

# DAY'S OF OUR LIVES #291

## PRESERVING FORGOTTEN TURKEY MEMORIES

Your memoirs are most welcome to the ASA Turkey DAY'S OF OUR LIVES and is an effort on my part to preserve the stories and memories of Army Security Agency veterans who served in Turkey during the cold war. My goal is to collect and to preserve the stories -- Someday someone, perhaps our grandkids or great grandkids or genealogy buffs will want to know what we did in our early lifetime. Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. Most of us live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect! One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on,"



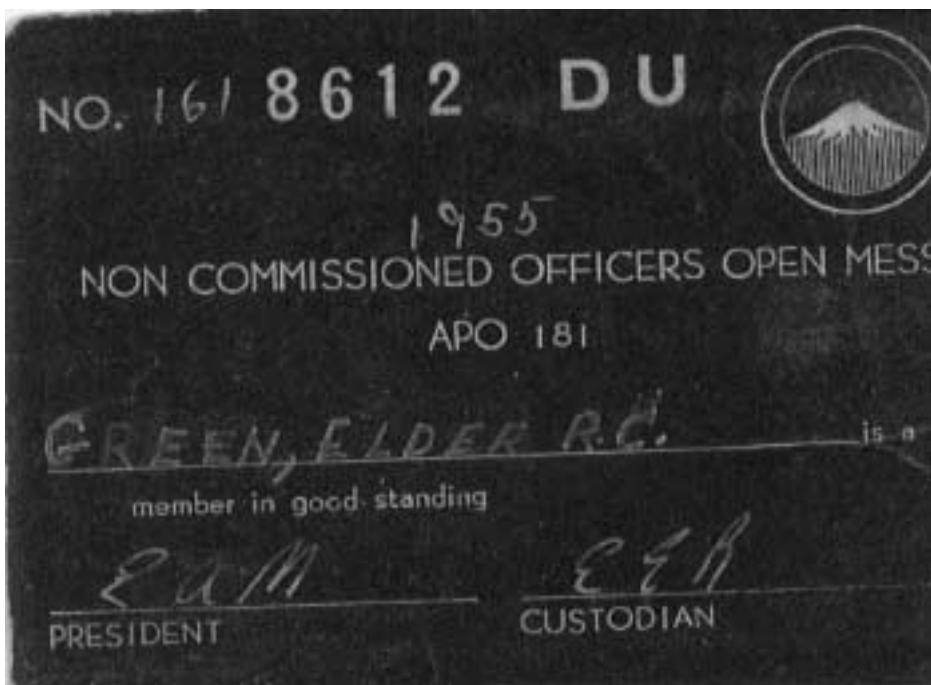
Elder RC Green, 1SG Co A, Field Station, Berlin

GREEN, Elder RC (gH), YOB: 1936, RA13513638, E8, 982/98C/98Z, 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](mailto:asagreenhornet@comcast.net) 1SG E8 USA(Ret)

### IN SICK BAY

Patty Green and Tom Lazzara

See the MAIL call entries for the details



Tentative plans for the 2018 ASA TURKEY reunion is for a cruise after the regular reunion. The departure port will be either Baltimore, Charleston, Jacksonville and a few other ports in Florida. Luther Jones, Mike Comroe and gH will be trying to sort out the details. For example – if Baltimore is selected we will have the reunion at the Holiday Inn in Gathersburg, MD and a short drive to the Baltimore port for a cruise to the Caribbean areas. Please send your suggestions to me at [asagreenhornet@comcast.net](mailto:asagreenhornet@comcast.net) and stay tuned to future DOOL's for up-dates- - -gH

## TAPS

There is no deed more honorable than to have been  
a  
VETERAN



EPPERSON, Dimpster E. passed away in 1999. He was the first Commander of Det 27 when it opened in early 1960 and was known as Manzarala Station. His wife Helen Davidson Epperson passed away on 10 November 2008. They were married in 1940 and traveled together around the world while he served in the US Army and the Army Security Agency. I'm quite sure that those who served at Det 27 in 1960-62 will remember the EPPERSON name.

EWING, JESSE C SFC RA38722129 Det 4, 66-67, 248 Great Rd., Shirley, MA 01464  
Hi Howard Camp,

Jesse Ewing passed on January 31. He was in Life Care of Littleton, MA. His funeral will be at New Hope in Fitchburg, MA on Feb 12. Debra is getting the Obit written now. She is flying in on Feb 8th. The Obituary will be on-line at Anderson Funeral Home in Ayer when she submits it. I am sure Patricia knows this & you prob know all this from Ray. Take care. Give Lucille our regards.

Mildred

Retired Sergeant Major Jesse C. Ewing

Retired Sergeant Major Jesse C. Ewing, 90, , died 31 January 2017 , at Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley Nursing Home, Littleton.



Jesse C. Ewing

SGM E-9 Ewing was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 6 June 1926, the only child of Willie and Janie (Cleveland) Ewing and was raised in Elaine, Arkansas. He resided in the Fort Devens/Ayer/Shirley area for over 45 years. He graduated from high school in Helena, Arkansas, and attended college working towards his dream of becoming a physician. In 1945 he was drafted into the US Army, was discharged in 1946, and reentered and served for a total of 30 years retiring in 1979. He served in World War II in Europe, Fort Huachuca, AZ, in Asmara, Ethiopia, and briefly in the Vietnam War in various positions including quartermaster, tanker, and serving with the Army Security Agency in communications and electronics. In 1979, he continued his career with Civil Service as an Electronics Training Instructor. He retired from Civil Service in 1993 after 14 years of

service. He served his country for a total of 44 years. SGM Ewing was tough, but fair when spoken of by his former soldiers and students.

In 1947 he married Myrtis (Bell) Ewing and they had three sons and one daughter. Jesse had one daughter prior to this marriage who was raised in Arkansas. He and his wife, Myrtis, enjoyed bowling and traveling across the country as he competed in league competitions. Along the way they would stop to visit family and friends. Jesse made the monies for these trips by recycling cans and bottles he picked up while walking along Shirley and Ayer roads for many years in his pith/safari helmet.

He is survived by two sons, Jessie C. Ewing (Sandy) of Randallstown, MD, Kevin R. Ewing of Boxborough, MA; a daughter, Debra L. Ewing-Lonczak (John) of Dupont WA. He leaves behind eight grandchildren, Lenora Habersham and Jessehna C. Ewing, of Baltimore, MD, Jessie C. Ewing III (Sabrina) of Denmark, Janice Johnson-Child (Jerome) of Fairfield Ca, Lorrie Johnson, Jessie Johnson and Leroy Johnson all of Sacramento Ca. He also leaves behind 19 great grandchildren, 31 great great grandchildren, and a niece Ozie Mae Washington of North Chicago, IL. He leaves behind numerous other relatives and friends. He is predeceased by his wife, Myrtis, of 62 years, a daughter, Juanita Ewing, son, Willie J. Ewing, grandson, Charles Johnson, and a great great grandson. He was a member of the New Patriot Christian Congregation in Fitchburg.

Jesse was one of the 38 who attended the FIRST ASA Turkey reunion at Fort Devens in 2001. He kept a low profile as he knew no one and left before the group photo was taken and he never submitted a BIO.

RANDGAARD, John G., DOB: 11JA1930, DOD: 16JA2016, 86y, RA57507735, E5-E6, 722, Det 4, AP62-AP63, 3933 E AZ Hwy 260., Star Valley, AZ 85541, 928-474-5403, jrandgaard@cybertrails.com, CW2, Ret

The following is John Randgaard's short obituary: John Gerald Randgaard of Payson, AZ passed away Jan. 16, 2016 in Mesa, AZ. He was 86. John was born Jan. 11, 1930 in Montevideo, MN. Mr. Randgaard was retired from the U.S. Army where he had served in Vietnam. He will be placed in the National Memorial Cemetery of AZ in Phoenix.

The following is what I found in my DOOL files for CW2, Ret, John G. RandgaardL

141: Elder: The US Army Intelligence Museum at Fort Huachuca has set up a section that tells the story of the ARMY SECURITY AGENCY and the curator, Ms. Kate Schmidli is looking for any and all information about the ASA. Where they served and when. Unit orders, pictures etc., are all of interest to the museum and since you have the most contact with ASA Turkey veterans please include this information in your DAYS OF OUR LIVES newsletter.

The mailing address for the U.S. Army Intelligence Museum is:

ATTN: ATZS-PAM (24), Army Intelligence Museum, 340 S. Grierson St., Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7027. E-mail is: schmidlik@hua.army.mil

My second enlistment beginning in 1950 was with ASA. I served about 11 and a half years with ASA, one being on the HILL at SINOP and denominated Det 4. I traded back and forth between ASA and other organizations until my retirement in 1971. I have sent a lot of my material concerning ASA to the museum. ASA lives... All the Best, s/John G. Randgaard

#### 142 –3AP2004: Elder – Here is my BIO

I am a native of Montevideo, MN. In 1947 I joined the Minnesota National Guard as a 17 year old and took basic training and AIT therein and was classified as a Light Weapons Infantryman. In 1948 enlisted in the Regular Army and was sent to Fort Lewis, WA and served with the 23rd Inf Regt of the 2nd Infantry Division.



23<sup>rd</sup> Inf Regt Crest



2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Div Patch

Served there until 20 September 1949 when I was released from active duty and transferred to the Reserve Corps in Minnesota. The Korean War broke out on 25 June 1950 and on 9 September 1950 I reenlisted in the US Army and anticipated going back into the Infantry.

While processing in Minneapolis I was taken aside by a Master Sergeant and told of a great deal awaiting me in service with a unit called Army Security Agency. I waived service in the Infantry and signed with the ASA. Was sent to Vint Hill Farms for a week of ASA processing and then sent to Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania where the ASA trained the majority of its recruits.

They somehow determined that I would make a dit and dah collector, but that was not to be or to my liking and I washed out of 1717 (later 058) training. It was about this time, winter/Spring 1950/1951 that the ASA Schools moved from Carlisle to Fort

Devens in Massachusetts. I was transferred to Two Rock Ranch Station which was located just west of Petaluma, CA. My first duties there were with Special Services for a brief period and then was moved to the Post Training Section.

The 177th, like the 330th before it, was the primary location for morse code intercept operations in Korea.

There were lots of 058s (05Hs) working there. The unit also did direction finding, with 056 operators, both there and at some remote locations. They also had a CRITICOM center. These remained the main missions of 177th Co throughout the 1957-1967 period of the 508th era. ALL THE BEST TO YOU

**2001  
REUNION COMMITTEE  
Fort Devens MA**

- Chairman.....Elder RC GREEN, PA (The Green Hornet -- gH)
- Member.....Clark L. BRYAN, NY (Mixie)
- Member.....Gary DUNNAM, TX (The Duck)
- Member.....Ronnie L. DEESE, FL
- Badges.....James A. HARBER, GA

**2001 REUNION ROSTER**

HAD NOT THE DISASTER OF 11SE01 NOT HAPPENED

**PRESENT (38)**

Bill & Dawn Bender, Chalfont, PA., Det 4-4 05K  
 Bill Blassey, Severn, MD., Det 27 98C  
 Tom Cavanaugh, Holyoke, MA., Det 4-4 98C  
 Gene & Phyllis Cram, FL., Det 27 98C  
 John W. & Betty Jean Cruddas, RI., Det 27 05H  
 Roy Des Ruisseaux, PA., Det 27 MP  
 Walt & Beverly Dubicki, KY., Det 27 05H  
 Jessie C. Ewing, MA., Det 4 (Simp) 24B  
 Ed Gerow, NH., Det 66 272/273  
 Elder RC & Patty Green, PA., Det 27 & 4-4 98C  
 Bruce Haman, MA., Det 27 05H  
 Jim & Becky Harber, GA., Det 27 05H  
 Jim & Susan Herring, IN., Det 27 05H  
 Phil & Bonnie Kelly, CA., Det 27 71B  
 George & Dobby Kinser, VA., Det 4 & 4-4 05K  
 Thom Leonard, FL., Det 27 72B  
 Bette Lewis, MA., Det 27  
 Jim & Linda Moore, VA., Det 4-4 9820  
 Rob & Loraine Naamans, NJ., Det 27 05H  
 Vergil & Lois Rearick, MA., Det 27 05H  
 Don Salcito, CA., Det 27 05H  
 Stuart Smith, VA., Det 27 05K  
 Ted & Susan Willingham, MA., Det 27 33C

**ABSENT BECAUSE OF 9/11 DISASTER (27)**

Gary Anderson, VA., Det 27 05H  
 Chuck & Helen Bergmann, OH., Det 27 05H  
 Kevin & Silvia Camson, NY., Det 27 98C  
 Allan Chernak, MN., Det 27 MP  
 Ronnie & Mary Deese, FL., Det 27 & 4-4 98C  
 Steve J. Delac, CO., Det 27 98C  
 Mike Fisher, CA., Det 27 & 4-4 98C  
 Sid Gilman, MA., Det 27 & 4-4 98G  
 Clay Lifto, IA., Det 27 & 4-4 98C  
 Chuck Martin, GA., Det 4-4 05H  
 Ted B. Midlaun, CA., Det 27 05H  
 Marshall Hastings, MA., Det 4-4  
 Bob Montelith, OH., Det 27 98C  
 Hank Neill, VA., Det 27 72B  
 Dan Page, ME., Det 4-4 05H  
 Elliot E. Potter, ME., Det 27 05H  
 Larry & Karen Rickard, VA., Det 4-4 98C  
 Dan & Marjorie Schoppe, TX., Det 27 34G  
 Gil Sigala, CA., Det 27 & 4-4 05H  
 Gary Stolt, TX., Det 27 98C  
 Randy & Kathy Strickland, MD., Det 4-4 05K



THE FIRST ASA TURKEY REUNION WAS HELD AT FORT DEVENS IN SEPTEMBER 2001

FIRST ROW: L-R: Walt Dubicki, Phil Kelly, Vergil Rearick, Don Salcito, Jim Herring & Ted Willingham  
 BACK ROW: 1-R: Bruce Naman, Bob Neppass, Roy DeRuisseaux, Elder RC Green, Stuart Smith, Bill Blassey,  
 Gene Cram, John Cruddas and Jim Harber — ALL FORMER DET 27'ERS



THE FIRST ASA TURKEY REUNION AT FORT DEVENS IN SEPTEMBER 2001

L-R: Jim Moore, Elder RC Green & Bill Bender

ALL FORMER DET 4-4'ERS



WOLFF, Walter F., YOBL 1930, 04051131. CPT AIS S-4 Det 27, NO62-JN66, (Ethel),  
 3120 Naamans Rd Wilmington, DE, Ret Maj

Walter F. Wolff, 78 of Wilmington, DE and formerly of Boothwyn, PA died at the Wilmington Hospital on 14 January 2009.

Mr. Wolff was a graduate from Cretin High School, St. Paul, MN in 1948 and the Univ of Maryland in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948 attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. He took commission as Second Lieutenant in 1961 and retired at the rank of Major after 22 years in 1970. He received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Commendation Medal during service in Vietnam. He was also awarded 4 Army Good Conduct Medals while enlisted.

As a civilian, he was plant/operations manager at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Aston, PA retiring in 1992 and school bus driver for Garnet Valley Schools retiring in 2001.

Mr. Wolff was a member of the American Legion and the Arden Singers.

In DOOL 176 Maj Wolff wrote the following interesting story: While living in Ankara, Turkey, and stationed at Det 27 in the mid-'60's, had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a British couple. The husband, Harold, was a retired police investigator from London, who was then employed as the chief of security at the British Embassy in Ankara. Harold said that being an investigator or detective was somewhat unusual for someone of his background. As he explained, he was from the lower classes and had only a limited formal education and, of a class, that put him at a distinct disadvantage when taking written tests and oral interviews when aspiring for promotion; but, he did aspire to be an investigator, by self study and trying to do the best he could and kept trying. In the late 1950's then still a Bobby (London Officer), he related that he was on a walking patrol on Downing Street, when he saw a large black sedan, speeding the wrong way on a one way street. He stood in the intersection, raised his hand while blowing his whistle, bringing the car to a screeching stop. He said he pulled out his summons book and began writing as he approached the car. When he arrived at the car he started to speak to the driver, but the back window opened and Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, stuck his head out and said, "I say officer, have we been naughty?" Harold said he explained to the PM what the problem was and, as he started to put the summons book away and went to wave the car through, Sir Anthony asked for the summons sheet saying that he would take care of the matter personally. Less than a month later he was called into the Superintendant's office and told he had been promoted to investigator and would begin wearing civilian clothing thereafter. When asked how this could happen without taking a written or oral competitive test required by regulation, Harold said he tried to explain about the above incident. However, no one seemed to believe his story.

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## THE 2017 ASA TURKEY REUNION NEWS

WHERE: Greystone Lodge on the River, 559 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN

WHEN: 10-14 September 2017

MARK YOUR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR NOW

COST: \$95. + Tax = \$107.11 per night

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

CALL: 1-800-430-4471 or 865-436-5621

Be sure to mention that you're with the "ASA / Turkey Reunion Group

The reserved rooms & parking will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> floor

The HOSPITALITY room will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor

HANDICAP ROOM'S ARE AVAILABLE

Also if you have questions about the Gatlinburg reunion – contact Dean Lapp ([lappda@hotmail.com](mailto:lappda@hotmail.com)) or Chuck Bergmann ([candhbergmann@gmail.com](mailto:candhbergmann@gmail.com)) for the answers and please add me ([asagreenhornet@comcast.net](mailto:asagreenhornet@comcast.net)) to those e-mails.

A continental breakfast will be available at the hotel every morning

Monday (11 September 2017)

Departing Hotel via car pool at 10 am for trip to "Cherokee, NC".

Lunch at a Cherokee Restaurant Or a box lunch at picnic area Visit Cherokee Indian Casino Return to hotel by 5 PM if going to Bennett's BBQ for dinner Group Dinner at "Bennett's BBQ Seating is 6:00 P.M. Cost is \$ 23.00

9:00 P.M. Meeting & Refreshments in the Hospitality Room

Discuss the possible cruise and location's for the 2018 Reunion

Discuss additional thoughts & problems Then set back and socialize with your old friends

Visit on your own Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge Area

Tuesday Day (12 September 2017)

Nothing sked - You're on your own –

SOME things to See & Do:

8 Mile Arts & Crafts Community\*\*

Sky lift Ride\*\*

Space Needle Visit\*\*

Ripley's Aquarium \*\*\*\*

Ripley's Believe it or Not\*

Return to the Hotel by 3 pm if you are are planning to attend "The Dixie Stampede".

Tuesday Night ( 12th ) Group Dinner Theatre

There is a dinner theatre group planned at the " Dixie Stampede" in Pigeon Forge at 4:30 P.M. The cost will be \$48 dollars per person. Those attending will depart the hotel at 3:45 pm via car pools to the theatre.

WEDNESDAY (13 September 2017)

Leaving hotel via cap pools at 10 AM for trip to "Cades Cove"

Stop at: Cable Mill , Cades Cove Visitor Center, Box lunch in picnic area (pick up box lunch in hospitality room before you leave for \$12)

Returning to hotel by 4:30 PM for group photo before banquet.

GROUP PHOTO will be taken at 5:15 pm in the Hospitality room or out front by the Hotel' sign

Banquet: The banquet will be held in the Hospitality Room on the 5th floor at 6 pm

The following is the first proposal of our dinner: -

Salad bar with fresh bread and butter –

Braised roast beef with burgundy sauce -

Chicken Florentine with wilted spinach -

Real mashed potatoes -

Baked pimento mac and cheese -

Steamed broccoli and carrots -

1 Chocolate and 1 White cake (in shape of ASA Crest/Logo) -

Tea, coffee, soda and water -

The cost of the meal will be \$ 30.00

THURSDAY (14 September 2017)

This is your day! Pick your friends or groups and visit the surrounding area:

The Arts & Craft Community ( 8mi. Loop Rd. ) over 75 Venders and stores

Sugarland Cellars Winery

Moonshine Distilleries

Downtown Gatlinburg shops & attractions

Back to the Mountains

And many more area sites to visit

The Last Day of the 2017 Reunion IF ENOUGH FOLKS ARE INTERESTED THERE IS

A: Proposed Group Dinner at the "Best Italian Restaurant" on Thursday Evening at 6

pm. The cost is \$23.00.

Friday (15th) : Pack up & load your car Check out by 11:00 A.M. Say goodbye & Head for Wherever

Finally! Please complete the following form ASAP and return it to Dean Lapp, 3629  
Trails End Dr., Medina, OH 44256

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ASA / Turkey 2017 Reunion Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Landline # \_\_\_\_\_

( Yes ) ( No ) , I am planning on attending this year's reunion. (Circle your answer)

I ( have made ) ( will be making ) my reservation at the Greystone Lodge.

I ( have enclosed my check ) ( will be sending my check at a later time ) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

( I ) ( We ) will arrive on September \_\_\_\_\_ , 2017 at approximately \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid Expenses Per Person Times # Individuals = Total

Registration Fee \$ 20.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner at Bennett's BBQ \$ 23.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dixie Stampede Theatre \$ 48.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \$30.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Italian dinner pending (approx) \$23.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* Important Info Required Our party will require the following number of items per day.

Beer (cans) \_\_\_\_\_ Wine (glasses) \_\_\_\_\_ Pop / Soft Drinks (cans) \_\_\_\_\_ Water (Bottle) \_\_\_\_\_ Donuts  
or sweet cake items \_\_\_\_\_ Box Lunches – Mon &/or Wed \_\_\_\_\_

Please write additional thoughts, ideas or requirements on the back of this form.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL TO: Dean A. Lapp 3629 Trails End Dr. Medina, OH 44256

lappda@hotmail.com 330-289-1689 NOTES: Registration Dead Line for ALL shows and dinners is August 10, 2017 TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return them to us ASAP or sooner. Either via mail or e-mail B Hospitality Room: (Proposal) - Homemade chips

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Ausbrooks, Cecil & Elaine, SP5, 059 Det 4, SE64-SE65, 8552 Doveton Cir, Vienna, VA 22182, 702-356-7247, cell 603-963-4360, [ausb@verizon.net](mailto:ausb@verizon.net) (553)

Bender, William 230325 Reserved QQE 1 (459)

Bergmann, Chuck & Helen, SP5, 058 Det 27, 66-67, Foote Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140 216-701-1477,  
[candhbergmann@gmail.com](mailto:candhbergmann@gmail.com) (362) 9-15

Cox, Jim & Vicki, Sgt, MP, Det 4, MR66-FE67, P.O. Box 2424, Gadsden, AL 35903, 256-492-4749,  
[jcoxmsg0047@comcast.net](mailto:jcoxmsg0047@comcast.net) (361)

Jones, Luther & Edna, SP4, 058, Det 27, 62-63, 307 Magnolia Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28468, cell 910-228-3995, [edmac@atmc.net](mailto:edmac@atmc.net) (267) 11-15

Lapp, Dean & Debbie, SP4, MP, Det 4, 65-66, 3629 Trails End Dr., Medina, OH 44256, cell, 330-289-1689 (363) 9-15

Lazzara, Tom, SP4, 058, Det 27, 63-67, 556 Central St., Leominster, MA 01463 978-534-7051,  
[tommylezzara@msn.com](mailto:tommylezzara@msn.com) (358) 9-16

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Pitts, Jim 230323 Reserved QQE 1 451 09/10/2017 5 09/15/2017 GP 06/22/2016 1 0

Rotzal, Henry 230300 Reserved QQE 1 558 09/10/2017 5 09/15/2017 GP 06/22/2016 2 0

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## MAIL call

BENDER, Bill, SP4, 05K, Det 4-4, JA70-JL71, Ocala, FL

CRIDLEBAUGH, Lloyd, SP5 058, Det 27, AP63-OC64, Kansas City, MO

ERICKSON, Ron, SP4, 059, Det 27, MY61-DE62, Independence, MO

ERKKILA, John, SP5, 059, Det 4, JL62 JN63, Goodyear, AZ

KISSINGER, Darryl, SP5, 98C, Det 27 & 4-4, 67-70, Bernville, PA

LAZZARA, Tom, E3-E5, 058, Det 27, JN53-FE66, Leominster, MA

LOGSDON, Jim, SP5, C/C, Det 4, FE62-MR63, Union, KY

MITZNER, Dennis, SP5, 98J, Det 4, JN68-JL69, Oak Forest, IL

MODISETTE, Dwayne, SP5, 058, Det 27 & 4-4, Venus, TX

OWEN, Stanley, 1SG, 98Z, Det 5 & 4-4,

ROTZAL, Hank, 05K, Det 27, JA64-JL65, Oxford, CT

STOLP, Gary, PFC-SP6, 98C, Det 27, OC64-DE67, San Antonio, TX & Thailand

WALTERS, Wm, 1LT Det 27, DE65-DE67 & CPT, Det 4-4, DE67-JL68 & COL, Det 4, 86-87, Wallace, NC

## MAIL call in alphabetical order

BENDER, Bil, YOB: 1949, RA11873516, SP4, 05K, Det 4-4, JA70-JL71, (Dawn), 6700

SW 113<sup>th</sup> Pl., Ocala, FL 34476, 352-854-9122, [bender6700@deccacable.com](mailto:bender6700@deccacable.com)

See 150/151/159/162/275/279 for info

Feb7, 2017



Dear Elder: I expect a brass band playing the Stars and Stripes when we arrive on Sunday afternoon the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 as Dawn has cleared her schedule and will attend.

She made the first and second gatherings (2001 & 2002) but has been busy with her business every year thereafter. We both cleared our schedules for the week. I won't preach and she won't take care of the elderly!

We were actually planning a vacation up there so this is working out real well. My hotel reservations have been made and I sent my deposit in!

Now the real challenge happens, driving through Atlanta on the way up I-75.

Dawn is looking forward to seeing Patty again and I'll have to buy her one of Max's shirts as a memento!

We hope a lot of Det 4-4 folks attend! Hadey Gulle gulle. Bill Bender



Dawn Bender, Lorraine Nearpass, Rob Nearpass & Bill Bender



Bill & Dawn Bender

### Biography for William D. Bender

Born: September 24, 1949 Philadelphia. Oldest of 7 children

Married to Dawn C. (Wurst) on May 31, 1969 and have never regretted it.

The eldest of six sons, all military veterans, following in family tradition that began during the War of 1812 by previous members of the Bender Family. Benders have served in every war and conflict this nation has ever been involved in; Not bad for Amish farmers!

I worked for the Department of Defense at the NADC Johnsville during high school and was hired as a GS-1 Draftsman in 1967. I worked at NADC until December 1968 when I volunteered to enlist in the US Army for helicopter school. One of my friends was killed in Viet Nam and I wanted revenge.

At the MEPS an ASA Recruiter nabbed me for another year and an assignment in a "Spy organization" Being the young impressionable soul I was then I took the bait and found myself at Ft. Devens after Basic Training. Off to BMC I went and then to 05K School.

I actually enjoyed it and forgot about flying copters. Besides one of my friends that did go to Ft. Rucker had already been shot down twice and he still walks with a limp!

In January 1970 I was shipped to Karamursel Turkey and duty at Det 4-4 for 18 months! Not a bad assignment as I was able to take my young and innocent wife there. We were married on May 31, 1969 and I was glad provide a Honeymoon trip she would never forget.

With no television and little funds we kept ourselves amused the best we could and it wasn't long before we found out that Dawn was with child, (now how did that happen?) and she came back to the States to have the baby. She returned in June 1971 and I returned in July.

My next duty station was at NSA where I became a Signal Conversion Technician , worked for a civilian boss and enjoyed the duty. With only a year left on my enlistment I toyed with the idea of reenlisting, but wait I had a Department of Defense job waiting for me when I go out. So I went back to NADC while home and reapplied for my old job. Surprise, I soon found out I had to have three years of continuous employment before I had rehiring rights!

So I applied for employment at NSA and was told I would be hired soon after my enlistment w

I did get an early out of six months and after going back to Warminster PA I waited for the call. During the interim we had my son Michael and he turned out to have serious health problems that required surgery, giving the little fellow a colostomy and a lot of medical expenses.

When the call from NSA came through, I was told my assignment would take us to the UK for 5 years but not with a sick child! I declined the tour and employment at NSA and looked elsewhere for a job.

I then went into the life insurance business for six years and became a District Manager for Metropolitan Life but hated the hours, loved the pay.

During this time while drinking a beer at the American Legion with my Dad and other

WW II and Korean vets I listened to them muse that If they had only stayed in they would all be collecting a pension etc etc.

Well again I mentioned this as a good idea to my now veteran buddies and we decided to all go the local Army Reserve Unit and try it out for a few months. I still had about 12 months to go on my 6 year obligation and if I didn't like it I'd be free.

Well on the appointed day I went to the unit and after waiting for my friends to show up ( I'm sure they will be here!) I told the admin person to ready my papers and I'll sign. My friends never did go but I found myself drilling with a bunch of other Vets who had the same experiences as I had had with their friends.

This was an Infantry unit and they found me a spot in Admin as a 75 Z handling classified docs and such. I was promoted to SSG in about one year and was bored to tears with the job.

Then I found an ASA Reserve unit in Camden NJ that did at least have a few R-390's and Mills so I could copy code to my hearts delight. But they had other plans for me and my 05K MOS was never used. I became the training NCO and for the next 6 years I planned all of the training including AT.

The 345<sup>th</sup> ASA Company was soon re tasked as a CeeWee Company and we found ourselves training with the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum NY. This was fun as I got to fish most weekends and summers in the St. Lawrence River .

When the 345th was reassigned to an old Nike site near Cape May NJ I found myself traveling for two hours one way to attend drills so I looked around for a closer unit and found an Army Reserve School about 8 miles from my home.

I was immediately hired on as the Commander was the same officer from the 157th Infantry unit and a fellow fisherman! I was put in charge of the Admin area with other duties as a trainer of BNOC and ANOC courses.

It was there I finally was assigned in a E-7 slot and was promoted. However shortly thereafter the unit was deactivated and with 25 years of time I found I could take an immediate discharge, go into the Control Group, or Retired Reserves. I opted for the "Tired Reserves".

During all of this nonsense I acquired a AA in Business and then a BS BA going to school at night. We had one more son and my career path lead me to my current employer Tobias Associates, Inc. where I am the Director of Sales.

We moved to Florida 13 years ago so I could travel to and fro during the Winter months from my offices in Moscow, Manchester UK, and Nagoya Japan.

Anticipating a need for something to do in retirement I finally took Divinity Courses and was Ordained as a Reverend in 2015. I am an Associate Pastor of the South Point Christian Church here in Ocala and I was also Ordained as a Chaplain and serve at the Interfaith Emergency Services as a pastor to the homeless and poor folks of Marion County.

I serve on the Board of Directors for Interfaith Emergency Services , the Homeless Counsel if Marion County , and recently was appointed to the Board of Directors of Vets Helping Vets.

I am the Chaplain of the Oak Run Veterans Club.

Do I look forward to retirement? No way. I'm too busy to take the time to retire. Got too much to do before tomorrow.

I am looking forward to seeing my old friends at the next reunion. See you all in Pigeon Forge! Tell Dolly I'm in town!

Bill Bender

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Good morning Elder...

Do you have any Manzarali Station patches left? If so I would like to buy another one. Please let me know one way or another. I hope you have recovered ok from your fall. Take care and I'll see you in Gatlinberg, Lloyd

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FACEBOOK notified me that John Erkkila had a birthday on 24 February 2017 and I checked my records and sure enough he is now 74 and enjoying his life in Arizona. Below I've included two items from my DOOL files regarding his tour of duty in Turkey. John served at Manzarali Station (Det 27) and also on the HILL called Sinop.

Merhaba Elder, yes the email is still valid. All is good in sunny AZ. We have been here almost two years now and love it. However, due to the birth of our first grandson, in November we purchased a condo outside of Chicago so that we could spend time with him. The summers in AZ tend to get quite hot, but not really a problem for us but with the new condo we will be able to duck most of the extreme heat. I enjoy the dool a lot but am still waiting to see any information on 059's from 1962/63. Good thoughts to all exASA folks.

John Erkkila

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2017, at 10:44 AM, ELDER GREEN <[asagreenhornet@comcast.net](mailto:asagreenhornet@comcast.net)> wrote:

John - send me an email confirming your email- - -gh



134-28NO03: Good Day to you - Not sure why or how but I just ran across two copies of " Days of our Lives" on the internet. With GREAT interest I read both and was wondering how to see/read others issued earlier or future editions? I was originally assigned Ankara in July 1962. After spending about a month I was one of a select few that were sent on to Sinop where I served out the remainder of my Turkey tour.

I am a native of Michigan and after graduating from high school went to Cleveland, OH where I enlisted for the ASA in September 1961. My uncle was a Lt Col and in charge of

the recruiters in the Cleveland area and he insisted that I sign up for Army Security Agency duty. Took basic at Fort Dix, NJ and to Fort Devens for 058 and ended up as a 059. Was initially sent to Det 27 for non-morse duty that lasted a month or so. While there I remember that a born again GI from Det 27 was caught by the Turkish police in Ankara passing out Christian Literature and was soon flown out of Turkey to Germany. Don't remember his name. I went to Sinop with about 4 others in the back of a deuce and a half. Very dusty ride. Enjoyed my Det 4 tour.

While at Sinop - I and 3 others bought a 18 foot sail boat for just over \$100. The Turk painted it white and we painted red polka dots all over it. After my SINOP tour I was sent to the 319th USASA Bn in Kassel, Germany for 14 months. I was discharged on 13 August 1964. I will find some old orders and will write a complete BIO for the DOOL.

142-3AU04: Elder here are my reconciliations on a time long ago. I write based on what I remember of the events but the names have long slipped away.

My military stint started after H.S. graduation by enlisting in Cleveland, OH. Being from Michigan I went to Cleveland as my uncle was in charge of the Recruiting Main Station and it just seemed like the thing to do.

He advised me that of all the military areas the ASA was the place to be. This was not because he knew anything about it but, according to him, what he didn't know about it. After enlistment it was eight weeks basic at Fort Dix, N.J. followed by schooling at Ft. Devens. Testing and retesting determined I was best suited for (058) ditty-bopper school. Well, at the end of 12 weeks, I still couldn't tell the ditty's from the bopper's so they moved me into the 059 school. This proved to be a great move and I enjoyed the work throughout the rest of my army experience. Graduation resulted in a short leave and airplane tickets to the capital of a foreign country-Ankara, Turkey. Ankara, although my original duty station, proved to be just a 3 week stop because I was told that my true talents would be better put to use at a seaside village called Sinop. Traveling 12 hours in the back of a 2 ½ ton during a dusty summer month, including going part way via a dry creek bed as a short-cut, was not appreciated by this E3. I must say. Life on the HILL was OK – if you can except being without women, downtown bars, running out of cheese in the mess hall, and things like that. However, on the plus side we did have our monthly free night at the NCO club, movie theatre with the adlibs from the audience during the mushy scenes, and sailboats downtown. The guys I hung out with had an 18 foot sailboat built which was painted all white with red dots all over. Does anyone remember that boat? What fun.

How about toasting the sunset nightly as it moved across the peninsula, knowing that when it made almost a full circuit it would be time to leave. For many of the events mentioned by others I have no recollection. The only two that I can recall was when first getting to Ankara, one of the GI's was caught passing out Christian

material and was quickly put, the same day, on a plane to Germany. Was it for real or a ploy to get out of Turkey? The only other event was the Sinop volleyball team playing in various venues, winning, and going all the way to England not returning for WEEKS. Finally, we did get a group together for a trip to the Holy Land visiting several cities in both Lebanon and Jordan for 10-12 days as I recall.

Leaving the HILL I hitched a ride back to Beirut on the medical flight and for 3 weeks relaxed following which I finished out my 3 years in the ASA at Kassel, Germany, but then that is another story.

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Patricia M. Green

Above is my pretty wife, Patty, that all reunion goers know. We were married in 1959 and other than childbirth has never needed medical help until recently when she was admitted to the Indiana, PA hospital for chest pains. She underwent the

medical procedures for heart associated tests and everything was negative including the stress test.

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As mentioned in the sick call section of this DOOL – Tom Lazzara is currently in a Leominster hospital recovering from KIDNEY STONE surgery

Tom recently drove himself to the ER of a Leominster hospital and was admitted for immediate surgery for kidney stone blockage. Tom - on the last day of the 2016 reunion - departed the reunion for the long drive to Leominster, MA for a SUCCESSFUL stone removal. I have had no chat with Tom regarding his latest kidney stone treatments, but have talked to his RN and also with his sister, Shirley McCrillis who lives in Rochester, NY and if interested – give her a call at 603-332-1353 for an up-date.

144 – 7NO2994: LAZZARA, Tom, YOB: 1942 RA14801553, E3-E5, 058, Det 27, JN63-FE66, 556 Central St., Lot 76, Leominster MA 01453, 978-534-7051, tommylazzara@msn.com. Bill and Alice Wren gave me Lazzara's name and I found him on switchboard. Contacted Tom Lazzara on 30 October 2004 and had a very lengthy and interesting chat. Where to begin as we talked about so much regarding Tom's tour of duty as a 058 at Manzarali Station. Said that one nice thing about this time of year - that he gets to spend more time playing with his computer, not that that he's great at it, but just like ditties... He can hunt and peck, like most of us. Tom enlisted in 1962 at Jacksonville, FL for 3 years of ASA duty. Took basic at Fort Jackson, then on to Fort Devens for ditty-bopper training. While at Devens Tom and his first wife, Kay, lived in Shirley, MA. Their neighbor was Bill and Alice Wren and they became close friends. The Wren's were newlyweds at that time. Bill Wren was attending 982 training the same time as Tom Lazzara was in 058 training. On the week-ends the Wren's would drive to Maine and the Lazzara's would catch a ride with them as far as Portsmouth, NH. After Devens was assigned to Det 27 as was Bill Wren. Remembers being notified by Maj Gibbs that his infant son had died and that the CQ was Sid Leavitt, his roommate, from New Hampshire when he was notified. His Emergency Leave took 4 days to get to the states and that his son was already buried. Upon his return was again assigned to Trick #2 where 2LT Jud Reynolds was the Watch Officer. Has vivid memories of Lt Reynolds and some of the things that he did. The Company commander was Maj G.G. Gibbs and later CPT Jim Reilly who Tom later ran into when Reilly was a LTC and didn't remember Lazzara. Said that Reilly did a lot of stuttering. Remembers that the First Sergeant was Francis X. McCormick and that Mrs McCormick was a small Italian lady that wore her hair in a bun and that she was probably the most enthusiastic one-arm bandit player at Det 27 or at the NCO Club in Ankara. The McCormick's made Leominster their retirement home as did Tom Lazzara. Anna McCormick frequented the Friendly Restaurant after Francis passed away in 1999 as did Tom and Kay Lazzara. Tom initiated communications with Anna and thereafter they've remained friends even though he hasn't seen her lately. Thinks that one of the McCormick's son has a business somewhere in Turkey.

The NCOIC of the 058's was SFC E7 Harold A. Morris whose nickname was HAM which was his initials. Said that Morris was married but elected not to bring his family to Turkey. Morris was a very good 058 and spent a lot of his off-duty hours at operations intercepting especially the faster and harder signals to copy. Said that Morris was from the Cape Cod area. Remembers Harry Miller, another 058, always bugging Ham Morris about being promoted to SP4. It wasn't long before Sgt

Morris was kidding Miller that he was being promoted or that he would be promoted soon. Another promotion memory that Lazzara remembers is that of a 058 draftee named Dennis Bloom who was promoted to SP4, but was upset and more-or-less went off the deep end and wondered why he, a draftee, was promoted and 058's like Miller wasn't.

Remembers an 058 named John Dickens who never got higher than PFC. He was a good 058 but was unlucky with the chain-of-command. There was a shortcut from the NCO Club to the barracks that was thru the building that housed the Post Office, PX and Snack Bar. The door was locked that night and he broke thru. They reduced him in rank as the building held the Post Office. John was very easygoing, most breaks he would venture out in the economy. Hitchhiking his way to wherever he could get thru, halfway thru his break he would turn around and hitchhike back to the site.

Also remembers Bill Cook who was a friend of Bloom's. Remembers another 058 named Jim Miller who was referred to as "Old Man" who later went to OCS. Also another 058 old-timer named Gene Goethe who was from Ayer, MA. Also remembers John Lampe, a good basketball player. Believes that Lampe spent a lot of his time TDY after being drafted by the USASAEUR "Big Blue" for his skill in basketball. One of special interest was an SP4 05H named Jim Rhodes who was at Det 27 64-65. Assigned to VHFS and married a girl named Cathy from Marshall, VA. Jim was originally from N. Carolina. Some of us have tried to track him down in the past without success. Also there in the 64-65 time frame was an 05H named Dave Gray. He also went to VHFS and ETsed. Believe he is in Tennessee. During his time at Det 27 they did not have access to Lake Golbasi for R&R purposes. Instead a pool was built at Manzarali for the troops to use. Tom informs that Kay left him upon his return from Udorn in 1974, divorced in 1977. Remarried in 1979 to Terry and she passed away in 2001, sorely missed but no longer suffering and in pain. Tom informs that he called Bill and Alice Wren on 31 October 2004 at the number I gave him and they got reacquainted. GULE GULE Tom Lazzara



Tom Lazzara at 2015 reunion



Tom Lazzara and Wes Lienke

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Well your prayers helped and I'm back home safe and sound. Thursday's surgery went well and I was back home Friday at about 2:00PM. I have a incision of about 8 1/2 inches long from just about the knee cap down. There is a lot of swelling but I went to therapy at 9:00AM this morning. I even went to church yesterday. I have a walker but I'm not using it much. I was happily suprised that it didn't hurt a whole lot more. I haven't eve had to take pain medicine. Thanks again! Jim L

I am doing very well after my knee replacement surgery. I have gone to therapy 6 time and it is really doing very good. But I want to bring something to your attention. I have been taking a drug call Lisinopril for about 20 years to help control my blood pressure and it really helped.

Well last Thursday, 2/23/17, I came home after therapy about 12:30 pm and noticed a slight itch on my left hand. I ignored it and went on but about 1:50 pm I noted that my left hand was swelling pretty good. I didn't know why so I call my knee surgery doctor concerned that it may be a blood clot. I waited for about 30 minutes and told Troy, my wife, about it and I was going to the surgeons office. When I got there my surgeon was in surgery so I talked to another surgeon that was in the office. He ordered a "blood clot" test and told me to call Troy and have her take me. We went to the hospital and had the test. The right had was swelling so bad that I could not get my ring off the that hand so we went to the ER to have it cut off. After the ring cut off the another ER doctor came to me and asked me why I was there. I showed him my LARGE right hand. I told him that we had not heard from the blood clot test. He said he would follow-up. He did so and call my knee surgeon and they decided that it was probably some type of infection and ordered gave me an antibiotic and a script for an antibiotic.

We went home. About 11:20PM I noticed that my left hand was swelling and that my lower lip was swelled. Troy also noticed some swelling around my eyes. I call my G.P. office "on call doctor" and he told me to go to the ER right away. I spent 3 nights in the hospital with Byadryal and a strong steroid being pumped in to me and finally came home on Sunday 2/26/17. After 20 years of taking Lisinopril it had a bad effect on me. The swelling has gone away and returned to normal size. My hand had got to about 20% to 30% larger than normal. Really carry stuff. They said that if I had not went to the ER it could have closed off my breathing.

I would think that some of you may be taking Lisinopril for controlling of blood pressure. I am presently reading all I can fin on this medicine to see if it says anything about it somewhere.

If you take it "be careful".

I took it for 20 years without a problem and then all of a sudden a BIG PROBLEM.

Be carefull!

Jim

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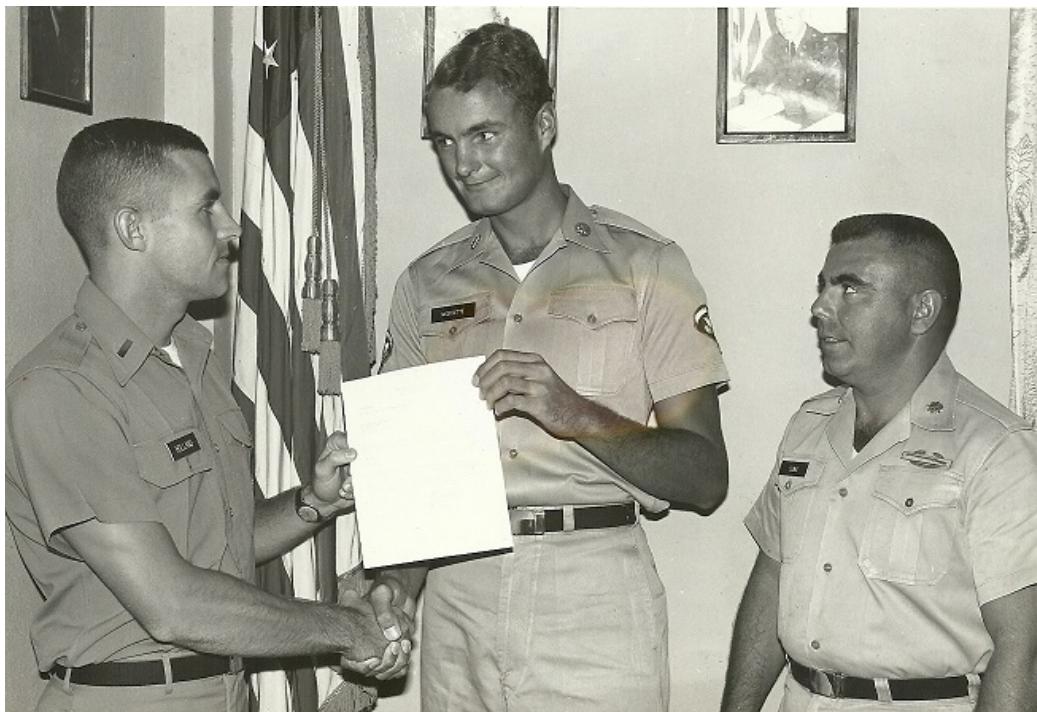


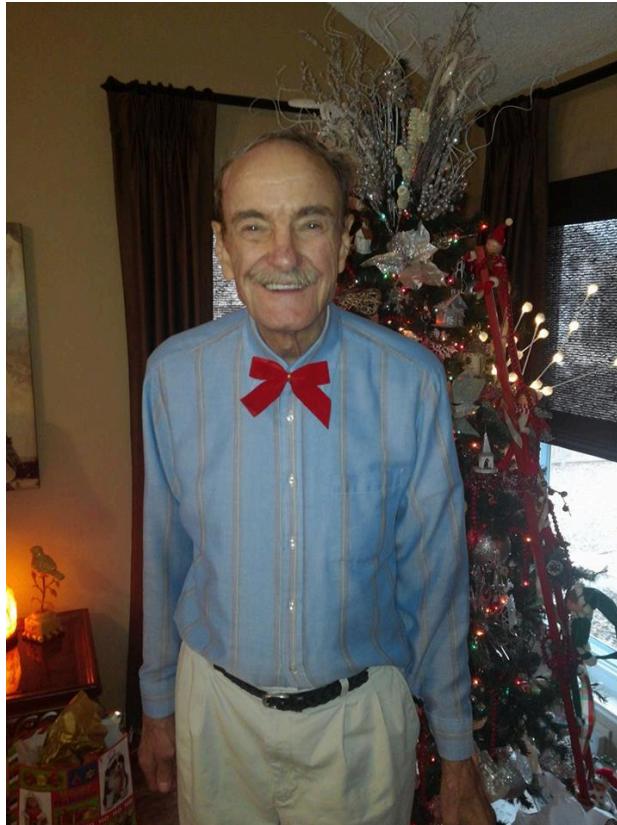
The Cap on the right lists for \$22.95

Anybody know where I can get another? This one I received from a friend many years ago as a birthday present, I think.

108, MITZNER, Dennis, Det 4, JN68-JL69, Oak Forest, IL 708-525-3508, [dennismitzner@prodigy.net](mailto:dennismitzner@prodigy.net)  
<mailto:dennismitzner@prodigy.net> Mr. Green: An Army buddy forwarded your e-mail to me, and you guys are doing a hell of a good job. I was stationed at Det 4 from June '68-July '69. From there I went to Chitose for two years. Three months at NSA and I was again a free man. I will send my memories shortly. Do you have a "Where Are They Now" list? Again, good job and we'll be talkin'. P.S. I still keep in touch with about twenty guys and will forward your e-mail onto them.

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Dwayne Modisette

Dwayne is such a nice person and was a dedicated 058 at Det 27 and at 4-4 where he copied the 104<sup>th</sup> Gds Abn network at both locations. Dwayne maintains a facebook entry under his name. So visit it often- - -gH

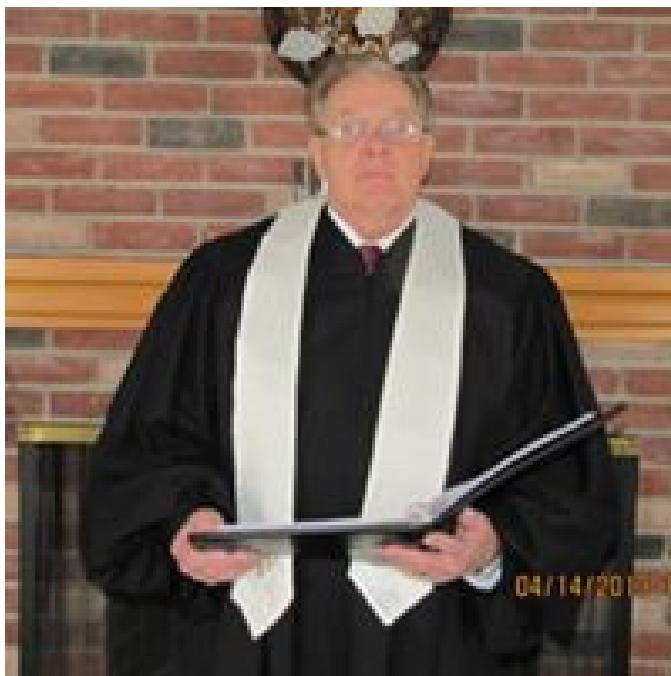
OWEN, Stanley, YOB: 1927, RA17177679, E7, 98J, Det 4 & 4-4,

OWEN, Stanley R. (SRO), YOB: 1927, RA17177679, E7, 98J, Det 4, 68-69 & 1SG, Det 4-4, 69-70, 205 Howard Ave., Altoona, PA 814-949-2956, [owen06@verizon.net](mailto:owen06@verizon.net) For 11 years I've been trying to find SRO who was the second First Sergeant at Det 4-4 at Karamürsel. I'd never met him. During my search I found out he was from Missouri and I didn't think to check in Pennsylvania. In a nutshell I found him on 22 Sept 2013 and called him on the 23rd. When he answered the phone – and for the heck of it – I asked if this was SRO. He immediately knew that I was someone from Det 4-4 as that was the only place that he was called SRO. Maj Cima presenting 1SG Owen with ARCOM for duty at Sinop Very little is known about Stanley Owen. In 1966 he was stationed at Fort Meade per Special Order #55 dated 22MR1966. His ETS then was 8MY1967 and he was sent to Det 4 as a SFC with PMOS of 98J.40 and was drawing P1 pay.

SRO enlisted in the Army on 29 March 1947. His leave address in 1966 was Rt#1 Rushville, MO



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I just found out that Hank Rotzal is a Justice of the Peace and a Nondenominational Minister in Oxford, CT which is located in the beautiful Naugatuck Valley area of the State of Connecticut.

If you are planning your marriage ceremony, same sex marriage ceremony or renewal of vows, I will partner with you to create a ceremony that reflects your Vision and Style.

Together, we will fashion your ceremony for you alone -- incorporating your unique story as well as your cultural, your spiritual and your family heritage. I will make available to you a variety of ceremony suggestions, samples of wedding vows and can also supply you with checklists and planning guides.

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EL, - WE WILL ARRIVE BACK IN THE STATES IN APRIL AND WILL GIVE YOU A CALL. GARY

WALTERS, Wm P. 1LT, AIS, Det 27, DE65-DE67 & CPT, Det 4-4, DE67-JL68 & COL, Det 4, 86-87, (Susan), 226 October Glory Dr., Wallace, NC 28466, 910-391-2267 Ret COL



Maj Edward Cima & New Captain Bill Walters and his wife

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On 22 January 2017 while reviewing my notes I came across Dale Belford's excellent entry in the Det 4 mail bag. I called him and found that he is house bound with health problems and enjoyed relating his tour of duty as a ditty-bopper at Det 4 in Sinop.

Dale enlisted in the US Army on 19 January 1959 at Oklahoma City, OK. Took basic at Fort Chaffee, Ark. He did not enlist for ASA duty, but while in basic training took the required tests and maxed the morse code tests at 10, 25 and 40 wpm. He immediately was interviewed and swayed into joining the ASA and after basic was sent to Fort Devens for 058 training where he finished first in his class and had his choice of assignment to the Phillipines, South Korea or Sinop, Turkey. He chose Turkey and never regretted it.

The following names I remember . I'll list them as I found them: Sergeant Peters (he was my Trick Chief), Bill Simons, Roger Staffin, Frank Svoboda, Tony Vitale, Bill Bishop, Judd Bowers, Eddie Coats, Ron Cole, Harlan Crist, Tom Dempsey, Jerry Dill,(dec), Doug Elam, (dec), Don Elkins, Vic Fauser, Don Gentry, Dennis Geissler, Larry Garrett, Ron Hasse, Ed Harrison (he is the artist that drew the post cards), John Heath, Art Jennings, Edwin Lamb, Kerry Lynch (he was the manager of the EM club), Bob Malone, Jack McKenna, Jerry McNamara, Burt Slesinger, Frank Soukup, Walter Stanton, Al Tucker, and another that was on my trick and was a great softball pitcher by the name of Robert Johnson. Bill Denton was on my trick but worked the DF at the point. The PVR50 operator was Paul Krause. Donald Ray Sadler - lives on Bonita Road in the community of Bonita, LA.

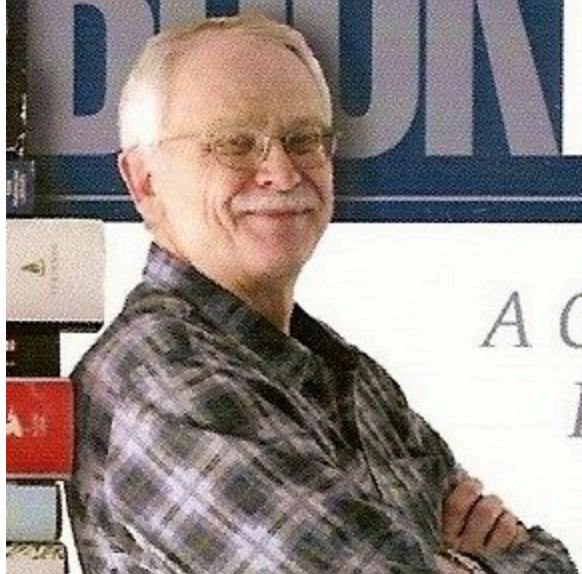
Paul Sellers - has retired from the California Highway Patrol and lives at Crescent City, CA. The fellow on my trick that worked just in front of me was Lynn Westover

Anyway, Sadler, Sellers, Westover and myself ended up at Two Rock Ranch in Company D of the 317th ASA Battalion. We were to become part of the 18th Airborne Corp just after arrival and spent many happy days at the fabulous Army posts known as Camp Roberts, Hunter Liggett, Camp San Luis Obispo, Fort Lewis, Yakama Firing Range, Fort Irwin, Edwards AFB, Fort Ord, Presidio of SF, Fort Baker,

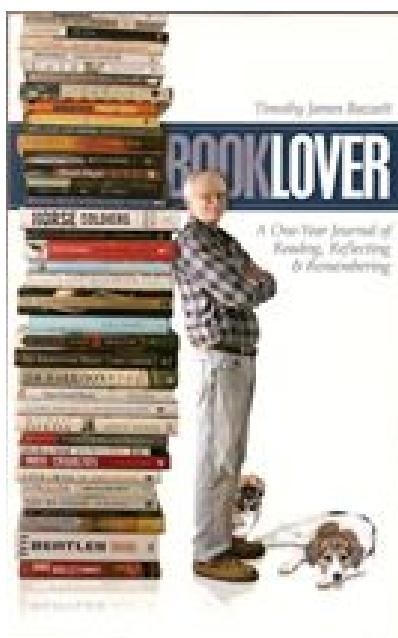
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Timothy James Bazzett

# BOOKLOVER



A One-Year Journal of  
Reading, Reflecting  
& Remembering



155: Tim Bazzett's 340 page book should be a required read for any ASA veteran. It is rated R. The book is full of photos from those times too. See [www.rathole.com/soldierboy](http://www.rathole.com/soldierboy) and click on icons at the top. This book will help you pull out priceless memories you'd long forgotten. His memoirs are touching and an honest memoir that will make you veterans smile as in a lot of instances you could easily replace his name with yours as he captures the quips and twists of what it was like on a day-to-day basis in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, then at Fort Devens and Meade, then in Turkey and Germany. Its all there in a whimsical style with chicken crap and Mickey Mouse events scattered throughout the book. The years have fuzzied up our memories, but reading this book will make most say, "Holy cow, I'd totally forgotten that and now it triggers my memory bank of old buddies." I guarantee that each will have a different version of similar events in one's memory. What it will do is kick-in silly things and help your memories show you what was important way back when you were in your late teens or early 20's. For those who served on the HILL - the desire for female companionship had to be suppressed one way or the other. Some vented their desires at the kara-hanis while others did it the cheaper way. But how, you ask! Tim spells the answer by asking: "How do you spell, mas-tur-ba-tion". No one should be upset by that entry. In fact he asks the rhetoric question: "What will you miss most about Sinop"? The consensus answer was: "No-thing!" But one of his friends replied that he'd miss the last stall in the latrine where he'd beat off so many times that now every time he goes there to take a cra! p he gets a hard on.

160 -2AP06: Hey Elder, Recently discovered the Cold War Veterans Association on-line and then the Cold War Museum web too. Remember the pilot of the U-2 spyplane shot down over the USSR back in 1960 - guy named Francis Gary Powers who was taken prisoner and then released later by the Russians? Well his son, Francis Gary Powers, Jr, is founder of the Cold War Museum being set up in either Fairfax or Lorton, VA. I got in touch w/ Gary Jr, we exchanged a couple e-mails and I've sent him a copy of my book, Soldier Boy: At Play in the ASA, for the museum library. Also told my pal, Don E. Johnson, who wrote a book about his ASA experiences in Germany (Lubeck: A Wonderful Moment in Time), and Don is sending his book too. But maybe you already know about the website. If not, it's [www.coldwar.org](http://www.coldwar.org), and Gary can be reached at [gpowersjr@coldwar.org](mailto:gpowersjr@coldwar.org). He told me he'd run a piece on my book in the May 1 edition of the museum newsletter, which is also on-line. There's also a German branch of the museum in Berlin, and I've exchanged e-mails w/ the rep there, a very nice lady named Baerbel Simon. She & husband, Horst, have traveled extensively in the US. They're apparently about my age. I keep looking for new places to sell my book, but ... Maybe I'll try to make it to the reunion in Fort Mitchell this fall and bring a box along. If you're interested, I'll even volunteer to do a reading and give a talk (and of course hawk the books). I've been writing my ass off this winter. Doing short pieces for a newspaper for

seniors out of Cadillac, MI, called The Milestone. I have a monthly column in it and also do feature pieces. And I've started to interview old folks around my hometown and write profiles on them which I hope to collect into a book one day. My third volume of memoirs, Pinhead: A Love Story, will be out later this fall, if all goes per plan. Covers part of my college years (65-67), more drinking days in the Ferris State Vets Club, and my "whirlwind" courtship and marriage. (And yup, we're still together, 39 years later.) Yeah, I'm keeping busy. Hope you're staying warm. I'm ready for spring! Finally got DOOL#159 down-loaded and started reading it and pretty much shot my whole afternoon. Even though I don't know these Det 4-4 vet's - I enjoyed reading their stuff. Great job!

169= 30NO06: Dear Family, Friends and Valued Customers, If you read ReedCityBoy (Rathole Books, 2004), and then SoldierBoy (Rathole Books, 2005), and wondered what happened after I got back home, well, here - as Paul Harvey loves to say - is the rest of the story. Pinhead - A Love Story (Rathole Books, 2006) is certainly what the subtitle implies. But it's also an engaging inside look at dating rituals and sexual mores of the mid-sixties, particularly if you were raised Catholic and infused with a healthy lifetime dose of that good ol' "Catholic guilt." Pinhead revisits the Ferris State campus and Big Rapids as it was forty years ago. You'll meet my pals from the FSC scrub crews, as we work our way through college, one building at a time. The girls are here too - homecoming queens and sorority girls. You'll meet the Ferris Vets Club, the largest student organization on campus throughout the Viet Nam years. Most importantly, though, you will meet the love of my life, because, more than anything else, this is a "how-Dad-and-Mom-met-and-what-happened-next" story, with no punches pulled. Doug Stanton, NY Times bestselling author, had this to say about the last volume in the RCB trilogy - "Part American Graffiti, part coming-home tale, Pinhead is a barrelling road-trip into a long-ago America - not a simpler time, just funnier." For more information on how to purchase Pinhead (or the first two books) either on-line or by regular mail, just click on [www.rathole.com/pinhead](http://www.rathole.com/pinhead) and follow the instructions. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you

Okay, here's my TBT post. That's me on the cover, taken November 1962. So lemmesee, that's, um ... FIFTY-FOUR YEARS ago?! No, that can't be right. Lemme try again, 2016 minus 1962 equals ... Ah, never mind ...

Tim Bazzett, Dec 1976 after completing Basic Russian Course at Monterey, CA

STARNES, R.D. "Chuck" USN Det 4,18se15

**Chuck Starnes**

September 18, 2015 .

24 years ago today, Sinop, Turkey was decommissioned.

The United States Logistics Group (TUSLOG), was a cover designation prescribed by the U.S. European Command (EUCOM). In accordance with the demands of the Turkish Government, all U.S. military units and civilian components in Turkey were given designations as TUSLOG detachments. HQ TUSLOG was headquartered in Ankara, Turkey. TUSLOG Units were located in Spain, Libya, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. By 1994, all TUSLOG Units had been deactivated.

Field Station Sinop, nicknamed "Diogenes Station," began operating in the mid-1950s. In the early 1960's, Sinop was home to a 290-person U.S. Army Field Station and a NAVDET. Field Station Sinop (TUSLOG Det 4) was located 2 miles west of the town of Sinop, a fishing port and farming community with a population of just over 18,000 persons. The station was located on a 300 acre facility on a 700 foot hill, at the end of a peninsula.

TUSLOG Det 4 at Sinop, Turkey was a U.S. Army facility and listening post on the Black Sea Coast, during the Cold War. The base was locally known as the NATO "Logistics" base. Sinop is situated in a strategic location, just opposite Sevastopol, in the Crimea. Sinop was notorious for its geodesic

domes and parabolic satellite dishes. In the 1960s, music blared constantly out of the main operations building, to trump Soviet intelligence, who surely were listening. Local Turks still refer to the blaring music, in Turkish, as the "radar."

On May 12, 1961, a U.S. Navy Detachment of TUSLOG 28, NSGA Karamursel, Turkey; was established at the U.S Army Field Station (TUSLOG Det 4) in Sinop. The Detachment consisted of one officer and twelve enlisted personnel and was designated Navy Detachment (NAVDET) TUSLOG Detachment 4. NAVDET TUSLOG Det 4 was manned on a temporary basis until 1966, when the first PCS personnel arrived. NAVDET TUSLOG Det 4 was realigned in December, 1966, renamed and established as TUSLOG Det 28-1.

In July 1975, operations were suspended at all TUSLOG units in Turkey, at the request of the Turkish government. During this period, the U.S. and Turkey were not on diplomatic or political speaking terms. At issue was military bases and foreign aid. Operations resumed on January 16, 1979, after a diplomatic solution was mediated, and the dispute was settled between the U.S. and Turkish governments.

By January 16, 1979, Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Karamursel/TUSLOG Det 28, having also been on suspended operation, moved from Karamursel to Sinop. The U.S. NSGA Karamursel, Turkey was disestablished. TUSLOG Det 28 was re-established at Sinop, but without the NSGA designation. Prior to the move, TUSLOG Det 28 had been located at Karamursel since January 1, 1957. TUSLOG Det 28-1 was absorbed back into the parent unit. The first Officer-in-Charge of TUSLOG Det 28 at Sinop was CWO4 R. W. Dickie. Operations were conducted in a temporary facility at Hippodrome. The Hippodrome facility was manned by both temporary and permanent personnel from Naples, Italy and Rota, Spain. The combined complement was 97 sailors. On April 1, 1980, operations were expanded to include both the Hippodrome and Main Operations.

TUSLOG Det 28 remained at Sinop until September 30, 1982 when the U.S. Navy assume control of the Field Station and renamed the U.S. Navy Field Station, Sinop, Turkey. LCDR W. Gravell, the OIC of TUSLOG Det 28 at the time, became the first Commanding Officer of the Navy Field Station. The complement was three officers and 81 enlisted men and women.

On July 15, 1992, operations were terminated at Hippodrome and on July 31, 1992, operations were terminated at Main Operations. The withdrawal of equipment and sailors commenced in August, 1992. With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the U.S. Navy Field Station at Sinop closed down in 1992, and the U.S. Navy TUSLOG Det 28 ceased operations and was decommissioned on September 18, 1992. The last Commanding Officer of the Navy Field Station at Sinop was LCDR M. D. Loomis.

Source: Michael R. "MO" Morris, CTOCS, USN, Retired  
Mario Vulcano's photo.

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STEFFEN, Arnold, YOB: 1937, RA16568829, E3-E4, 283, Det 4, JL58-JL59, (Janet), 1043 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson, TN 38305, 731-664-5058, [asteffen4@aol.com](mailto:asteffen4@aol.com)

Arnold enlisted for ASA duty in April 1957 and took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, then was sent to Fort Devens for processing and then to Fort Monmouth for ELINT Warfare Equipment Repair Training and was awarded MOS 283. After Monmouth returned to Devens for additional training and in July 1958 was on his way to a year in Turkey at a place called Sinop. He considers himself lucky as he could have been posted to Shemya. Arnold and Janet are both natives of Wisconsin; he from Elroy and Janet from Augusta, WI.. They were married in June 1861. The Det 4 First Sergeant in 58-59 was John Austin who was also a native of Elroy, WI. Remembers taking a 3 day pass to Ankara in the back of the Mail truck Another time - took the steamer to Istanbul and then vacationed in Athens. On return to Sinop from Ankara - Arnold and 3 other GI's drove a jeepster (station wagon) back to Sinop. While at Sinop members of the Rod and Gun Club re-built a jeep from scrounged parts and painted it red and used it for their hunting trips. It was kept in the Motor Pool and it stood out from the other OD vehicles. It was discovered by the IG and that was the end of the RED jeep. Arnold's time at Sinop was primitive when compared with the erection of permanent barracks and was there when the chapel was completed. Some names that he remembers from his fading memory are Sims, Drew Swearerger and Sgt Willard. After his year on the HILL was sent to Fort Huachuca where he was discharged in April 1960. Arnold is retired from Bell Telephone with 35 years service. Janet informs that they have attended ASA Turkey reunions at 7 Springs, PA; Huntsville, AL; San Antonio, TX and Fort Mitchell, KY and that Arnold is getting keyed up and can't wait until they head for Myrtle Beach where neither has been before. They enjoyed the 7 Springs reunion and were able to visit the national weather forecaster's den in Punxsautawney, PA and to the Flight 93 crash site and also to the area where 9 miners were trapped and recovered. Their son is in the National Guard and has served two tours in Iraq; spent 3 months on the Mexican Border and presently is on active duty in Alaska.





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#### The Sinop Five

The Sinop Five met while in the Pit at Fort Devens for not passing 18 groups per minute of Morse Code so we could go to Viet Nam as 05H's. Finally we were assigned to 05K20 Teletype Intercept class at Fort Devens, MA. We got orders for TUSLOG Det 4 (Turkish United States Logistical Detachment 4) Sinop, Turkey but we first were sent TDY to Correy Field, Naval Security Service Training Center, Pensacola, FL for training in UHF/VHF Intercept Operations. It is there that we got to know each other for the first time and became comrades if not friends. Five guys with from different parts of the country with very different views arbitrarily thrown together by the Army Security Agency. But then, that's the military.

They are front row left to right, Darwin Haines, Shippensburg, PA, Dennis McCullough, Molton, IA, Jim Davies, Houston, TX, John Lee, Marietta, GA, and, in back, Jimmy Bryant, Raleigh, NC.

We spent 2 months in the Pit, 3 months of K school, 2 months in Pensacola, 12 months in Turkey, and 6 months at Fort Hood. They finally broke us up and shipped us off to separate stations. Talk about 5 misfits.

Hooah, Sinop 5! ASA all the way!

