## DAYS OF OUR LIVES #292

#### PRESERVING FORGOTTEN TURKEY MEMORIES

Your memoirs are most welcome to the ASA Turkey DAYS 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,"



Patty & Elder with their 1985 Camaro IROZ-Z

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 1SG E8 USA(Ret)



ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS NAVY PATCH AT SINOP? IF SO, PLEASE SEND ME THE DETAILS



This book is available on AMAZON.COM for \$10.99 and tries to describe what the life of a DITTY-BOPPER was like sitting in front of a R-390 radio for 8 hours. I haven't read the book yet, but suspect that it should be of interest to those with the PMOS of 1717, 058 and 05H at Det 27, Det 4, Det 4-2 and Det 4-4. There is no way for me to overstate the value of the DITTY-BOPPERS to the mission of the ASA.

One thing that it should do is bring back a lot of forgotten memories and recall who the pranksters were etc...

Below in the MAIL call section you will find an interesting write-up on the ASA's FIRST FIELD STATION, VINT HILL FARMS. The article was sent to me Hank Rotzal who was a 059 stationed at Det 27 at Manzarali Station, 23 miles from Ankara.

Also in the MAIL call section is the BIO's of SGT MAJOR Jim Brock

## IN SICK BAY

#### TOM LAZZARA

Saw Tommy yesterday (3/16) and he is making steady progress. They have begun physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapy. We've seen significant improvement in just a few days. They have begun weaning him from the mechanical vent. He was off for over 9 hours on Wed. and he will be off more every day. This will help strengthen his lungs. When he is off the vent they are able to work with his speech and he did speak a little on Wed.

He is aware and is interacting with the health care professionals. He is reading his newspaper every day and has his TIME magazine. He is watching TV as well.

Unfortunately he does have periods of confusion and tries to get out of bed when he is too weak, so that staff feels the need to keep restraints (loosely) on him occasionally for his own safety. I believe he is getting good care overall and it is great seeing him improve.

# TAPS



# Michael Joseph Pennington 16 March 1936-6 March 2017

This info was submitted by CSM Howard Camp

Michael Joseph Pennington went home to his Lord and Savior on 6 March 2017, ten days shy of his 81st birthday. He was born in LaPorte, TX on 16 March 1936. Mike's wife of 60 years and children had the honor of caring for and walking hand in hand with him as he fought lung cancer. His last day was spent with his wife and children sitting by his bedside singing hymns, giving him lots of kisses and speaking words of love and gratitude.

Mike was a man that understood commitment and devotion. He placed his trust in Jesus Christ due to the scripture his grandmother, Alice Howington, poured in to him. He remained committed to Jesus and to the great commission of sharing the gospel until his last day. He shared Christ unashamedly from the pulpit as a Baptist Pastor and with everyone he met.

Mike was secondly committed to his wife and family. Mike and Ann were married on 15 December 1956 and he loved her with a passion that is rarely seen. As Mike would often say, "I saw that beautiful black haired girl and I knew I had to meet her." Together they had three daughters and one son.

The love of his country ran through his veins. He dedicated twenty years of his life serving first in the U.S. Air Force and then with the Army Security Agency. He retired in 1975 after spending time in Japan, the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Sinop, Turkey, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Florida, California, and Massachusetts.

Mike is survived by his wife, Ann Pennington, his children Dee Pennington, Kim Farmer and husband Richard, Brenda Wells and husband Barry, Mike Pennington II and wife Erin, 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and cousins by the dozens.

Mike received many medals while serving in the Army, he earned both a Bachelors and Masters degree and was the recipient of an honorary doctorate, yet he understood that those things would pass away. He didn't speak of these things, instead, he spent time talking with people about the forgiveness, salvation, freedom, and peace that only Christ can give.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16) Internment was in the Dallas National Cemetery.

PERON, Jean Louise, wife of Jim Peron who served at Det 4 as a SP3 058 during the period 2MY56-DE57.



Jean Peron, SE1932-JA2017

Beloved wife for 54 years of SP3 James E. Peron who was among the FIRST enlisted men to serve at Det 4. Jim was a 058 during the period 2 May 1956 to December 1957. The Peron's attended the 2002 and 2003 ASA Turkey reunions.

# ARMY SECURITY AGENCY / TURKEY REUNION GROUP





# **"UPDATED INFO"**

# April 1, 2017

It's time to make your plans for the:

2017 ASA / Turkey Group Reunion

## When?

September 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday thru Thursday)

## Where?

Gatlinburg, TN in The Great Smoky Mountains





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## Accommodations:

## The Greystone Lodge on the River

559 Parkway Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738





## (Visit their web site and see their renovated rooms)

www.greystonelodgetn.com

Local: 865-436-5621 Toll Free: 800-451-9202 Fax: 865-430-4471

#### Cost:

\$95.00 per night plus 12.75% tax

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

The ASA rooms are in their rear building overlooking either the Pigeon River or The Great Smoky Mountains. The ASA rooms are reserved on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> floors. (the Bergmann's and the Lapp's have asked for the river view rooms because of the music from the flowing Pigeon River). The hospitality room is located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. They have several handicap rooms for those who require them. Each floor has their own indoor parking garage and luggage carriers. They have a continental breakfast but there are a couple of family owned breakfast restaurants within walking distance of the hotel that serve a far superior breakfast at a reasonable price.

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## Two Excursions thru THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

are planned.

#### Monday (11<sup>th</sup>)

Leaving Hotel at 10:00 A.M.

## Trip to Cherokee, NC

## (Via carpooling)

Suggested stops: Sugarlands Visitor Center Newfound Gap TN & NC State Line Oconaluftee Visitor Center City of Cherokee, NC Lunch at a Cherokee Restaurant Visit Cherokee & Indian Casino Return to hotel by 4:00 PM if going to Bennett's BBQ for dinner

#### Group Dinner at "Bennett's BBQ

(for the folks that car pooled) Seating is 5:00 P.M. Cost is \$ 23.00 See Menu on page 8

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

Pick a location for the 2019 Reunion and a Chairman

Discuss additional thoughts & problems

Then set back and socialize with your old friends

## Trip to Cherokee, NC (Casino)

## <u>(Via Bus)</u>

Stopping at: Newfound Gap TN & NC Line Indian Casino (Min. 4 ½ Hrs.) Lunch at the Casino Bus leaves Hotel at 9:30 AM Returning to Hotel around 5:30 PM Bus cost is \$ 30.00 / person. You get \$ 25.00 in **"Coin Play Money"** to be used in the Casino. See page 12 Section 7 We will need a minimum of 22 people to schedule this trip.

#### Group Dinner at "Bennett's BBQ

(for the folks that went by bus)

Seating is 7:00 P.M. Cost is \$ 23.00 See Menu on page 8



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## Visit on your own Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge Area

#### Tuesday Day (12th)

You're on your own - Things to See & Do: 8 Mile Arts & Crafts Community\*\* Sky lift Ride\*\* Space Needle Visit\*\* Ripley's Aquarium \*\*\*\* Ripley's Believe it or Not\* Many other things to see & do



**Return** to the Hotel by 3:00 if you are planning to attend "The Dixie Stampede".

## Tuesday Night (12<sup>th</sup>) Group Dinner Theatre

There is a dinner theatre group planned at the "**Dixie Stampede**" in Pigeon Forge at 4:30 P.M. We are leaving the hotel at 3:45 P.M. We will carpool to the theatre.

See their menu on page 10

You must be preregistered! The cost will be \$ 48.00 per person.





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#### Second excursion thru the mountains

## Wednesday (13th) :

Leaving hotel at 10:00 AM

## (By Carpooling)

## Trip to "Cades Cove"

#### Stopping at:

Cable Mill Cades Cove Visitor Center Box lunch in picnic area Misc. photo areas (Arrange for a box lunch before you leave. Cost of Box Lunch is \$12.00.)



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

## (Via Bus)

The bus trip is about 4 to 5 hours driving round the historic area of the Smoky Mountains. The cost is \$ 27.00 each. The price includes an interpretive guide. You will need to arrange for a box lunch if you decide to take this trip. They will stop at a picnic spot if we want, or you can eat on the bus if it's raining or crowded at a particular area.

We will need a minimum of 22 people to schedule this bus trip.

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

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#### Group Photo:

The group photos will be taken on Wednesday Night at 5:15 P.M. in the Hospitality Room or out front by the Hotel's Sign.



#### Banquet:

The banquet will be held Wednesday Night in the Hospitality Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor at 6:00 P.M.

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

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## The Last Day of the 2017 Reunion

#### Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>):

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



**Group Dinner** at the "Best Italian Restaurant" on **Thursday Evening** at 6:00 P.M.

See Menu on Page 9 Cost is \$23.00

#### Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) :

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



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#### Bennett's BBQ Restaurant:

1. PORK SHOULDER Pulled smoked pork shoulder, for eating high-on-the-hog.

**2. BEEF BRISKET** Slowly smoked sliced beef brisket that's tender, juicy and served in our homemade beef sauce.

3. CHICKEN TENDERS A mighty generous portion of fried chicken tenderloins. 4. SMOKEHOUSE COMBO

3 smokehouse favorites, chopped pork, quarter chicken & baby back ribs.

5. SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER CHICKEN BREAST Mesquite grilled chicken breast topped with sauted onions, mushrooms, then smothered with melted Monterey jack cheese.

Ice Tea, Coffee,

Lemonade or Soft

6. HALF RACK OF BABY BACK RIBS A hunger-bustin' serving of smoked meaty babyback ribs.

Above dinners served with bread and any two (2) of: Barbecue Beans, French Fries, Deep Fried Corn, Cole Slaw, Baked Potato, Green Beans or Potato Salad

7. HOMEMADE SOUP & SALAD BAR WITH MESQUITE GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST Choose from 40 fresh items from our wide-open salad bar. All you can eat and then some, plus a mesquite grilled chicken breast. No sharing please.

#### Hospitality Room: (Proposal)

- Homemade chips
- Sliced cold cuts
- Assorted sliced cheeses
- Assorted crackers & rolls
- Cut fruit & vegetable plate
- Assorted cookies & pastries
- Bottled water, canned soda, coffee, wine and beer

#### **Boxed Lunches** – Wednesday (Proposal)

- Chicken salad on butter croissant
- Turkey wrap with cranberry mayo
- Pasta salad
- Homemade potato chips
- Brownie
- Bottled water

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#### Best Italian Restaurant:



#### (DOES NOT INCLUDE ALCOHOL)

All Pasta Dishes are Served with a Salad and 3 Rolls

Dressings: Homemade Ranch, Homemade Blue Cheese, Homemade Italian, 1000 Island, & Honey Mustard

- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Fettuccini pasta tossed in a sauce of butter, heavy cream and grated parmesan & romano cheeses.
- Spaghetti & Meatballs
   Spaghetti pasta topped with two homemade meatballs. Topped with marinara sauce.
- Vegetable Primavera

Sautéed onions, green peppers, red peppers, broccoli and mushrooms blended with our light marinara, served over tender linguini pasta.

Cheese Ravioli

Jumbo ravioli, filled with ricotta and parmesan cheeses. Topped with marinara and mozzarella cheese, and then baked.

Vegetable Ravioli

Jumbo ravioli, stuffed with a delicious blend of fresh carrots, caramelized onions, sun-dried tomatoes, zucchini and spinach, with romano, imported parmesan and ricotta cheeses, blended with Italian herbs and spices.

Stuffed Shells

Large pasta shells stuffed with ricotta cheese, smothered in our delicious marinara or meat sauce..

Manicotti

Pasta crepes stuffed with a blend of grated cheese and topped with marinara and mozzarella cheese.

Lasagna with Meat Sauce

Layers and layers of lasagna pasta and ricotta cheese, blended with fresh Italian herbs & spices. Topped with our delicious meat sauce and mozzarella cheese, then baked to perfection.

- Vegetable Lasagna Layers and layers of pasta and ricotta cheese blended with fresh Italian herbs & spices. Topped with chopped spinach and slow simmered marinara sauce, covered with mozzarella and baked.
- New York Style Thin Crust Pizza Medium 16" ONE TOPPING (8 Slices)

Drinks

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Lemonade, Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, and Water

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#### Dixie Stampede's Dinner Theatre:

Dixie Stampede's Fabulous Four Course Feast Includes: Our Own Original Creamy Vegetable Soup Hot Homemade Biscuit Tender Whole Rotisserie Chicken Hickory Smoked Barbeque Pork Loin Buttery Corn on the Cob Herb Basted Potato Hot Flaky Apple Turnover

#### We also offer a vegetarian meal option that will include:

Our Own Original Creamy Vegetable Soup (soup is made with a chicken broth) Hot Homemade Biscuit Garden Veggie Pasta with a side of Marinara Sauce Buttery Corn on the Cob Herb Basted Potato Hot Flaky Apple Turnover

#### Vegan Meal:

Fruit Cup with peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple, & cherries Vegetable Medley with carrots, broccoli, and cauliflower Plain Corn on the Cob Plain Potato Wedge Hot Flaky Apple Turnover

Gluten Free Option Includes: Fruit Cup with peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple, & cherries Dinner Roll Tender Whole Rotisserie Chicken Hickory Smoked Barbeque Pork Loin Buttery Corn on the Cob Herb Basted Potato Snickerdoodle Cookie

<u>Peanut Allergies</u> will receive a regular meal, but instead of the apple turnover they will get a snickerdoodle cookie.

<u>Dairy Allergies</u> will receive a gluten free meal with a plain potato wedge, plain corn, and without the snicker doodle cookie.

<u>Cinnamon Allergies</u> will receive a chocolate chip cookie (do not offer this unless have a cinnamon allergy- we do not keep many in stock)

## IMPORTANT Updated Notes:

#### 1. Airport Locations:

- a. Knoxville, TN 42 miles 1 hr. 15 min. from Gatlinburg
- b. Ashville, NC 82 Miles 1 hr. 15 min. from Gatlinburg
- "The Best Italian" restaurant is now scheduled for Thursday night at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$23.00 per person
- Jim Pitts has group tickets for the "Country Tonight Theatre" for 8:00 PM Thursday evening. His tickets are at half price (\$19.50 ea.). If you are interested in going contact Jim on Sunday or Monday during the reunion.
- 4. We are looking for several "Turkey" wives to give a very short talk on something special that they remember or happened to them while they were in Turkey. So, far Helen Bergmann, Dawn Bender and Patty Green have volunteered to talk.
- 5. Chuck Bergmann would like to have your cell phone number and providers name so that he can be able to send out messages to everyone at the same time with info or matters of interest during the reunion.
- 6. September is a very busy time for all the area hotels and they will fill up quickly. The Greystone Lodge doesn't charge your credit card for one night like some of the area hotels do when you make your reservations. Your credit card will be charged when you show up at the hotel. We have 30 rooms guaranteed to us now. If we need more rooms and if they are still available, they will increase our room quantity. Right now, we have booked 11 of the 30 rooms. So, my advice to all of you that are planning to come is not to wait till the last minute to reserve your room. You can always cancel if something comes up at the last minute.

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## **IMPORTANT** Updated Notes Continued:

7. We can also arrange for a bus ride to Harrah's Casino. It's a 1 1/2 hours' drive over the mountain by bus. That would be 3 hours driving, plus a mandatory 4 1/2 hours at the Casino, a total of about a 7 1/2 hours' excursion. If any of the Casino people planning on eating at Bennett's, you will need to be back before 5:30 pm. The cost is \$ 30.00 each, but they will give you \$ 25.00-coin play (free money!), That will almost pay for the bus ride.

Harrah's has several restaurants, including pizza, Asian, burgers, Italian, Dunkin Donuts and more, so lunch will be a delightful culinary buffet for anyone on this trip.

9. We would like to have your ASA registration form (see separate attachment) returned to us ASAP via either e-mail or regular mail so that we can finalize all our outings and entertainment. We DON'T NEED YOUR \$\$\$\$ till the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Thanks for your co-operation.

# Finally!

Please complete the form in the attached file. There are two pages and return it to one of the reunion co-chairmen ASAP or sooner via e-mail or land mail!

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Thank you for your donation!

## "Pre-Raffle" Drawing Results

The 2017 ASA / Turkey Reunion Group "**pre-raffle**" **drawing** was held on Saturday (03/04/17) at The Lapp's residence in Medina, OH. Present for the drawing was Helen & Chuck Bergman and Debbie & Dean Lapp.

Twenty-three (23) people bought ninety-four (94) total tickets. By them doing so we raise \$785.00 for the 2017 reunion's food and beverage fund. Also, we would like to thank the two individuals who donated cash to the food and beverage fund which brought the total funds to \$1,000.00. Their generosity and cooperation is part of the reason that the ASA / Turkey Group is so successful year in and year out. Our hats off to **Mike Comroe, Ed McCants**, **Bill Bender, Bob Dandridge, Tom Fittante, Tom Lazzara, Ken Whitman, Wes Lienke, Charlie Brown, Barry Wenger, Sonny Ausbrooks, Bill Pruitt, Jim Pitts, Jim Cox, Paul Aspenwall, John Owen, Gene Schnagl, Luther Jones, Frank Buss, Wayne Dyer, Henry Rotzal, Jay Goodman and Frank Siebenaler**.

We would also like to thank the reunion vendor's who donated the wonderful prizes that we just gave away. The venders were "The Greystone Lodge", "Gatlinburg CVB", "KBS Catering" and "The Country Tonight Theatre".

The four of us took turns in picking first the prize and then the winner of that particular prize. The prizes and the winners are as follows:

<u>Prize</u>	<u>e Winner Value</u>	
<ol> <li>The Greystone Lodge</li> <li>Dinner Gift Card</li> <li>Country Tonight Pass</li> <li>Gatlinburg CVB Pass</li> <li>Country Tonight Pass</li> </ol>	Frank Buss Paul Aspenwall Tom Fittante Paul Aspenwall Luther Jones	\$ 95.00 + tax \$ 50.00 \$ 79.90 \$1,200.00 \$ 79.90

The Bergmann's, The Lapp's and the Guests were not eligible.

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#### ASA / Turkey 2017 Reunion Registration Form - (REVISED)

Last Name	
First Name	
Spouse	
Cell Phone	
Cell Provider	
E-Mail	

#### Check is not due at this time

Prepaid Expenses - Due By 08-10-17	<u>Cost</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee	\$20.00		Х
Banquet Cost	\$30.00		Х
Bennett's BBQ Cost	\$23.00		Х
Dixie Stampede Theatre Cost	\$48.00		Х
Best Italian Cost	\$23.00		X
Box Lunch Cost	\$12.00		Х
Bus Ride - Cherokee Casino Trip	\$30.00		Х
Bus Ride - Cades Cove Historic Trip	\$27.00		Х
	<u>Total</u>		

## The following is important & required information!



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		Yes No Choice & Quantity	
3 (Mon)	Bennett's BBQ Restaurant - Attending Pork Shoulder Beef Brisket Chicken Tenders Smokehouse Combo South of the Border Chicken Breast Half Back of Baby Back Ribs Mesquite Grilled Chicken Breast		
4 (Tue)	<b>Dixie Stampede's Theatre - Attending</b> Fabulous Four Course Feast Vegetarian Meal Vegan Meal: Gluten Free Meal		
5	Box Lunch - Smoky MT's Wednesday - Cades Cove		
6	Bus Ride - Smoky MT's Mon - Cherokee, NC (Casino Trip All Day) Wed- Cades Cove Historic Trip		
7	<b>Car Pool - Smoky MT's</b> Mon - Cherokee, NC Casino Trip Wed - Cades Cove Historic Trip		
8	Quantity (per day): Please estimate so we can stoc Beer (cans) Wine (glasses) Pop / Soft Drinks (cans) Water (Bottle) Donuts or sweet cake items	k appropriately	
9	DEAD LINES: Registration Form - ASAP or sooner Payment - 08-10-17	Payment Enclosed	
10	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dean A. Lapp 3629 Trails End Dr. Medina, OH 44256 lappda@hotmail.com Phone 330-289-1689		
11	You may write additional comments or thoughts on the back of this form. <b>PAGE 2 of 2</b>		

## THE 2017 REUNION ROSTER AS OF 01 APRIL

ACKER, Bob, ASA Oki ASPINWALL, Paul, Det 4 AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine, Det 4 BEALL, Tom & Linda, Det 27 BENDER, Bill & Dawn Det 4-4 BERGMANN, Chuck & Helen, Det 27 BOOTH, Ed & ?, Det 4 BROWN, Charles & Lori, Det 4 BUSS, Frank, Det 4, COMROE, Mike, Det 27 COX, Jim & Vicki, Det 4, DYER, Wayne & Toni, Det 4 FITTANTI, Tom & ?, Det 27 GOODMAN, Jay, Det 4 JOHNSON, Don, ASA Oki JONES, Luther & Edna, Det 27 LAPP, Dean & Debbie, Det 4 LAZZARA, Tom, Det 27 LIENKE, Wes & ?, Det 27 McCANTS, Ed & ?, Det 4-4 **OBRIEN**, Jack & Kay, Det 4 OWEN, John & Janette, Det 4 PITTS, Jim, Det 27 PRUITT, Bill & Carolyn, Det 4 PUTTER, Max & Carol, Det 27 ROTZAL, Hank & Helena, Det 27 SCHNAGL, Gene & Kathy, Det 4 SCHULZ, Wm & Maureen, Det 27 SIEBENALER, Frank & Judy, Det 27 WENGER, Barry & Sharon, Det 27 WHITMAN, Ken & Judi, Det 27

## MAIL call

BENDER, Bill, SP4, 05K, Det 4-4, 70-71, Ocala, FL BENNETT, Harry, guest, Bellbrook, OH BINNEY, Bill, E3-E5, 98C, Det 27, 65-66, Severn, MD BROCK, Jim. E7-E8, 059/98Z, Det 4, JN68-AP69, Tallahassee, FL CRIDLEBAUGH, Lloyd, SP5, 058, Det 27, AP63-OC64, Kansas City, MO HARBER, Jim, SP5, 058, Det 27, 19MY62-27OC63, Datesville, AL HASSELBRINK, John, 98J, Det 4, 71-72, Tehachorn, CA LAZZARA, Tom, 058, Det 27, 63-67, Leominster, MA MAU, Norman, SP4, Det 27, JA65-JN66, Potomac, MD MITZNER, Dennis, E5, 98J, Det 4, JN68-JL69, Oak Forest, IL ROTZAL, Hank, 05K Det 27, JA64-JL65, Oxford, CT TERRALEVORO, GordoN, E3-E5, 98C, Det 4, AP66-AP67, Palm Harbor, FL

# MAIL call in alphabetic order



How many remember where this reunion was - it was Toledo

BENDER, William D., (Bill), SP4, 05K, Det 4-4, (Dawn), 6700 SW 113h Pl., Ocala, FL 34476, 352-854-9122, bender6700@deccacable,com

Dear Elder: - While reading the latest DOOL I read that someone was looking for a nice ASA Baseball Cap. I recently bought one from Medals of America (<u>www.Medalsof</u> America.com). It is item # G1196 and the cost is \$ 22.95. If Max looks at it I'm sure he can come up with something like what is shown in the catalog. What I like about this company is they offer many ribbons that may be worn on para military or civilian clothing. I ordered stuff for my Oak Run Veterans Club uniform. I hope this helps out. Their number is 1-800-308-0849. See you at the reunion! 73's

hope this helps out. Their number is 1-800-308-0849. See you at the reunion! 73's Bill Bender -aka N3ORO



THE FRONT GATE AREA OF DET 27

BENNETT, Harry, guest, 4467 Knob Hill, Bellbrook, OH 45355, 937-371-0347, <u>hbleadfoot@att.net</u>



Anyone remember this NAVY guy from the 2016 reunion at Dayton, OH ASK TOM BEALL - HE KNOWS HIM & HIS TWIN. IT'S HARRY BENNETT

BINNEY, Bill, YOB: 1943, RA, E3-E5, 98C, Det 27, 65-66, (Carole), 1700 Elberta Dr., Severn, MD 21144, 410-551-9175, <u>binney3@verizon.net</u>

I was the NCOIC of the TA shop at Det 27 and had the fortune of having Bill Binney work in that section on the RMC area and along with Gary Stolp were the experts on the 104th Guards Airborne Division in the Transcaucasus Military District.

Bill departed Turkey in late 1966 and took a job with NSA and eventually was promoted to a high super grade within NSA. He retired from NSA around 2000 and since 2001, Bill has been a consultant on analysis and analytic techniques to various agencies of the U.S. government intelligence community including the National Security Agency (NSA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security. It was my left foot. So, I can still drive an automatic. Things are going ok so far. I should be able to get fitted for a prosthetic foot in about 1.5 months. For the time being, I look at it this way. I was never a heel; but, now I'm a-foot. Bill June 1, 2010



Bill and Carole Binney at the 2005 ASA PICNIC at Blobs Park

William Edward Binney is a former highly placed intelligence official with the National Security Agency (NSA) turned whistleblower who resigned on October 31, 2001, after more than 30 years with NSA. He was a high-profile critic of his former employers during the George W. Bush administration.

Binney continued to speak out during Barack Obama's presidency and during the first 70 days of the Trump administration about the NSA's data collection policies, and continues to give interviews in the media regarding his experiences and his views on interception of communication of American citizens by governmental agencies. In a legal case, Binney declared in an affidavit that the NSA is acting in deliberate violation of the U.S. Constitution.



THE FRONT GATE AREA & PART OF THE ANTENNA FIELD AT DET 27

BROCK, Jim. YOB: 1934, RA14489409, E7-E8, 059/98Z, Det 4, JN68-AP69, (Carolyn), 1668 Silverwood Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850-877-2445, cell 850-320-5599, brockjim@gmail.com



A VERY INTERESTING BIO FROM A CAREER SOLDIER

Sergeant Major Jim Brock and his wife Caroline



Carolyn and Jim Brock

I was born...... No, guess I'll start a little later. Fall of 1952: I left the Univ of Florida after one semester to join the US Army. I'd met a couple of older friends at Florida and they seemed to have a little money and I was broke most of the time. I ask how it was that they did not work and had money. They said they had the Korean GI bill and it paid for their schooling with a little left over. I knew then that I must quit school and get the Korean GI Bill before the war was over.

I started out trying the Air Force but it had a long waiting list to join in early 1953. The AF recruiter told me that the Army Security Agency had a good deal for a three year enlistment. The next week I met the ASA recruiter in Marianna, FL and he said that if I scored high I would be eligible. I took the test and met the requirements of the ASA

I was told by the recruiter that since I met the score to qualify it would take a few weeks to put everything together. After filling out much paper work and waiting for weeks I enlisted on 2 April 1953 and received the RA number of 14489409 and was off to basic training at Camp Breckenridge, KY, Completed basic in June 1953 – then went to Fort Devens where I started Morse Code Training in September 1953 and was introduced to a MILL. My class leader was SFC Joe Brown who kept track of my progress and knew that I was having a tough time qualifying with 18 words per minute

SFC Joe came to me one day and said that I might like Non Morse better and they were filling a class with 12 men from my class of 50 Morse code men. I told him that I would like to do anything but catch dits.and being at Ft Devens longer sounded good to

me. So I was assigned to a class in Radio Printer (RP) School which would extend my stay at Fort Devens a few months. With a girl friend in Lowell I was happy with this arrangement.

In March 1954 I graduated from RP School and was on my way to the Far East via the ASA Pacific Hqs at a place called Oji Camp in Tokyo. I thought that I was being assigned to the ASA Field Station in the Philippines. But no, I was soon on my way to Hokkaido in northern Japan at 8612 DU near the town of Chitose.



Chitose Barracks during the winter of 1955

Due to hardship at home for money I reenlisted for 3 years on 11 February 1955 and received a \$600 bonus. It extended my ETS until 10 Feb 1958. Only one year and ten months. I sent money home and had a little to hold me over some.

Just before I reenlisted the operations building at 8612 burned to the ground. With no equipment or building to operate, I, along with many others, was assigned to the US Navy Station in Kamiseya, Japan near Yokahama on the Island of Honshu. It was interesting working below ground in buried Quonsets. Underground was an operation in which to become an army sailor working as one of them to beef up their shortage of Sailors. We worked there for a few months on the Navy watch system of 8 hours on (swings), 8 off, 8 on (days), 8 off, 8 on (mids) 36 off. It went fast with two days in Yokohama or environs, then back to the same rotation again. This lasted for a few months.

In May I was selected with four other men to be assigned to 8610 AAU, in Kyoto, Japan to be members of a survey team. This team consisted of EM from Korea, Kyoto, and us from Chitose in all operational MOS's. We built a 2x4 set of racks, wooden floor and a squad tent as the operations for the survey. With the necessary equipment we shipped this Ops Tent to Camp Hakata, Japan.

We operated 45 days there and then shipped everything to Camp Wood in Kumamoto, Kyushu,Japan. Another 45 days there and then back to Momoyama Camp for the arrival of the 326<sup>th</sup> ASA Company out of Korea. We prepared a deserted Army post to a livable one for them and then I returned to 8612DU at Chitose.

During this time at Hakata - I was a corporal when this TDY commenced. I was converted from CPL to SP3 in July 1955 when the Army reorganized the rank structure, hard stripes and soft stripes. Hard stripes were the old army ranks but at E-3 the two split to Cpl and SP3, Sgt, with a rocker, and SP5, SFC and Sp6 and MSG and Sp7. I was put out to be an Sp3 and lose my two strips.

After arriving back at 8612 I tried out and made the Chitose AFB football team as the starting Quarterback for the season of 1955. This was post Korean War but lots of college and pros were still in the military and were playing sports at the service level.

The enthusiasm for sports got me and the members of the team off duty to play and practice for the season of 1955. Five of us from 8612 made the AF team. We played against college ball players and one of my thrills was playing against George "Dusty" Rice, an All American in 1947 from Univ of Iowa; Dick Heatly, right half-back from Oklahoma Univ opposite the 1950 Heisman Trophy winner, Billy Vessels, left half-back. . I left Chitose, Japan as Sgt with three years there in March 1957.

In April 1957, with assignment back to Fort Devens as an Instructor I would be able to help make the privates a little more familiar with what operations was about in the field. After Charm School (Instructor Training) I was set for a tour of teaching RP techniques. In September 1957 I was promoted to SFC, E6.

This started an 11 year run for me as an SFC, E-6 In 1958 the Army rank and grade structure was again changed and SFC was now E-7. (E-6) and I didn't change strips in 1958. I was not forced to wear SSG (E-6) strips as I think I should have. New promotions to E-6 became SSG, but I was SFC and left there until I was promoted again, or demoted. Thus the eleven years straddled SFC (E-7) when I was later promoted in December, 1964. It was confusion, confusion in the Army. You could not tell what grade you were talking to by the strips on the sleeve because the Army didn't feel it was right to strip of the old rank and put on the new until promotion.

In June 1959 I attended the Advance RP School run by NSA at Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, VA. It was a 8 month school and included all services. I was one of 16 service men selected for the class and it was in detail regarding all aspects of the non Morse signal environment. I finished first in the class and returned to Fort Devens as a Senior Instructor in January 1960. I was assigned in June 1962 to the 13<sup>th</sup> USASA Field Station, at Menwith Hill Station, Harrogate, Yorkshire, England, UK. My tour of duty was for a three year period, accompanied by my family. I started out as a Platoon Sergeant, SFC (E-6), (Trick Chief) with about 60 men in my platoon.

Later I became the Training NCO with the responsibility to train incoming personnel in the techniques for which they were assigned when they came to the station. Later it reached slide show level and became the station briefing for all VIP's visiting the station. Dr Lou Tordella, the Assistant Director of NSA, visited the station in fall of 1964. After being briefed and seeing the training documentation presented, he asked if this could be boxed up and sent to him at NSA. We could and we did.

This became one of the hi-lights of my tour there and this program became a world wide type training program for ASA operations of our type.

In January 1964 there was a need for a senior NCO to become part of a survey team led by 1LT John Lang to go to Germany. The survey this time, much like the one in Japan on Kyushu in 1955 was to find a place that there might be consolidation of efforts of multiple German sites along with Menwith Hill Station found in Germany. I spent 4 months in this assignment at a location in Germany with contribution of operations and NCOs from all sites in Germany. It was split into two time frames with the first being for Menwith and the second part for Germany. The team leader and I spent the entire period on site and for the wrap-up session. In May 1964 I returned to my training responsibilities at Menwith Hill. A pleasant surprise came my way just before Christmas 1964 when I was promoted to SFC (E-7). No, they didn't pen any new stripes on me, I just continued the eleven years as an SFC.

Again, in a change in duties for me, in 1965 a new section was instituted in our operations and I was selected as NCOIC of the Operations Management Section. Our job was to develop the work requirements around efficient utilization and effective tasking of all resources in operations. Mostly this was on a position level source of information with coordinating personnel requirements managed accordingly. This was accomplished by some 12 men monitoring, in pencil all activity during 24 hour a day activity. Setting up the procedures was based on trial and error for a few weeks but finally settled down to about 6 men working 8 hours a day filling in the blanks by position and activity by case study.

The high light of this part of my duty was that the computer operations supervisor and technicians serving the European theater at USASA Europe came to Menwith and copied our techniques and procedures from pencil to computer language that could be used to take the same data from all stations and establish outputs that duplicated our pencil efforts. Soon we were reduced to 3 men and me. We who took the computer output from Frankfort and managed our positions, case studies and personnel from the data collected by reports received by computer. This resulted in 1966 showing a 100% increase in productivity in the operations overall at Menwith Hill on year by year, month by month comparison.

In June 1966 the decision to convert Menwith Hill from soldier manned operations to civilian manned operations became evident. Civilians started to arrive in Menwith and identify personnel requirements immediately. I was the last NCO to leave the building after having trained my civilian counterpart to the routines that we had established over the last year and a half. This occurred in August of 1966 and I departed Menwith Hill in early September 1966 with my family headed for Fort Devens.

This was my 4<sup>th</sup> tour at Devens and was like old home week. Many people were working with whom I had worked all over the world by this time. I was assigned to a special signal analysis section where I had brought the class up from NSA at Fort Meade, MD in 1962. I was soon to become NCOIC of the section where we were training Army and Navy op's in advanced analysis systems & techniques. In 1968 I left the section to attend the advanced NCO course which was presented at Devens. It was attended by E-7 & E-8 grade students from all ASA locations.

During the class I received orders transferring me to TUSLOG Det 4, in Sinop, Turkey. Upon completion of the class I moved my family to Chattahoochee, FL where they lived until I returned from the one year tour in Sinop.

During my leave there my father passed away and after being concerned about an emergency leave in this kind of situation I was there on ordinary leave. Upon completion of my 30 day leave I returned to Devens to prepare for departure to Turkey.

This was to begin the rest of my career as Operation Sergeant at 5 locations within ASA and its successor INSCOM, mixed with Company 1SG and Battalion SGM. I departed the USA in May 1968.

I arrived at TUSLOG Det 4 in June 1968 aboard the C. Kamal fishing boat from Istanbul During my in-processing I was assigned a room with SSG Tim Neese. It was Tim Neese who informed me I was on the E-8 promotion list. Of course, this pleased me.

I was assigned to Ops working for Major Alwin H. Sprehe, the Ops O. Some of the NCO's were: SFC Bill Garner, SSG Dale Carter, SFC Ted Sands, SFC John Miller and others that memory fails me. Later I served as the 1SG of Ops Co when 1SG Robert "Gabby" Fenton rotated, then served as the NCO Club Manager when SFC Mack Calhoun was stricken with ulcers and med-evaced to Germany.

SFC Eldon Screws filled in as my backup during a two week jaunt to Germany to be checked out for nerves, rapid heart beat and perhaps ulcers from a previous case I'd had at Fort Devens. I think it turn out to be Sleep Apnea but not diagnosed until 2005. Eldon Screwa was my assistant Operation Sergeant while I performed the other duties also. He was a good soldier and I regret that I have lost contact with him. We were together at a few Chitose, Japan reunions after I retired.

CSM Jim Boyette was the Sergeant Major and LTC John O'Connor was Commander, and LTC Hank LeBreque was Deputy Cdr, who promoted me to Master Sergeant E-8.



Sinop was a tough tour but I made it until April, 1969

From Sinop I was reassigned to Field Station Homestead, near Homestead AFB, FL. I worked the mid shift for a while until the current Ops Sgt retired. I replaced him under Major Bob Whitaker and spent about 18 months with the Navy on Card Sound Road out of Florida City to Key Largo, after crossing Card Sound Bridge to the island. We had my first "elephant pen" antenna there for operations with the Navy Security Group operations.

I left Homestead for Vietnam in August 1970. I arrived at the 509<sup>th</sup> RR Group and was met by my old operations officer, Maj. Bob Whitaker and I was assigned to his Advisory Group in the Operations Division of the 509<sup>th</sup> Group as the Operations Sgt. We were country wide operations involved in the "Vietnamization" of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) operations. The Group Commander was Col Black Jack Sanford, Col Diagostino was Dep Cdr. SGM Assman was operation SGM for a while. I traveled from Hue in the north near the DMZ between RVN and North Vietnam, down to the Delta at Canto and other units across the big river Mekong in the south. I was monitoring the ARVN RR operations and the assignment of US Soldiers to the MACV Teams with each Division and Corp Elements of the ARVN known as DARRS.



Jim Brock

I lived about half time at the NCO Quarters in Saigon, better known as the Tiger's Den. The rest of the time I was hitch-hiking around the country on whatever I could catch to reach my given destination. My most pleasant visits were to Vung Tau on the east coast known as the Riviera of the Far East from the Indochina days of South Vietnam (SVN). I was one happy MSG when I boarded the Jet for the USA in August 1971.

I was assigned to Vint Hill Farms Station near Warrenton, VA for the second time, having been there for Advance 059 school taught by NSA in 1959. I became the Operations Sergeant of the unit under Major Nelson Johnson who worked for LTC Norman Bacon, my operations officer as Major Bacon at Menwith Hill Station Harrogate, England in 1962-1966. Here I came under COL John O'Connor again, Commander of VHFS. LTC Dean Kirk was Deputy Cdr. After a few months I became 1SG, C Company, CDR Capt Richard Banks, with my sight on three years at this job. After 18 months on the job, even our command CSM Robert Snyder and CSM Robert Roth of HQ USASA in Arlington, VA could not get me out of the orders to return to Europe and Field Station Augsburg in 1973.

I arrived in Augsburg and became NCOIC of Missions Division of Operations in the largest operations in ASA. Now living with my second Wollenweber "Elephant Pen" Antenna. After a few months I was promoted to SGM and became the Operations SGM of FS Augsburg under Operations Officer LTC Tom Flynn. LTC Dean Kirk was Deputy CDR Operations and COL John O'Connor was CDR of FSA, my 3<sup>rd</sup> assignment under him as commander, CSM Bob Snyder was CSM. SGM Bernie Rector, a fellow 1SG from VHFS was SGM Operation Cmd. It was like old home week at Augsburg. We reorganized the Station and cut down on MSG requirement by fifty percent, now I wasn't as needed at FSA as bad as they thought when they pulled me out of 1SG job at VHFS. COL Don Moreau became CDR and I became SGM, Support Bn. LTC Foutz Cdr and later LTC Ken Roney. The SGM slot was not CSM yet but became one later after I left. After four years I was reassigned to Ft Meade, MD at NSA departing in 1977.

Upon signing in to ASA INSCOM Grp at Ft Meade I took a leave and returned to find a note upon my NCO Quarters door from CSM Lee Stikeleather, HQ, INSCOM in Arlington, VA, saying I was selected for CSM. Where did I want to go overseas to be appointed? Not me! I didn't want to go overseas again. I was assigned as SGM, B Div in NSA under Col Walkowski, a battalion cdr from Vietnam I'd known. I met SGM Robert Eckford, Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Director, NSA, VADM Bobby R. Inman who was nearing retirement. COL Papa Richardson and CSM Bob Winter asked me to become the Army selectee to replace the retiring SEA. I surmised that with the Director a Navy Officer, an Army SGM retiring that he would select an Air Force E-9 as his SEA. Why should I compete for the job? COL Papa asked me to give the Army a good show anyway. So I did. After interview after interview and meeting with the

Director, I was more convinced that CMSG Rick Stats would be selected from the Air Force. When a called to inform me that I had appointment with the Director, I thought now it is over. When I met with the Director at the appointed time and he announced to me that I was his man, a feather would have knocked me over. In the next few months I came out on orders to be assigned to a Student Battalion at Ft Devens. To leave a 3 star admiral and go work for a LTC I figured would be a demotion. So I opted out of the CSM program to remain at NSA So after two years there and twenty-six in the Army, as I had planned all along, I retired as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director, National Security Agency, VADM Bobby Ray Inman. I thought of this as the biggest operations Sergeant job in ASA.



Vice ADM Bobby Inman presenting a citation to SGM Jim Brock at his retiremen

The photo below is now on the wall at NSA in the Hall of honor.



SGM E-9 Jim Brock

I later worked for INSCOM for sixteen years retiring on 1 January1995as a GS-14.

I had a wonderful 42 year career in the Army and later retiring on 1 January 1995. I met many, many good friends and remain in contact with many of them yet today. Elder Green is one of them. I first met and served with Elder in Chitose, Japan in 1955-57.



The Jim Brock clan


THE SECOND ASA TURKEY REUNION AT HERSHEY, PA, 13-15 SEPTEMBER 2002

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A correction in the latest DOOL's if I may regarding the first C.O. of Det 27. Lt Col Epperson was the Deputy C.O.of Det 27 in 1960 and Col Adrainus Van Oosten was the C.O. Col Van Oosten was a Bataan death march surviver if you remember and was assigned to Det 27 to make Brig. Gen before his retirement. He was subsequently relived of duty and retired, being replaced by Lt Col Epperson who was the second C.O. of Det 27. He was a fine officer and very well liked by the EM. Rumor had it that Col VanOosten was retired because of the general poor morale of the OPS co. after a IG or CMI inspection and found the previous Midnight Trick sleeping all over Special Services when they were not permitted to use their barracks during this inspection. I was there! Regards, Mike Comroe



Who are these pretty ladies from the 2016 reunion at Dayton, Oh

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Good Morning Elder.....

I just got back to KC after spending the winter in South Texas. The way the weather is here this week I think I came back a couple weeks too soon. I hope all is well with you and your family. I'm looking forward to the upcoming reunion, Gatlinburg is a nice area. I think I might ride the motorcycle and spend another week or so around Maggie Valley and the Smokies. I haven't talked to Ted Rasmussen lately but he sounded like he was interested in attending also (I hope he can).

You didn't let me know what I owe you for the Det 27 patch, get back to me on that so I can pay you. Thank you I appreciate you sending it to me. See you this fall. Lloyd

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I am interested in attending the ASA Turkey Reunion this coming September in Gatlinburg, TN. Is there a website or Facebook page where you post the details? Please keep me informed. Thanks so much, John Hasselbrink

## MERHABA John

Welcome aboard the ASA Turkey grp and I thank U for the email. I'm not sure how U found me. I am the founder of the ASA Turkey newsletter (in 2001) that is referred to as the DAYS OF OUR LIVES or simply DOOL. By clicking <u>http://dool-1.tripod.com</u> you can go on-line and read most of my DOOL's.

Info regarding the 2017 ASA Turkey at Gatlinburg, TN can be found in the latest DOOL.

I found your name in the Det 4 Master Roster that was maintained by the late Bill Simons and that your server at that time was free-spy,net.

A lot of fmr 98J's attend the annual reunion who served at Det 4. I'm sure that U will concur that your tour of duty in the ASA and at a place called the HILL, aka Det 4 at Sinop was a time in your life that U look back upon and cherish

Please send me your ph # and I'll give U a call My number is 724-471-4899. I will have U put on the distr list for my monthly DOOL's by Chuck Bergmann. Güle güle- - -gH (Green Hornet) - - - - NIL HRD- - - -

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Just wanted to give you a quick update...

As of 4 March 2017 Tom was still on the ventilator. They have tried to take him off but he is apparently not getting enough oxygen. They test him each day an we are optimistic that it will happen soon.

They have lighten the sedation on him which has allowed us to communicate with him somewhat. We don't stay long because he gets agitated and frustrated that he can't speak. I mentioned that you have

been in touch and that I received the newsletter.

He still has some pneumonia and some fluid in his lungs which they are treating. I hope that soon I can give you some better news.Shirley McCrillis

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Hi ER.

Thanks for your recent call. You asked me if I read the DOOL and my reply was yes. I had not read the last one due to a pressing circumstance around the time you sent it, but I have now.

As promised here is sort of an update of my life since the last note 10 or 12 years ago. I have been retired for about 11 years where I was a Navy Civilian. If you remember, I was in the Navy Budget Office for the last two years of my career as a Budget Analyst working more accounting related subjects than real appropriation budgets.

Retired life is good as we have some responsibilities but mostly get to do things we want to do like golfing, exercising, going to a college class with no homework, and doing yoga after some gardening and maintaining the house and yard or cars. My wife and I live in Potomac, Md. (I kid around and say we were Obama's neighbors 12 miles away) for about 20 years. Our son lives outside of Philadelphia with wife and daughter and our daughter is on Long Island with her husband and son.

I have three ideas to make life easier or a situation to be careful.

For the hunters in our group, be careful of the Remington Model 700, some of models can fire upon disengaging the safety according to this link:

Remington rifle problems: Remington issuing safety recall of select Model 700 and Seven rifles

The article was on 60 minutes during February 2017.

For the members with land lines NOMOROBO is a gem. Since installing this software, I have not had one robo call except when I changed phone companies and did install NOMOROBO the second time. The phone rings once and the call disappears to thin air and the service is free to boot. I am sure any former ASAer can follow its installation directions. For example, I just got a robo call from the Am Lung Assoc and it disappeared to thin air.

ER - I promised you that I would send two names of the people from ASA Turkey.

Rawligh Suybrant E-mail: <u>Rawligh@yahoo.com</u> 301 775 5861 Rawligh and I are in the same class at Montgomery College, Rockville. He was at Det 4 and he has talked to you on the phone previously.

John Mistrik 121 West 10th Ave, Tarenton, Pa phone 2240178 is a real old address and phone number. At time, probably 1966, we did not have area codes. John was at Det 27.

Cheers, Norman

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Friends:

For most of us while in the ASA we wore headsets in performing our duties. We didn't think much of it, part of the job to include the occasional talk switch left open and the ensuing feedback that blew our hears off, figuratively speaking, so we thought.

Long story short, four years ago I received my first set of hearing devices from the VA. It is their protocol to replace them every three to four years. Late last year I went in for a hearing test and was given a new set of hearing devices. Within the last year I noticed that my hearing had declined. The audiologist said that over the last four years my hearing had declined a little. But what was concerning, was that my "speech recognition" dropped 20% from where it was four years ago. Meaning, I can hear "sounds" but cannot understand them as speech.

I'm sure we've all commented to our spouses and friends that when we are in crowded places it is difficult to hear conversations at our tables. The doctor told me that "my problem" is just a matter of getting old.

Well, we are all getting older, so as is OUR motto, "Forewarned Is Cheating." In this case it is awareness and being proactive .

I hope I can help someone in their recognition of this condition. And, yes, I do have tinnitus. Many things we just take for granted, don't we? Be well, Denny

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Henry E. Rotzal

Vint Hills Farm Station

August 1965 – April 1966

I arrived at Vint Hill Farm station in August of 1965, a newly married SP4. We found offbase housing at a local farm house. The couple that we rented from were very nice and lived downstairs on the first floor. It was quite an experience living on a farm. (sorta wanted to be a farmer after this...huh

Every morning when I went outside, I had to chase the cows away from the car in order to leave for work at Vint Hill.



For those of you who were stationed at Vint Hill, I worked in the BARN with a SILO. Being that I lived off base I did not have to have any barracks inspection or formations. It was almost like having a regular job, report for work at 0700 hours and leave at 1630 hours.

While stationed at Vint Hill, I worked on the weekends at the local Pepsi distributor. My job was to tow a trailer that was used at different events to dispense soda, ice, grilled burgers and dogs. I would tow the trailer out to the job site, set it up and then let the people who rented the trailer do the rest. This gave me time to watch whatever the event was.

Being that this area of Virginia was horse country, the events were usually horserelated-- Horse auctions, Shows, Fox Hunts, etc. It was great seeing how the rich and famous lived.

Being newly married and my wife being a good catholic, our daughter was soon

conceived. Well have you ever tried to find watermelon and popsicles in the middle of winter for your pregnant wife? This is what she craved, but I was able to find a local store in the next town that did have popsicles and small round watermelons. Do not know where they got the watermelons from but was just glad that they did.

I rotated out of active duty at Fort Myer in Arlington, VA. They did their best to try to get me to re-up for another 4 years with a big bonus, which was tempting at the time, but with a baby on the way in a month or so I decided to take my muster out pay and bid farewell to Army Life.





## This Virginia Winery Once Housed One of WWII's Most Important Spy Stations

## Article by Becky Little

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In 1942, the United States Army set up a secret monitoring facility in a farmhouse in Warrenton, Virginia. The farm's relative proximity to the U.S. Signaling Intelligence Service's headquarters in Arlington, VA, combined with the location's isolation and <u>quite</u> <u>electromagnetic</u> geology, made it a good place to pick up international radio signals.

Since World War II was on at the time, the Army bought the land and turned it into a surveillance and decoding base known as Vint Hill Farm Station, or Monitoring Station No. 1.

The barn that the Army once used is still there today, but modern visitors won't need a security clearance to get in—just their photo IDs if they want to get a drink.

<u>Vint Hill Craft Winery</u> is one of the relatively new tenants that have moved into the former spy station, which, until the 1990s, was alternately used by the Army, the

CIA and the NSA. Its neighbors include <u>The Covert Cafe</u>, <u>a local brewery</u>, and <u>an</u> <u>inn</u> that offers <u>Cold War-themed escape rooms</u>. Right next door to the winery is <u>The</u> <u>Cold War Museum</u>, a hidden gem of a building, the size of which belies the overwhelming breadth of its collection.

According to the winery's owner, Chris Pearmund, the <u>Economic Development</u> <u>Administration</u> (EDA) approached him in 2008 about opening a winery there in order to help the area transition from its spy station roots into a place for private use. Sitting on the top floor of his winery, he explains that at the time, "this building was not good for much of anything. It was an old office building in an old barn." So Pearmund and his team "de-officed it and brought it back to the original barn." They also dug holes to power the winery with geothermal energy.

At first, Pearmund wasn't sure that the area would draw visitors because it doesn't have the typical picturesque, rolling-hill topography that other Virginia wineries do. But the business has been successful so far, and its unique history might be part of the draw.

The winery plays off its past with wine names like "Enigma;" and in the top-floor tasting room, you can examine a photo of WWII spies intercepting morse code taken in the very same room in which you're sipping wine.





A historical photo of the monitoring room, which is now the winery's main tasting room. (Cold War Museum)

Looking at that mysterious image may very well pique your curiosity about visiting the Cold War Museum next door.

The museum was co-founded by <u>Francis Gary Powers, Jr.</u>, son of the famed U-2 pilot who was shot down and captured by the Soviets in 1960. Inside, the two-floor museum is jam-packed with surveillance equipment, propaganda posters and a mixture of U.S., German, and Soviet uniforms (the <u>International Spy Museum</u> in Washington, D.C., has even borrowed items from this collection). The large volume of artifacts and images available to peruse can be overwhelming, but the museum volunteers—many of whom used to work for the military or in national security— are happy to offer tours to help provide context and make sense of it all.

Even though the Cold War is the museum's main focus, its timeline starts with Vint Hill's WWII surveillance. During that time, one of the station's biggest achievements was its <u>interception</u> of a 20-page morse code message from Baron Oshima, the Japanese ambassador to Germany. It revealed information about Germany's fortifications as well

as the location where the Nazis expected the Allies to attack next. With this, the Allies were able to misdirect the Nazis so they could storm the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944—D-Day.

The museum's Cold War exhibits cover topics with which visitors will likely be familiar, such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Berlin Wall (the museum has a small piece).

Yet the most interesting ones are about lesser-known events. Near the front of the museum hangs the jacket of an American PB4Y-2 Privateer pilot who was shot down by Soviets and presumed dead. It was donated by his wife, who learned years after the event that he had been imprisoned by the Soviets and had likely died in jail. The museum's executive director, Jason Hall, says he thinks it's important that the public know about events like this. "Even when we were not in a hot war," he said, "there were people who got killed."

There's also a display about one of the Cold War's little-known heroes, Vasili Arkhipov. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he is credited with convincing a Soviet submarine captain not to take out American ships with a 15-kiloton nuclear torpedo. The attack would have prompted a retaliation from the United States, and then from the Soviet Union, leading to the terrifying possibility of mutual assured destruction.

"If it were not for him, it would've been World War III, no question," Hall explains. The museum's aesthetic is relatively DIY—most of the displays are labeled with computer print-outs pasted on black construction paper. Entry is free, but the museum also hosts paid events, like an <u>upcoming presentation</u> on March 19 by former NSA and CIA director General Michael Hayden and his wife Jeanine, who also worked at the NSA. These events are usually held in collaboration with the neighboring winery or brewery.

Hall says that the cooperation between the new tenants of the former spy station is making the area "a kind of a history destination." He hopes that attracting visitors to the area will encourage people to ask themselves larger questions about the Cold War and the United States' relationship to Russia—questions that he feels are still relevant to our lives today.

"Why would you not want to think about our relations with Russia," he asks, "given what Putie's been doing?" And while you ponder that here, you can wander up to the bar to order another glass of wine.

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I was reviewing a 1966 Det 4 roster that included 61 names who had completed the Emergency Medical Training class and started searching the names on the list. It is very difficult to find people nowadays because many now have unlisted cell phones versus landlines. I only had one successful hit and it was Flash Terralevoro who returned my message. This order was signed by Captain Stanley T. Winarsky who then was the Asst Adjutant at Det 4. Cpt Winarski was a SP5 Elephant Tracker at Det 27

who received a direct promotion to 1LT circa 1963 and later retired as a Full Col and for many years was a relayer of my DOOL's.



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