (Sunnyvale), retiring in 2011. He joined GTE in the mid-1960's and worked overseas. He was first assigned to work on a joint Army-Navy project in Adana, Turkey as a Tech Rep. His job was to keep comm equip opnl aboard Navy A3B jets, which flew out of Incirlik airbase in Southern Turkey. During this assignment. He was well-liked and respected by the military personnel with whom he worked; co-workers & friends enjoyed Bob's quick wit & dry sense of humor. In 1968, the mission was moved to Rota, Spain, where he started his study of Spanish. Later on, he was also stationed in Japan.

BROOKS, Fred W., DOB: 5NO1926 DOD: 14MR2014, Maj-LTC XO & CDR Det 4, MR66-MR67, (Virginia), 4907 Althea Dr., Annandale, VA 22003 703-978-6027, fbrooks1@cox.net Ret Lt Col

For a complete BIO and photo's on Fred Brooks go to <http://dool-1.tripod.com> and click on DOOL's 195, 196 and 197.



Above is photo of Lt Col Fred W. Brooks receiving the Legion of Merit in July 1969 from Maj Gen Charles J. Denholm, whose official funeral the Brooks attended on 10 February 2009 at Arlington Cemetery. Fred wrote: "That's my Ginny on the right".



Above is Retired Lt Col Fred Brooks at his Annandale, VA home
Served 25 years and 7 months on active duty retiring in 1969 at Arlington Hall Station
as a Lt Colonel.

Fred passed away peacefully at Fairfax Hospital on March 14, 2015 from renal cell cancer.

BRYAN, Sarah Anne, 20y, daughter of Clark & Althea Bryan,
Sarah Anne Bryan March 5, 1991 - April 14, 2012 WEBSTER: Born March 5, 1991,
Pensacola, FL; died April 14, 2012, Webster, NY. She was a 2009 Graduate of Webster
Schroeder High School and a 2011 Graduate of Finger Lakes Community College in
Criminal Justice. She is survived by her parents, Clark L. Bryan and Althea M. Bryan;
sister, Rebecca; many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. Sarah was a poet, artist and
humanitarian. She will be greatly missed.

Althea, you shared with me how Sarah's heart was almost too big, that she always wanted to 'take in
the strays' and help people - sometimes at her own expense. It opened her up to a lot of hurt, but it
made her the very special person - that loving and caring person that she was. My heart breaks for
you and your family. My thoughts and love are with you,



Sarah Bryan

2015 ASA TURKEY REUNION
WHERE: Charleston, SC
HOTEL: Town & Country Inn and Suites
2008 Savannah Highway

DATES: 27 September – 1 October 2015
Sunday thru Wednesday

SAVE THESE DATES

Room rates: \$99.00 + 13.5% Tax = \$112.37

Please note that the room rates does NOT include a free breakfast! Luther and Edna Jones bargained hard to have it included without success. The Trotters Restaurant & Lounge will be open for breakfast, 6:30-11am, at a cost of \$10.99 per person. HOWEVER keep in mind that the hospitality room will be stocked with a continental style breakfast throughout the reunion and will be a good time to meet other Turkey vet's and their wives.

One of the hardest things for me to do is to plan out the reunion activities. This time Luther & Edna Jones and Ed McCants have filled in the blanks and planned what is to be one of the better reunions.



Luther Jones, Stephen Clarke, Edna Jones

THE 2015 REUNION HOSTS

Please note: Charleston has no off season like Myrtle Beach and the room rates do not fluctuate.

According to the Charleston CVB – Excellent location – just 3 miles from historic downtown Charleston and an easy drive to the river plantations..etc. Also and for the ladies – Charleston's largest shopping mall and restaurants are all within walking distance from the hotel.

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.

To make reservations: Call 1-800-334-6660. You will be asked your name and address, etc., room type preference – King or Queen; your arrival & departure dates and your credit card info is required to guarantee your reservation

Please note that your rates will not be deducted until you check out. Also note that you can cancel up to 24 hours prior to arrival date by calling 1-800-334-6660.

50/50 Raffle tickets (\$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10)

Here is some info on sites that may be of interest to our members. There are others not mentioned and we would be glad to try to answer any questions. Ed McCants

Sites of Interest in or near Charleston, South Carolina

Aiken-Rhett House (operated by
Historic Charleston Foundation)

Mon-Sat, 10 - 5; Sun 2-5. Last tour 4:15 www.historiccharleston.org
Hours may change. Call in advance for hours of operation. Located at 1200 Bay Street

American Military Museum

www.americanmilitarymuseum.org

Boone Hall Plantation

From Labor Day to first of Jan: 9-5; Sunday: Noon til 5 www.boonehallplantation.com

Calhoun Mansion

Mon- Sun 11-5 www.calhounmansion.net

Charleston Harbor Tours

Tour times: 11:30; 1:30; 3:30 departs from the Maritime Center

Charles Town Landing

site of first settlement. Daily: 9 - 5 (6) www.charlestownlanding.com

Charles Pickney National Historic Site

Daily 9 - 5

Charleston Visitors Center

8:30 - 5:30

Charleston Museum

Monday - Saturday 9 - 5; Sunday 1 - 5 www.charlestonmuseum.org

Confederate Museum

Tuesday - Saturday 11 - 3:30; 188 Meeting Street

Cypress Gardens

Daily 9 - 5 www.cypressgardens.info

Drayton Hall Plantation
Edmondston-Alston House
Fort Moultrie (Revolutionary War)
Fort Sumter Tours

Mon - Sat. First tour 9:30 a.m. Last tour 3:30 p.m. Www.dr
Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 4:30; www.Middletonplace.org
Daily 9 - 5 www.nps.gov/fosu
See Tour Brochure at the hotel - www.spiritlinecruises.com

Heyward-Washington House
Joseph Manigault House
Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

Monday - Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1 - 5 www.charlestonmuseum
Monday - Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1 - 5 www.charlestonmuseum
Daily 8 - 5; www.magnoliaplantation.com
Gardens, daily 9-5; house open Tuesday thru Sunday 10-4:30
in "The Patriot" with Kevin Costner)

Middleton Place

Monday - Saturday 10 - 5; Sunday 2 - 5, last tour at 4:30 www.h

Nathaniel Russell House

Daily 9 - 5, www.oldexchange.org

Old Exchange Building

9 - 4:30, www.oldsantee canalpark.org

Old Santee Canal Park

Monday - Saturday 9 - 5 www.charlestoncity.info

Old Slave Market Museum

(the Yorktown and other ships); Daily 9 - 6:30 www.patriotsp

Patriots Point (naval museum)

Monday - Saturday 10 - 4; Sunday 1 - 4 www.powdermag.org

Powder Magazine

Monday - Sunday 9 - 5 (last ticket sold 1 hour before closing); v

South Carolina Aquarium

library hours Monday - Friday 9 - 5 (housed in first Fireproof Buil

South Carolina Historical Society

departs daily from Aquarium Wharf and Patriots Point; call for tim

Spirit Cruises

Various tours are available (trolley car, carriage tours etc)

A few additional areas of interest:

"Four Corners of Law", "Rainbow Row", Circular Congregational Ch
with advance notice), Charleston "Battery" and Park

Dock Street Theater (on Church Street across from Circular Congr

Market Street - site of the "old City Market"now, shopping. Sw

The following is the tentative itinerary for the reunion. Keep in mind that this itinerary is subject to changes and any changes will be posted in the DOOL prior to the reunion.

Day One

Sunday – 27 September
Check in time is 1500 hours.

The Badges and Registration for the reunion will be in the hospitality room. Judy Witman has volunteered to handle the registrations. The hospitality room will be stocked with snacks, soda and finger food for those hungry. A memorabilia table will be available for attendees to display their memory keepers and to review what others have displayed.

There will be a notice posted in the hospitality room for those interested in a nearby restaurant for the evening meal and it will be pay as you order.

Luther and Edna Jones not only will be hosting the reunion but along with Patty Green will be in charge of the hospitality room and available to help in your planning and schedules.

Day 2

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday morning

28 September

A continental style breakfast will be available in the hospitality room where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

We will depart the hotel at approximately 11:45 am or thereabouts and car pool 20 miles to the Santee Canal Park at Moncks Corner, SC. –

There will be handouts in the hospitality room on the Santee Canal Park for all to learn what's available there. In the interim use search engine bing.com and type in Santee Canal Park to learn what things the park has to offer.

The hi-lite of this visit will be a LOW COUNTRY BOIL meal that will take place from 1 to 4 pm at a designated spot in the park. The cost is zero as Ed & Annegell McCants who live in Moncks Corner will sponsor this meal, but there is a \$2 entrance fee at the park. After this outing – return to hospitality room.

Day 3

Tuesday, 29 September

A continental style breakfast will be available in the hospitality room where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

The HOSPITALITY ROOM will be open all day

There are no scheduled activities for 29 September. There are so many things to see and do in Charleston. Please do some homework and search on the internet what's available – and review the Ed McCants listing above.

Wednesday, 30 September

The activities for Wednesday will be posted in the hospitality room and will include times for each detachment to hold round table discussions about your time in Turkey.

The HOSPITALITY ROOM will be open all day

We will depart via car pool's at 10 am to tour the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley. This is a must see for anyone interested in marine history and Civil War history while in Charleston and is well worth the \$20 pp cost of admission. To get up-dated – use search engine Bing.com and type in H.L. Hunley.

THE REUNION GROUP PHOTO'S WILL BE PRIOR TO THE BANQUET

THE BANQUET WILL BE HELD NEAR THE HOSPITALITY ROOM AND WILL COST \$40 per person. It will be a plated menu with a choice of either chopped Sirloin Steak or Breast of Chicken Almondine

After the meal, a yet to be named emcee will take over as the emcee and will set the tone for the evening to ensure that everything runs smoothly and swiftly. This emcee is expected to rescue anyone from boredom and will keep the mood on an even keel by cracking jokes and or anecdotes while introducing several guest speakers who will be called upon to discuss their experiences and escapades while in Turkey.

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Cut and complete the below reunion charges and MAIL TO:

Elder Green, 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701

Make checks payable to Elder RC Green

YOUR NAME(s): _____

Registration Fee: \$15 per person: TOTAL: ____

Monday Hunley sub \$20 per person. TOTAL: ____

Wednesday nite BANQUET meal at \$40. Per person: TOTAL: ____

REUNION TOTAL: ____

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Reservations

AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine

DANDRIDGE, Bob & Jo

GREEN, Elder & Patty

JONES, Luther & Edna

LAZARRO, Tom

STEFFEN, Arnold & Janet

WENGER, Barry & Sharon

WINKLER, Winky & Bobbi

INFO ON THE BAHAMAS CRUISE

THE CRUISE WILL BE ON THE CARNAVAL SHIP FANTASY

NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.... NO ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TIME.

WE WILL CAR POOL TO THE DOCK FROM THE HOTEL

ALL YOU NEED IS A PASSPORT OR A ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE

THE ITINERY

START LOADING AT 11 AM ON 1 OCT & DEP AT 4 PM

AT SEA ON 2 OCT

ARRIVE FREPORT 8 AM ON 3 OCT DEP 5 PM

ARRIVE NASSAU ON 4 OCT AT 8 AM & DEP 5PM

AT SEA ON 5 OCT

ARRIVE AT CHARLESTON ON 6 OCT AT 8 AM

THE LOCKED-IN COST WILL BEGIN AT \$388.02 PER PERSON OR \$766.04 FOR AN INSIDE CABIN

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 1-800-377-9383 ext 408 AND TALK TO MICHAEL TAYLOR AND MENTION THAT YOU WILL BE WITH THE ELDER GREEN ASA TURKEY GROUP. HE HAS THE OTHER LOCKED IN CABIN RATES.

IF YOU CAN FIND A BETTER DEAL FOR THIS CRUISE – TAKE IT!!

The cruise dress code is Casual. During our cruise there will be one "Cruise Elegant" formal night, during which men generally wear suits, tuxes or -- at the very least -- ties and blazers. Most women opt for party dresses or pantsuits. No cutoffs, gym shorts, flip-flops or bathing suits are allowed in the dining room at any time. Jeans are fine, as long as they aren't ripped.

AT THE END OF THE CRUISE A \$60. PER PERSON FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR CREDIT CARD.

The following have signed

AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine

COMROE, Mike & Jane

FITTANTI, Tom

GREEN, Elder & Patty

LAZZARO, Tom

STEFFEN, Arnold & Janet

WINKLER, Winky & Bobbi

MAIL call

BROOKE, Dennis, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, Naperville, IL

BROWN. Terry L., RA18961528, 98J, E4-E6, Det 4, 67-68

COOK, Bill, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, AP63-OC64, Sherrills Ford, NC

DANDRIDGE, Bob, E2-E4, 72B, Det 27, 64-65, Wagener, SC

DRESCHER, Ken, Det 4, 70-71

EBY, Jerry, 993/989, SGT, Det 4, JA65-DE65, Kennewick, WA
GREENIP, Randy, E3-E4, 059, Det 27, JN63-OC64, Falls, PA
HARBER, Jim, E3-E5, 058, Det 27, 19MY62-27OC63, Lake Martin, AL
HETT, Byron, 058/059, Det 27, 62-63, Vancouver, WA
LONG, Lonnie
McCONNELL, Gene, PV2-SP3, 635 Det 4, 8MR56-MY57, Raleigh, NC
MITZNER, Dennis, 98J, Det 4, JN68-JL69, Oak Forest, IL
ROOSEVELT, Dick, E4, 204, Det 4, 58-59, Manchester, VT
SMITH, John, E4-E5, Det 4, 57-58, Honolulu, HI
STEFFEN, Arnold, E3-E4, 283, Det 4, JL58-JL59, Jackson, TN
WOLFF, Laroy, E3-E5, 98J, Det 4-2, 64-65, Franklin, TN

MAIL call in Alphabetical order

BROOKE, Dennis D., YOB: 1943, RA17608528, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, SE62-3MR64,
(Barbara), 1720 Fender Rd., Naperville, IL 60565, 630-983-7296, Vuu73@yayoo.com

I come from Muscatine Iowa, home of one of the biggest Heinz pickle packing plants.
That joke has been around for decades in our little town! Still love it!

BROWN. Terry L., RA18961528, 98J, E4-E6, Det 4, 67-68, gasguy80@hotmail.com

For Denny Kochan. Thanks so much for sending me the ASA DOOL 269!! Please
forward on to the ASA DOOL editor. I really would like to add a bit- but my memories
you have stimulated may require "installments". I am a little later- 1967-96, but served
with the ASA 4 years (1967-1971). (Ft. Ord (drafted then "joined")/Ft. Devens 98J, SA-
430(NSA Ft. Meade)/ Tuslog Det. 4/ Chitose--- then back to the NSA at Ft. Meade.
Terry L. Brown E-4/E-6, RA18961528. Thanks for the memories of the "Hill".

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Denise & Hank Burke

In DOOL 269 I erred and ID'd the above photo as Marian & Jack Hager

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Elder, A Jerry Eby who was at Det 4 contacted me and I told him that I would pass his email address along to you so that you could hook up. His email address is: basketball182@charter.com. Bill Cook

DANDRIDGE, Bob YOB: 1945, RA14834102, E2-E4, 72B, Det 27, 64-65, (Jo), 1030 Getaway Ln., Wagener, SC 29164, 803-649-9798, bobbyd5@att.net Ret CW3

Elder, Jo and I will be attending the reunion in September. Since we both were raised in Charleston area and since we live in Wagener, SC, approx 100+ or - miles from Charleston, we would be remiss not to attend. Also will be our first reunion attendance so will be nice to meet everyone. Bob Dandridge

DRESCHER, Ken, Det 4, 70-71, trolleyman@live.com

My name is Ken Drescher and I served at TUSLOG Det 4 in 1970-1971. Would appreciate it if you would include me on your mailing list

EBY, Jerry L., YOB: 1943 at Seattle, RA19761065, 993/989, SGT, Det 4, JA65-DE65, (Sheri), 1707 S. Penn St., Kennewick, WA 99338, 509-735-9224, basketball182@charter.net

Jerry Eby contacted Biker Bill Cook about getting the DOOL each month. I checked my records and could only find a May 2001 email to Bill Simons regarding his tour at Det 4. On 12 March 2015 I called Jerry Eby and had an enjoyable chat with him. Jerry said that he was close to being drafted and enlisted in February 1963 at Seattle, WA and took basic training at Fort Ord. It was at Ord that he found out that he would be assigned to the ASA and was sent to Fort Devens for MOS training. At Devens he and 23 others were sent to 058 training. He admits to reaching 12 wpm when the whole class was sent to F11-3 training and were awarded PMOS of 993. He was at Devens fm March to December 1963. Also in that 993 class were Jim Faust fm Virginia; Richard Scott fm Virginia or SC; John Shea fm Tacoma, WA and Dennis Anderson. They too also served at Det 4 in 1965.

Jerry's first assignment was to I Corps and the 321st ASA Bn at the smelly little town of Uijeongbu, Korea between Seoul and the DMZ. The 321st was replaced by Det A of the 508th USASA Group.

Also served with the 321st at Camp Alamo at a HILL called B-North. Total time in Korea was 13 months. In January 1965 was sent to Turkey for assignment at Det 4,

Sinop. Flew on a TLA to Samsun and to Sinop on a L-23. Was a hard stripe E5 Trick Chief. Remembers Lt Col Robert Lewis coming often to ops to learn what the 993's were doing. Of the 24 Devens grads 20 served at Det 4. Remembers John Owen from Det 4 and John's wife was from the Kinnewick area and he visited them when they visited. Jerry is a qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and while at Det 4 was sent TDY to Adana for 13 weeks during the summer. After discharge worked for the DOD at the Naval Shipyard for 36 years and later worked 12 years for the DOE at the Hanford, WA site which is a mostly decommissioned nuclear complex on the Colimbia River.

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(edited) gH - Well what a surprise.. I even forgot that I put my stuff in the DOOL. My wife, Carole, and I have moved back to Pa. since my retirement. Our mailing address is: PO Box 70 Falls Pa. 18615. Our physical address is: 112 Red Squirrel Lane Falls Pa. 18615. My home phone is 570-378-3530. We try to be on the road a lot camping, or at least as much as possible. Yes, I check the DOOL every month or at least try to. The only one I can remember from my class that went to Turkey was Ted Hammer. I don't know where he is or from. My Dad died while I was at Devens so I lost track of everyone since I was delayed heading overseas. We will be in N.C. in September, during the reunion, camping and was wondering if we could stop by while we are there if I get the chance. Charleston is a short hop from where we will be. I was room mates at Det27 with "Biker" Bill Cook. Great to hear from you.

HARBER, James A., E3-E5, RA, 058.30, Det 27, 19MY62-27OC63, (Helen), Lake Martin, AL, jimharber@juno.com

Hello Elder, Hope you & Patty are doing well. Helen & I are finally settling into our new home on Lake Martin Alabama, (we are about 50 miles into Bama down I-85 & about 110 miles from Peachtree City, Ga, near where we moved.) We are contemplating making the Charleston trip. Helen says that she has always wanted to visit Charleston and even wants to go on a cruise. Well, this may satisfy both of those desires in one trip! When is the 'drop dead' date for cruise & the locked in prices? Looking forward to hearing from you. Jim

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Thank you for the information regarding the 2015 reunion. Byron and I are traveling and when I saw your message I just sent the question about the dates. Sorry to cause any confusion. Byron does receive the newsletter. Arlene

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A young Jim Houghton on the HILL overlooking the town of Sinop in 1956

This is a long overlooked write-up on one of the early Motor Pool persons who did his part in the building of the Det 4 installation on the HILL called Sinop. The name of that veteran is Jim Houghton from Johnstown, PA.

In March 1956 Jim Houghton, Ernie Barndt, Gene McConnell, Leroy Leveling, Art Vetter, Jim McGrew and Bill Wolfenbarger were serving at ASA Hq's in Arlington, VA and each volunteered to go to Turkey. They all, except McGrew, worked in the Motor Pool at AHS. It was about this time that NSA and ASA discovered that SINOP was an excellent ELINT intercept location and the rush was on to get personnel to Sinop. AHS sought volunteers for assignment to Sinop, Turkey. The scuttlebutt among these seven was varied and besides no one at AHS knew anything about Turkey period. One of them found a map of Turkey and found out that Sinop was located in NW Turkey on the Black Sea and that the USSR was across the Black Sea. The news about that time was that the USSR was acting up and that Krushchev made the statement that the Soviet Union "will bury you", but they still volunteered.

All seven arrived together at Det 4 in early March 1956. Some rode to Sinop in a Turk bus while Jim and two others drove new GMC vehicles loaded with supplies from Ankara to Sinop. Needless to say – that was quite the trip as the maps were simply rough drafted on paper and they were not familiar with Turk customs or laws..

Jim was a skilled mechanic and the unit needed carpenters to erect buildings, etc. The Motor Pool officer, 2LT Jim Mulholland didn't want to lose him, but relented and Jim Houghton went to work for 2LT Robert Posner and played a key role in the construction of buildings on the HILL.

Jim and his wife are well known by ASA Turkey reunion attendees as they have attended 5 reunions.

Elder, you have been on my case for sometime now about writing about some of my experiences on "THE HILL" were - so here goes. I started my army experience at Camp Pickett, VA in February 1954 where I found out what the word ARMY was all about and that big Air Force Sergeant at the Pittsburgh recruiting station was not really telling me all the truth about what the ASA was all about. He left out the part about first there is basic training. When I got through that - they told me that I was to go to Fort Devens to learn radio repair. After 2 month of waiting for that school to open, I did enough prison chaser, guard duty and KP to last me a life time, they shipped me to Arlington Hall, VA. I worked with some real nice people there and made some friends that would last a lifetime Ernie Barndt and Gene McConnell. That is when the Turkey experience began.

There were three of us stationed at Arlington Hall, VA in late 1955 that just could not let well enough alone and we volunteered for the Turkey experience. In fact two of us extended a year just to have this experience. Ernie Barndt, myself and Gene McConnell, who I believe had some time left on his enlistment. To this day I cannot remember whose idea it was to do that, but we did. It was an experience that today I wouldn't exchange for anything. If I remember right we had some leave time that we could use before we left the states, so Gene came home with me and my Dad and mother took us to McGuire AFB in Trenton, NJ to get our MAC flight to Turkey by way of Newfoundland, Scotland, Libya, North Africa, and a great week in Athens, Greece, before we finally landed in Ankara, Turkey. I will never forget that when we landed and they put us on a bus to downtown Ankara, the capital of Turkey. the hotel, I was so thirsty I could hardly wait to get a drink of water. They had dinner waiting for us when we got there and we sat down to eat. I saw two big glasses of water right there in front of me and I just grabbed one and took a big gulp, when I realized that water was not in the glass. That was my first and last drink of Raki. We were some of the first to be assigned to the Det 4 at Sinop. If I remember right we were to deliver a convoy of trucks

filled with supplies to the HILL. The first day we made it to Samsun and then the second day we finally made it to the Hill called Sinop.



We were all assigned to the motor pool when we got to the HILL and yes we had what you might call special treatment as we had the good fortune of calling home - the large tent in the above photo. The above photo clearly shows what life was like for us when we arrived at Det 4. There is the pup tents, Gimp, the outhouse, the two deuce and a halves plus a jeep and us Motor Pool personnel in the background. Also overlooked until now is where we washed the mess trays in a 55 gallon drum after eating at the end of the large tent.

It wasn't long after that, that Lt. Posner was looking for some people with some carpenter electrical experience so I again volunteered and got a new Temp. MOS. I really enjoyed working with the construction of the first buildings including the Powerhouse, Operations buildings, the EM Clubhouse, and many other buildings that ended up mostly temporary. I remember some nights when we were watching a movie and the lights would go out and Mac and I would have to make the run to find where the electric line break was. The wire we were using was not the material that should have been on poles, but that was what we had. The good stuff was used for the operations systems and the rest of the post made due with what was available.



As I was reading some of the letters about the early days on the Hill it brought back memories that I thought were gone. One of them was receiving mail as depicted in the above photo's.

I remember when the Russian MIG's would fly so close that you could see the pilots smiling down at us - would really get me thinking.. One morning I went out to the transmitter on the point and there were Russian ships setting just off the coast on the Black Sea looking up at us. That also gave me a funny feeling. I believe that was when the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 was going on and we were a bit worried about what they were up to.

One of the first things we built was the operations buildings and the powerhouse. We started with three 100 KW diesel generators and a 60 KW and I understand that they didn't last too long before they were replaced.

I can still see the Turkish carpenters cutting the lumber by hand - where they would put a log up on a wood framework and one would stand on the ground and one on the framework, using a crosscut saw would saw the length of the log thus a board would come off the side of the log.

I still wonder where the logs came from as there were few trees in the Sinop area. But I remember Gene McConnell telling me about a ASA Motor Pool mechanic or driver named Manny Franks at Samsun being seriously hurt while hauling logs or lumber from the Samsun area to Sinop.

I dreaded making that trip to/from Samsun. It was a wonder that we got anything built. I remember hauling the sand for the concrete from the beach and one day someone dug up a human skull and tied it to the hood of the truck and drove through town with it dangling. When he got to the hill there were Turkish police right behind him. I believe he got a talking to by Major Green. I understand that there was a skull in a safe in one of the offices. I wonder if that was the same skull.

We were told that we were not to try to take pictures of the women or girls. Well, this is one that I took that almost got me in trouble. We were hauling sand one day when this young girl walked over the hill and I could not resist the temptation to take her picture. I showed her my camera and ask if I could take her picture and she just stood there, so I snapped the picture and just then her brothers believe they were, came over the hill and saw I was taking her picture and they were not happy, yelling and screaming at me. Needless to say I got out of there fast, but I got the picture and here it is.



The following 2 photo's are of my last days at Det 4. I cherish those days and do remember keeping a short-timers calendar counting down to my departure date.



A smile comes to my face when I view the above two photo's, especially the PEE stop shown above.

When we finished our tour on the Hill - Ernie and I were stationed back at Arlington Hall, VA and Gene McConnell went to Vint Hill Farms Station. Ernie and I were back together in the motor pool again. When we left Arlington the CG was MG Reichelderfer and when we returned to AHS the CG was MG James Phillips. I was driving trailer truck all over DC and enjoying an 8 to 5 job again. Most of our job was delivering supplies to the security stations around the DC area. Sometimes driving a bus to the Pentagon and picking up the Brass for a meeting somewhere in DC. That was good duty.

I was really lucky that I got to go home to the Johnstown, PA area almost every weekend and I would take a few girls that worked in DC and were from my home area, drop them at their home each weekend. One of those girls was Fran McCloskey from a little town a few miles from my home. I introduced her to Ernie Barndt and they ended

up getting married. Fran and Ernie are the two of the finest people I know and I love them dearly.



Jim and Sally Houghton

I just got word this week that Ernie passed away and he will be greatly missed by his family, all his friends in Eagle River Alaska and anyone who ever knew him.

We lived about as far away from each other as you can get, me in PA and Ernie in Alaska but our friendship is something that we held together over these many years.



One of the greatest friends I ever had, both Ernie and Fran.



Photo taken at the 2007 ASA Turkey reunion at the Beach Cove in North Myrtle Beach. That's Jim & Sally Houghton, Fran & Ernie Barndt and Gene McConnell in back

Thanks Elder for all the work you have put into the DOOL. Sally and I really enjoyed the reunions and are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

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Elder, I received your phone call, and I'm going to send you many pictures of Turkey as I can find. I will send them to the address you gave me on the phone as soon as I get them together. I'd like to find out if Buck Goss has an email address if you have it. Thank you, Jim Julius. [I still have not received them]

Jim wrote in 2003 that he remembers the skinny runt of a sergeant named Jack Dunlap who was at Det 4 during his tour on the hill – 56-57. Later in 1963 he was scanning the pages of a Argosy magazine and came across a full page photo of a spy. He immediately recognized the person as the skinny runt from Det 4 as Sgt Jack Dunlap.

LONG, Lonnie, Lonnie.m.long@gmail.com

Elder, thank you for the kind words about our book, “UNLIKELY WARRIORS”. As you know, I never served in Turkey but enjoy getting your newsletter. I served in Taiwan and Vietnam. My son and his wife live in Charleston so I would be interested in visiting during your reunion. I would love to meet the guys. If that is OK can you send me some details on the reunion? I can do as little or as much as would be appropriate. I can give a brief talk about the development of the book or I can do a Powerpoint presentation on the history of ASA in Vietnam that Gary Blackburn and I developed. We recently gave the presentation at

Fort Huachuca to the Army Intelligence Center. As a result of that presentation we have been invited to do it at INSCOM Headquarters in June. I do not want to impose in any way. I have the time marked on the calendar. I look forward to meeting the guys.

Thanks Lonnie M. Long



LONNIE M. LONG was born in North Carolina and served with the Army Security Agency from August 1962 to November 1965. After completing ASA training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, Lonnie served with the 76th Special Operations Unit, Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan. In 1964, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and began a fifteen-month tour with the 3rd Radio Research Unit, Aviation Section, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon.

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As mentioned in the preamble of this DOOL – Gene McConnell was one of the seven who arrived at Det 4 in March 1956. In Gene's case he rode from Ankara to Samsun on a crowded Turk bus.

Gene enlisted in the Army in 1955 at Raleigh, NC. While in the recruiter's office he was talked into joining the Army Security Agency which he did. He was sent to Camp Gordon in Augusta, GA for basic training. It was during this time that Camp Gordon was renamed Fort Gordon. After basic was sent to a depot in the Atlanta, GA area where he received MOS 635 which was a wheeled vehicle mechanic specialty. After this was sent to Arlington Hall for duty in the ASA's Motor Pool. At the AHS's Motor Pool he became lifelong friends with Ernie Barndt and Jim Houghton where their duties were to qualify and maintain all types of vehicles and to chauffeur the ASA CG, MG Reichelderfer and authorized Hq's personnel to/from points in the DC area.

At this point I wander away and ask how many ex-ASAers remember MG Harry G. ReichELDERfer (1896-1973, 77y) who served from JA53 to JN56 as the 9th ASA CG or for that matter the ASA CG's other than MG Charles J. Denholm who served from SE65 to FE73 and was the 18th ASA CG. In Jim Houghton's BIO he mentioned MG Reichelderfer as being the ASA CG in 1956 and when he returned to AHS MG James H. Phillips was the CG. A lot of old-timers should remember those names.

Gene remembers the time in April 1956 when Manny Franks was seriously injured while driving a deuce and a half - loaded with lumber from Samsun for Det 4 and the brakes failed on a steep hill next to the waves of the Black Sea. The accident caused Manny to lose sight in his left eye and that was because there was NO qualified medical personnel at Sinop or Samsun and because of fog no airplane could land until two days later when a US Navy seaplane from Tripoli alit in the Sinop harbor and he was evacuated. Word was later received that Manny lost his left eye and received a medical discharge over that accident.



The above photo brings back a lot of old memories relating to his early weeks on the HILL. He talked about the big tent that was the home for the mechanics for a month or so. He, laughing talked about the 1-holer outhouse in the above photo and remembers the time that one the mechanics after doing a #2 tossed a rag that was soaked with diesel fuel into the hole and later someone while sitting on the hole lit a cigarette and threw the match into the hole and BOOM he was shattered with the hole contents. He can't remember the victim's name and wonders if anyone remembers that hilarious incident. A new 4-holler was built.

Gene remembers the many individual trips to/from Ankara and has many memories of incidents with the Turks.



Above is Gene McConnell's departure from Det 4 for the cramped bus ride to Ankara

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Elder: Terry Brown is one of six Army buddies/friends that went through 98J/AIT at Ft. Devens, SA430 at Ft. Meade/NSA and then on the Det. 4 at Sinop, Turkey. After that, five of us went to Chitose, Japan and the other guy, Owen Mir went I think to Asmara, Ethiopia. We've remained in contact, except for Owen, throughout the last 44 years, although several of our comrades have started going to heaven. RIP.

Elder, I hope you are well. God bless. Dennis Mitzner

PARISIAN, Rick, (Frenchie), YOB: 1948, RA68020739, E4-E5, 05K, Det 4-4, MR69-JN70 4918 Hughes Rd., Lansing, MI 48910, 707-888-0863, trekker715@aol.com

I finally was able to contact Rick Parisian after seeing his Facebook entries and then calling Greg Kearney for his phone number. I called Rick on 13 March 2015. The first thing that interested me was his RA number. I asked if he had been in the Reserves or the National Guard. The reply was no. I told him that since he had enlisted in Michigan it should have been RA166. He admits to never have given the RA number a second thought. Finally the mystery was solved when he told me that he had been drafted and decided to enlist – thus they just took away the US and replaced it with RA. He was talked into enlisting for the ASA by friends who had served in the ASA and they even told him to insist that he be trained as a 05K. That stipulation was added and he was off to Fort Leonard Wood for basic. It was during basic that he was given the nickname of Frenchie and it has stuck with him all these years. Next he was sent to Devens for AIT. During in-processing opted to join the Continental Army Company which he thinks was Co D. He enjoyed the role he played as the Command Sergeant Major and participated in many on-post and off-post events. While this was taking place he had been placed in ditty-bop training over his objection. He went to the IG demanding that his enlistment contract be honored. But by this time he had become proficient in code and was sent to non-morse school and was awarded PMOS of 05K.

The 05K training was for a specialized assignment in Germany but when he got to Frankfurt in January 1969 - that assignment was cancelled and he was kept in limbo and assigned as a Company Clerk at Kennedy Kaserne where he was promoted to SP4.

He volunteered for assignment to Det 4-4 at Karamursel. He thoroughly enjoyed his 05K rotating trick job and time at KAS. He remembers the many trips via the Fast

Ferry to Istanbul, the Dolmus ride to Yalova, and the 34 mile to Bursa and the 8 mile ride to the hot spring resort at Termal. In Istanbul was amused by the number and charm of the Russian prostitutes. He simply loved Goat's Milk and Goat Milk Cheese and made a bee line to order it in the shops. He says that he never got the trots from the goat' milk.

Some of the friends that he remembers are: Bill Bender, Dave Smith, Greg Kearney, Bob Stewart, Randy Strickland, Sam Crute, Bob Christianson, Chuck Thomas, Sid Gilman, Phil Taggart, Maj Cima, Sgt Paul Germain, Rod Isler and the First Sergeant Stanley R. Owen who he later met at Fort Riley.

When departing Turkey he had orders for assignment to Chitose, Japan. While on leave at his parents home in Lansing, MI a Army staff car arrived and two GI's informed him that his assignment to Japan was cancelled and he was to report to Two Rock Ranch.

Shortly after arriving at 2-Rock his parents home in Lansing burned and therein was the medium size crate that he had packed and shipped from KAS. In the crate were clothes and personnel items that he cherished. While in the 2-Rock area he met and married a gal named Liz in the post chapel. This marriage resulted in a amiable divorce and a son named Jon.





Above is Greg Kearney and Rick Parisian along the Colorado River in Parker, AZ



Hey Elder, sorry I missed your call. I'm down here in the Arizona desert and we are having a bit of a wind storm so I was outside chasing down chairs and coolers. Anything I can do to help you let me know, I so enjoy reading your publications. Phone service out here is a little sketchy but always get my email , (eventually lol) Take care Hope to hear from you soon Rick "Frenchie" Parisian

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Dick was the 3rd person from Det 4 to fly with the Navy P2V Elint program at Incirlik Air Base in Adana. More later

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As mentioned at the begin of this DOOL the following is a brief write-up on the memory of the FIRST GI from Det 4 to be assigned to the US NAVY P2V ELINT Collection program at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. Adana Air Base had just been renamed Incirlik Air Base in February 1958.

First a little background info on John Virgil Smith.

John Smith enlisted on 27 July 1955 and took basic at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. It was at Chaffee that he found out he would be assigned to the ASA and he received orders for Fort Devens after basic. He arrived to Devens for processing which took several weeks. During that processing he took the language test and promptly received orders for Monterey, CA. where he was enrolled to learn Vietnamese.

He completed the course and was awarded PMOS of 965 that equated to Vietnamese translator. In comparison the MOS for Russian was 988 at that time sent to NSA Hqs at Arlington Hall Station in VA. John described it as a old girl school. Spent 2 and one half years there. He complained and that he a choice of going to an Aleutian Island in Alaska or to Sinop, Turkey.

He informed that he was a friend of Jim Baker at Sinop and was one of the three Vietnamese translators he mentioned in DOOL #173 of his BIO. While at AHS a secondary MOS of 058 was added to his 201 file because he could copy 15 wpm. He, Robert Fox and the other U/I 965 arrived at Det 4 on 8 June or July 1957 and no one knew what to do with them. Jim Baker in DOOL #173 wrote that all 3 were given OJT and cross-trained to work as analysts and all 3 turned out to be exceptional good workers, becoming highly productive in a short time. He from time to time worked as a 058. During that time he remembers a SFC named Van Pelt who could copy code with one headset tuned to a frequency and held to one ear and the other headset tuned to a frequency and held to his other ear – and could copy what was being sent.

Of interest and without my probing he mentioned that he knew and worked for SFC Jack Dunlap on the construction crew. Dunlap once told him to wear a white T-shirt instead of a blue T-shirt when wearing fatigues. Another time he remembers being in Ankara with a Motor Pool convoy and during that trip was in a Turk nightclub and observed Dunlap with a foxy female who introduced her to him. Her name was something like Tishik Light. Dunlap was known to travel to the Samsun karahani frequently.

During this chat about Jack Dunlap he told me that he once had a photo of Dunlap in his album and after Dunlap was caught as a spy - he destroyed that photo. Later around 1964 he was interviewed for a job with the CIA and was feeling quite comfortable with his answers until he was asked if he knew Jack Dunlap. He told the interviewer all that he could remember about Jack Dunlap.

John then related that in September 1957 he rode with a GI from the Motor Pool whose name was Ben, possibly Martin, to Samsun on a laundry run or something like that. Later that night they went to the Karahana and as they walked into the compound, most of the prostitutes started yelling Ben Ben, Hey Ben, as they hung out of the building windows. Ben picked one and John said that he too selected one to spend the night with, but after an hour or so felt guilty, paid her and left for the AF transient quarters.

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2006 reunion

Congratulations to Patty and you on your 55th anniversary. We will have 54 years in June 2015. Just wanted to let you know, Janet and I booked our room for the Charleston reunion. We also booked passage for the cruise for Janet and myself plus my granddaughter, her husband and my great granddaughter who will fly into Charleston on 30 September to join us and go on the cruise to the Bahamas. Arnold Steffen...

WOLFF, Laroy, E3-E5, 98J, Det 4-2, 64-65, (Jan), 110 Collinwood Pl., Franklin, TN 37069, 615-306-0250, laroywolff@comcast.net

Laroy Wolff asked Does anybody remember or know anything about Bob McGirt? He was from Georgia and served at Sinop '63 - '64 and Adana '64 - '65. He and I enlisted in Atlanta together in December '62. I would love to know how to get in touch with him. Our serial numbers were just two digits apart.

THAT'S ALL

