

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

Your memoirs are most welcome to the DAYS OF OUR LIVES and is an effort on my part to preserve the stories and memories of ASA, Air Force and Navy Security Service veterans who served in Turkey. My goal is to collect and to preserve the stories -- that we honor these Turkey veterans and that we educate future generations about what it was like for us COLD WAR veteran's. Someday someone, perhaps our grandkids or great grandkids or even relatives 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. Because we cram so much into our lives, we tend to schedule our headaches.. 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," and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit." When you send an email to me - PLEASE include the word ASA in the subject line to insure that I open it and not mistake it for SPAM. Thank you- GREEN, Elder RC (gH), YOB: 1936, RA13513638, E7, 982/98C, Det 27, 1-15MY61, Det 120, MY-JL65, Det 27, JN66-OC67 & Det 4-4, OC67-NO68, (Patty), 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, 724-349-7395, asagreenhornet@yahoo.com - I got tagged with the aka GREEN HORNET nickname while stationed at Det 27



During the period 5-22 March we visited Tucson, AZ where our oldest son, Randy, is stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB. While in Arizona Patty and I set up two meetings with ASA Turkey veterans in Sierra Vista and Oro Valley. The details and photo's of those meetings will be included in DOOL#161



L-R: Elder, Patty & our oldest son, Dr. Randy Green, holding our youngest grandson, Tyler Green at the Tucson Zoo on St. Patricks Day 2006

DD 214 Now Online for Veterans

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access their DD-214 online: vetrecs.archives.gov. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

2006 ASA TURKEY REUNION NEWS

13-17 September 2006

at

DRAWBRIDGE INN
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

The 2006 reunion will be held 13-17 September in Fort Mitchell, KY and will be hosted by Hal and Bobbie Winkler of Cincinnati, Ohio



To view the Drawbridge Inn website go to: (www.drawbridgeinn.com)
HOST HOTEL: Drawbridge Inn (www.drawbridgeinn.com)

ROOM RATES: \$75 per day plus 11.24% tax.

RESERVATIONS: 1-800-354-9793

LOCATION: Fort Mitchell, KY - 5 miles S of downtown Cincinnati, OH on I-71/I-75

AIRPORT: The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport is 8 miles away.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM DRAWBRIDGE: Free

HOSPITALITY ROOM: Yes – with free snacks and beverages.

TENTATIVE TOURS: The USAF Museum in Dayton <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/>

A meal at the Hofbrauhaus in Newport, KY - www.hofbrauhausnewport.com

A 3 hour dinner cruise on the Ohio River - www.queencityriverboats.com

A visit to the mall at Newport on the Levee - www.NewportontheLevee.com

Local transportation (TANK) from the Drawbridge to Covington Landing and to downtown

Cincinnati is available hourly at a nominal .50 per person.

When making your reservations (1-800-354-9793) state that you will be attending the ASA Turkey reunion.

Please note that Cincinnati will be the site of a Oktoberfest on 16 and 17 September in downtown Cincinnati.

TAPS

HAMILTON, Mark DOB: 27 March 1943, DOD 2 March 2006, E5, 71B, S4, Det 27, JL64-DE66, (Marilyn), 5891 Countryview Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011, 513-892-2270, mhamilton68@fuse.net <http://www.images-by-markhamilton.com/ManzaraliVets>



OBIT: HAMILTON, Mark Noel, Age 62, of Hamilton, died 2 March 2006 as the result of an auto accident. He was born 27 March 1943 in Bellingham, Washington, the son of Carl and Enid (Britt) Hamilton. He attended Portland State University School of Business. He served 3 years in the US Army Security Agency in Turkey 1964-66. He was joined in matrimony with Marilyn Byers on 28 August 1976 in Lakewood, Ohio. He was employed by International Paper Company in the Parts Purchasing Department. He served as a manager in the furniture industry for 30 years. He was an active member of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church. He was a caring husband, a loving father, an avid golfer and photographer. He is survived by his wife, a son, Matt Hamilton of Hamilton; a sister, Carol Nemeth and her husband, Mike of Walnut, CA, and stepmother Genevieve Hamilton of Portland,

Oregon. A memorial service was held 6 March 2006 at Cornerstone United Methodist Church. Memorials may be given to Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 7600 Princeton-Glendale Road, West Chester, Ohio, 45069 or to the American Cancer Society, Butler County, P.O. Box 13063, Hamilton, Ohio

My thanks to **Dixie Rooks** and **Gary Jorgensen** for sending me the obituary of Mark Hamilton

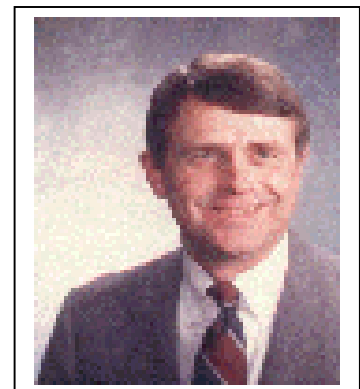
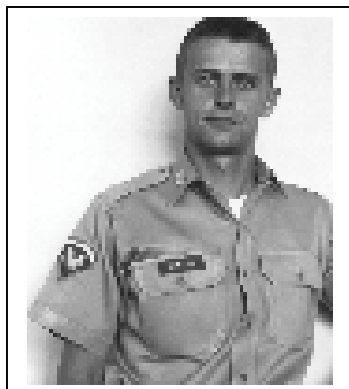
From Marilyn Hamilton: Thanks for your wonderful thoughts . Matt and I have been overwhelmed with memorial services and plans and processing of the news of Marks passing. It has been a rough road. Will look this week for a picture for you and see if someone I know can help me send off a copy of the obit. It was in the Hamilton Journal on 5 March. I have much in our computer and will keep until I can learn how to work with. He was the computer savvy one in the family. Everything still seems so unreal. I have taken this week off and plan to visit the social security office and contact the Va etc etc Much necessary paper work and then insurance dealings as well due to the accident. I will try to keep his email up and running to keep all informed. Thank you for all of your outreach. Marilyn and Matt Hamilton

FROM: Don Tarr: I am deeply saddened to read about the death of Mark Hamilton. Although I'm a Det. 66 Vet (66-67) I always enjoyed turning to his web site and looking at all the old pictures. It brought back many warm thoughts. I still have vivid memories, like yesterday, of Site 23 and the many guys I met there. As time marches on taps will sound for more of the fine soldiers who spent their time on that hill. I'll say a prayer for Mark and his family. (Don Tarr, SGT E-5 Det 66, March 66-September 67).



The following is from the DOOL files regarding Mark Hamilton:

Photo from Mark Hamilton's Manzarali website



I entered the Army January 1964 and did BCT and AIT at Fort Ord. I arrived in Turkey on 9 July 1964 and was assigned to the dispensary as a clerk. I spent the next few weeks getting settled in and comfortable with things at Site 23. This place couldn't be too bad I thought, much better than basic training – after all – I'm in a three man room, not a bay – Work is just 40 hours in a fairly quiet dispensary and the civies go on after 1630 hours – not a bad deal. Plus I've got the gym, service club, and movies 7 nights a week – and after the movie, what else but the NCO Club for .10 beers and .25 mixed drinks (.50 for doubles!). What a deal! The Army was quite different from those first few weeks of basic. The only real military connection was having to wear uniforms, maintaining normal courtesy, discipline, and a few other things like CQ once in a while and some other routine duties, but overall not bad – no KP. The only real combat arms reminder was our field gear neatly stacked on top of the lockers. Weapons? Locked up downstairs somewhere. Viet Nam was just some place where we had some advisors and was getting a fair amount of press attention but who cared? – It's happy hour at the club. And so it went as July came to an end and we moved into the hot, dusty days of August on that dry plateau in the middle of Anatolia. My first month passed uneventfully. Near the middle of August 1964 I made my first trip into Ankara. I don't recall any specifics of that day but can only imagine how strange it must have been to be on my own in the middle of Ankara, Turkey with all the strange sights, sounds, and smells. I think I took a few pictures, but am not sure. I was still using my twin lens Rolleiflex and shooting black and white film. I had just ordered my first quality 35mm system from Japan (Pentax) and with its arrival my image collection would begin.

RECOLLECTIONS – GLAD I HAD ALL MY SHOTS

It was towards the end of August 1964 when I woke up one morning with flu like symptoms – headaches and fever. I felt bad enough to go to sick call, which was easy enough for me – I worked there. We went through the usual take three APCs and call me in the morning but this thing didn't get better, it got worse – and quickly. I was hospitalized at the site for a few days and the Doctors (James Jacobitz and Marray Varat) were getting concerned. The fever component of whatever I had was pretty bad and just wouldn't come down. I'm sure they did some blood work to see what was going on but I was at a point I didn't remember too much. Drew Robinson was one of the medics on staff during this time. I was in the Site 23 Dispensary about a week I would guess when one of the Doctors came in and told me they were transferring me to the Air Force Hospital in Ankara because they had the staff and facilities that would be able to get at what was wrong with me and treat it. I remember the ride downtown, flat on my back in the Site 23 ambulance with a couple of people in attendance – one of the medics and a nurse. I was checked in and registered – or whatever they did in those days. I sure didn't have to wait around in the reception area while a team of clerks made sure I was insured, checked my credit, etc., etc. as we do today. They got me in and I was in a private room in a bed in short order.

TYPHOID FEVER

The Air Force put me through all the tests and I don't know at what point the diagnosis was made or when I actually became aware of it but I had the big one – TYPHOID FEVER! I guess it was fairly contagious and everyone was real concerned about where I might have picked it up. Up to that point I had only been off site once and that was for an afternoon in Ankara. What had I eaten was a big concern to the doctors. During that afternoon trip to Ankara, all I had consumed off the local economy was a Coca Cola and some type of Pastry – certainly not real suspicious there. If I had consumed some of the stuff then that I was in a habit of consuming later on in my tour, there might have been some real concerns – but not with a Coke and pastry. Mine was the first case of Typhoid that had been seen there in years. To make matters worse, just after I came down with it, LT Ken Bingham (Transportation Officer) also came down with it. His wasn't as bad but he was hospitalized at the Site. Our people were braced for an epidemic. I got progressively worse. Extremely high fever to the point where I had to be cooled down any way possible to get the fever under control. I was not taking any solid food and was being fed by IV. All of my time was spent in bed and I was weakening by the day. Several times over a period of days, I was taken to a bathtub full of cold water and ice and was placed in it for what seemed like an eternity – it was horrible – but it did keep the fever at bay. About that time, my parents received a telegram from the Army informing them that their son was hospitalized with a fever of undetermined origin and that they were doing everything possible to get it under control. I was put on the critical list. Dad actually got a call through to Ankara and was able to speak with the Doctor handling my case. Those days are pretty well jumbled together in my mind but there are a number of recollections that are very lucid even today. There was the never-ending number of IV bottles. I used to watch the drops one-by-one until a bottle was gone and another one took its place. The nurses would switch back and forth from the back of one of my hands to the other for the IV entry point. The scars from those points were very noticeable on the back of my hands until just a few years ago. Going to the john was out of the question. Bedpans and plastic containers. I remember being in a kind of a fog or daze, conscious of things around me but just kind of slipping in and out. I had visitors from the Site. Drs Jacobitz and Varat would come in from time to time and a few others would drop by. I had only been at the Site for a few weeks when this happened, so I really didn't know a lot of people well yet. PFC

Les Melton (finance?) did come to visit me several times and was nice enough to write to my folks and kept them informed beyond what the Army had communicated. I remember talking to a friend months later and he said: "yeah, all we knew was one day there was some new guy down the hall and then he was gone – hospital or something." One night, a group from the Site came to pay a call. The company commander, CPT Charles Musgrove, 1st SGT Hamilton, [Chaplain Polhemus](#), Melton and Dan Yeager, my friend from high school in Portland. I remember vividly the fog like appearance of the room with all these people standing around the bed. There was the usual small talk, "you're doing great – you'll beat this in no time", etc., etc. I'm absolutely out of it and all I can think of to ask is: "when does basketball start" and "How long do you think it will take me to get ready?" The next thing I remember is Chaplain Polhemus standing at the foot of my bed praying. I thought, "This is odd." A couple of months later I realized that he had basically been giving me the Protestant version of the last rites. I'm on a deathbed and am wondering if I'll be ready to play some basketball. At some point, they finally beat this thing down and I started improving, albeit slowly.

MOST TURKEY VET'S REMEMBER THE AIR FORCE HOSPITAL IN ANKARA

I was still confined to bed. The Air Force Hospital in Ankara was an old converted hotel. It is where those living in Ankara went to get their drinking water. I had one of the suites, as it was a fairly large room. I was in an isolation area where there was another guy across the hall in another room with some other kind of exotic disease. It was just September and still warm in Ankara and my windows were kept open a lot of the time. My room faced the street and I can remember lying there day after day listening to the sounds from below. The traffic, footsteps, voices. But most of all the horse drawn carts with the sound of the horses hooves on the pavement. There was a junk man that used to come by all the time yelling out "Eski-ci! Eski-ci!" The whole thing was surreal. I improved to the point where I could get up a couple of times a day and walk a little. I was able to shave myself again and life started getting back to normal. Finally, about mid September, I was transferred to a recovery ward with about five or six other guys. I had not taken any solid food for weeks or been out of bed. I needed assistance walking and had gone from 160 lbs to 128 lbs. Now it was time to recover and the process began. I started to get back on solid food again, starting with soups and working my way up the food chain to more substantive stuff. My appetite was ravenous and I developed a reputation on the ward for my mass consumption. I'll never forget those AF guys on the ward. They would get up in the morning and begin playing cards. All day from 0800 to 2200 – day in and day out – it drove me nuts. I would mainly read and write letters.

FINALLY MY HEALTH STARTED GETTING BETTER

Finally I was released back to the site. Went back to work half days at first and then full time as I began to regain strength. It's hard to believe how much weight and strength I had lost. Two things stick out in my mind. I went to the gym one night to start working myself back. I started by jogging around the perimeter of the gym – but I couldn't do it – I could go about 10-20 yards and have to stop. The strength in the arms was so far gone that I could stand directly under one of the baskets and with all the effort I could muster not throw the ball high enough to reach the bottom of the rim.

DOCTOR ERDOGAN BAYSAL

But strength did return and by December/January I was in pretty decent shape. Some final thoughts to this episode. The Doctor in charge of my case was not an American officer. He was a Turkish Army MD, trained in the United States and had returned to Turkey to complete his military obligation. Dr. Erdogan Baysal. A great guy with a fluency and accent in English so good that I didn't realize he was a Turk until late in my ordeal. During my illness, he had argued against the wishes of the Americans to evacuate me to Germany by convincing them I was so weak that the trip would probably kill me. It seems that if I hadn't had the typhoid immunization earlier that year things might have been different. We talked a lot about Turkey and he said as soon as his obligation to the Turkish army has been fulfilled, "I'm outa here!" (Headed for the USA). The AF staff was great. A few months later, I was downtown at the NCO Club having a few beers and three AF guys sat down and we got to talking. I said I was from Site 23. One of them looks at me and says: "Hey, I remember you! We work at the hospital and served on the ward where you were. You were in bad shape buddy – we thought you were a goner."

EXTENDED MY MANZARALI TOUR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

I also did some temporary work in the S4 office and was permanently assigned there January 65. My initial tour was scheduled to end in December 1965, but I applied for an extension and spent an extra year. This shortened my enlistment by 90 days and kept me out of Vietnam. I returned to CONUS and was separated December 1966. I seem to recall that at 28 months, I spent more time at Manzarali than anyone. Upon return, I went back to school for a while and then got into a new furniture-leasing venture with my father-in-law and his partners. The venture grew into a sizable niche in the furniture industry and I stayed with it for 30 years working for several companies. I did many new store, new market openings as the business expanded and later on, I did a lot of clean up and turnaround jobs for several companies within our industry. My wife, Marilyn, and I did a lot of traveling in our earlier years

and took a major trip out of the country every year until our son was born in 1987. Since leaving the Army, we have lived in Portland, San Francisco, LA, Anaheim, Fremont, Vancouver (BC), Phoenix, Tulsa, El Paso, Fresno, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Sacramento, and we currently reside in Orlando, FL. Marilyn is retired from American Airlines after 29 years and substitute teaches for the Orange Co Public School System. Our son, Matt, is starting his freshman year of HS this fall. I am currently working in sales and purchasing for a major golf retailer in Orlando and just taking one week at a time." Concerning the web site identified above, our latest addition is the Big "K" Memorial Page. Use the "K" link for your trip downtown Ankara. I've pulled together a lot of B&W pictures from Manzarali plus copies of a couple MAULER issues. It is with great regret that I must cancel my plans to attend the reunion. We are in the midst of a family crisis. I had hoped that the situation would have been stable enough that I could follow through with my plans, however, that is not the case and I cannot make the trip. There was more to our stay in Turkey than a lot of good times in our younger days. For most of us it was our first time out of the United States and an opportunity to be stationed in a part of the world and in a culture so different from our own. We were in Asia Minor - a crossroads of history from Alexander the Great to the Ottoman empire. Being an Islamic country, Turkey also afforded us an opportunity to see Islam close up. A few of us were able to venture even further east into the Arab world for a short time on leaves. This exposure to Turkey, The Arab world, and Islam had an impact on all of us and in my case, I feel my 32 months over there gave me a greater appreciation of America and a greater understanding of that part of the world.

MARYLYN AND ME

Unlike you other guys, Marilyn and I spent our early years doing our playing and traveling and the family part didn't happen until I was 43 and she 41. Therefore at my ripe old age of 58, I'm still struggling to make a living, so-----full time attention to the task you two have started would be a bit much-----in fact out of the question at this time. When I started the site, I never imagined the network would be this advanced. You have done a superb job - actually - unbelievable. I just want to keep the web site progressing at the same rate. One question to the group though. I set the site up with a discussion mode as a result of input from our "members" at the time that their in boxes were getting jammed with mail. Looks like were having the same discussion about full in boxes - and months later I see very little use of the discussion forum on the site. Help me out with this. If there is a problem with the discussion mode on the site, please give me some input, and I'll do my best to make some changes. In some earlier communications, I had volunteered to do a slide presentation. What is the status of that and when, where, and how much time will be allotted. I need to get working on this now

WE MOVED TO HAMILTON, OHIO

We moved from Orlando to the Cincinnati area in January 2002. Unlike most of you vet's, I started a lot of things late in life and instead of retiring or being near it, am still trying to make a living and raise a family. I've been "lurking" and the Green Hornet has been doing all the work.

STATUS OF THE DET 27 WEBSITE

Don't know what happened to the Det 27 web site. It just disappeared one day and I'm slowly getting the back-up files up-dated and plan to get it back on-line in the near future.. www.images-by-markhamilton.com/ManzaraliVets

MANZARALI IS NOW CALLED THE FLAG SITE IN ENGLISH AND BAYRAK SITE IN TURKISH

Am attaching a message I received from the current Turkish CO of Site 23. Quite interesting. Mr. Hamilton: As the current commander of Manzarali Site, I visited your Det 27 web site. It is interesting to see the old times of our site. Photographs helped us to understand the situation in the past. Manzarali site is still in use and it is called "Bayrak" Site which means "Flag" in Turkish. We would like to express our thanks to you because of providing us with these possibilities and we further our best regards. Sincerely Adem Demir, Brigadier General
gH - I'll be in touch - lots going on right now. Really enjoy the "Days of our Lives" Warm Regards, Mark Hamilton

THE 2005 ASA TURKEY REUNION AT San Antonio, Texas



The above is a black and white photo of the ASA Turkey vet's who attended the 2005 reunion in San Antonio

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ACKERMAN, Don YOB 1940 RA12581624 E2-E5 204 Det 4, JA60-MY60 & 4-2, MY60-MY61, (Ann), 755 Quail Ln, Anaheim Hills, Ca 91714 281 1258, don_ackerman@hotmail.com - HI Ho Elder: Really nice to chat with you last night. It really brought back some fond memories. I will make contact with Myron Starinshak ASAP. I read the newsletter every time I get it and sometimes look over the old ones on Bill Simons web site.

BAZZETT, Tim 058 Det 4, 63, PO Box 282 Reed City, MI 49677-0282 - 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, and Gary can be reached at 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!

BETTI, Kevin M 98J Det 4, 58-59, 599 Powell Ave., Jessup, PA 18434 570-489-8537, CapraCollina@aol.com
Brian Alpert, Det 4, 64-65 informed me of Kevin Betti's Det 4 mailbag entry which follows:
Subject: The Chapel at Sinop

I was stationed at Det 4 during 1958-59 as an ELINT operator and trick chief. During my tour we had a Catholic chaplain with us and with his guidance and great reluctance on the part of native Turks, we undertook building the

chapel there. As I recall it was the first Christian house of worship erected in Turkey in something over 500 years. With the help of you guys who were there after my tour, I'd like to know what became of the building? Is the site still active or has it been abandoned? I later served a terrible year at Shemya, Alaska rather than re-assign to Fort Bragg. Any other dummies that did that other than me and a guy named Jack Biesecker from southern PA. Kevin Betti

I found Kevin Betti's phone number and called him on 20 February 2006 and had a lengthy discussion about the construction of the Det 4 chapel. He was wrong in stating that a Catholic chaplain was there during the construction phase. He was not aware of my DOOL newsletters or that James M. Boyte, Sr., had wrote a book (LOOK HOMEWARD) about how the chapel at Det 4 was built. I gave him the pertinent facts and he promised to write his BIO about his tour in the ASA. He mentioned that he helped to lay block in the chapel construction and that he remembers the malicious deeds that several of the Turk workers did when they found out that it was to be a christian church. Remembers arriving in Ankara – Fat Freddy Burnett, and his ride to Sinop in a jeep towing a trailer via Samsun. Remembers John Klick, Dan Abruzzi and Jack L. Biesecker.

BIESECKER, Jack L YOB 1937 RA13829858 98J Det 4, 58-59, (Joy), 652 Lindia Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201, 717-263-9560, no email . Name given to me by Kevin Betti. Called on 21 February 2006. Jack does not remember too much about friends he knew at Sinop. Flew to Sinop in the mail plane. Volunteered along with Kevin Betti for duty at Shemya.

BINGHAM, Kenneth D 2LT-1LT TC Trans O Property Book, Hq Co CO Det 27, JN64-DE66, (Linda), P.O. Box 495967, Garland, TX 75049, kenlindabing@yahoo.com - Our new mailing address is: P.O. Box 495967, Garland, TX 75049. I have been going on-line to read the DOOL newsletter. We should be able to make the reunion in 2007.

BRISENO, Gonzalo (Gene) YOB 1947 RA15956397 E5-E6 05H Det 4, AP-DE69 & Det 4-4, DE69-AU70, (Susann), 3903 SW Hidden Cove Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64082, 816-537-8735, cell 816-536-8668, majbri@aol.com – Ret Maj - Hi, Just found your site and am extremely happy about. Have seen many faces of folks I met and served with many years ago. I served with Rod Isler, Carpenter, Hancock, and many others in Sinop in April - Dec of 69 and Karamursel Dec 69 to Aug 70. I played softball on the same trick team with the guys I mentioned. How do I go about receiving these fine notes and get included in the list of those who served. Thanks, Gonzalo "Gene" Briseno - O5H40--

BULLOCK, Albert R. Jr YOB 1948 RA16924624, BPED 25OC67 ETS 24OC71 E3-E4 05H Det 4-4, OC68-AU69 & E5 Det 4-4, 73-75, (Esther), PMB 100, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747, 989-727-2567, estherandal@aol.com - [edited] Hope you had a great time in Arizona. By the way, thanks for a GREAT job on DOOL#159 dealing with Det 4-4 vets. I very much appreciate your efforts. I may have a new name, or two, for you. I will try to call you in the next day or so. Must run for now, just wanted to drop you a quick e-mail letting you know that I have not forgot about you. Say hello to your lovely wife, Patty, for me. Will be leaving next Tues/Wed to visit exASAer Robert Burrows in Indy-thanks to you.

BURNS, Allen Det 4-4, 68-70, (Marilyn), 5998 Benalder Dr, Bethesda, MD 20816, 301-420-3624, aeburns@earthlink.net - [edited] - I'm retreating from retirement and starting work in three weeks as an appeals representative for the American Legion in DC, helping vets whose benefit claims have been denied. Best, Allen Burns

CHERMAK, Allan M E3-E4 MP Hq Co Det 27, 27DE61-MR64, (Dorothy), 101 12th Ave NW, Kasson, MN 55944, 507-634-7271, achermak@kmtel.com - Please note my new e-mail address: achermak@kmtel.com
Thank You, Keep up the good work, I really enjoy the DOOL's.

ELGIE, Douglas L YOB: 1934 RA55624377 E3-E5 342 Teletype repair Det 27, 63-65, (1/W: Mary in Turkey, 2/W: Rose), 2721 Nightingale St., Rochester Hills, MI 48307 248-852-4427, no email – Doug Elgie's name found on the Det 27 Unit Order Number 54 dtd 1 August 1963 with 22 others who were promoted to SP4 on 22 July 1963. Upon further investigation I discovered that I had contacted Elgie on 22 June 2002 and gave him the info on the 2002 reunion at Hershey, PA. and at that time he promised to get back to and that he planned on attending the 2002 reunion. BUT heard nothing from him until I called him on 25 March 2006. Doug was drafted into the Army in 1957 and later re-upped, thus the US serial number was retained. Said

that he got out of the Army as a E6 after 12 years active duty. Joined the Navy reserves and retired from the Navy and is drawing E6 retired pay. Graduated from Eastern Michigan Univ with an Industrial Arts degree. Worked at Michigan Bell phone company for 25 years.

GLUBKA, Roger A (Butch) YOB: 1944 E1-E3-E1 72B Det 27, FE64-JL65, (CW3 Michelle), 7353A Ireland Cir., El Paso, TX 79930, 915-562-9560, rclubka@elp.rr.com – [edited] Elder, just to bring you up to date with us here in El Paso, my wife is on orders for Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, with a reporting date of May 15th. The downside to this is that she has to deploy to Iraq in July; so I'm going to stay here and continue to work and then retire next year and meet her in Hawaii when she gets back. That's the game plan. Hope to make it to the 2006 ASA Turkey reunion at Fort Mitchell, KY in Sept. I suggest that those attending bring along old orders, their photo albums or pictures of the time and places they spent in Turkey. At the luncheon have the vet's stand up for a 30 second intro of who and where they were stationed and leave the long BIO's for the hospitality room and DOOL's. Take care. Roger 'G'

HARBER, Jim YOB 1943 E3-E5 058-Tk#1 Det 27, 19MY62-27OC63, (Becky), 110 Sable Trace Trl., Acworth, GA 30102, 404-771-3074, jimharber@juno.com - [edited] Elder, I just located Luther Mac Jones... Mac & I were both 058's on Trick-1 and had some time overlap in 1963 at Det 27. He is interested in the 2006 reunion..... and I sent him the last DOOL PDF file with all of the info

HASTINGS, Marshall, YOB 1943 RA E3-E5 Det 27, JA67-MY68, 10 Louise Ave., Easthampton, MA 01027, 413-529-2585, joust43@verizon.net – Had interesting chat with Marshall on 27 February 2006. He is enjoying his new PC and the hi-speed of Verizon.net. Was a 33 series repairman and was among the last to leave May 1968. Det 27 was officially turned over to the Turks lock stock and barrel. During the transition he and the other EM lived in a hotel in Ankara and were bused daily to/from Manzarali. Worked in Property Book with SFC John Thunnert and a older Master Sergeant E8 who was married to a Brit. . Also was the caretaker of the BOQ. Remembers Gary Dunnam from Sweetwater, Texas with a smile on his face. He and Gary spent many hours in the Manzarali ceramic shop. Marshall also worked there. Did a lot of sightseeing on the weekends and trick breaks with vehicle from the Motor Pool. His friend Huey Libhart worked in the motor pool. Others that he remembers: Robbie Vensel, Carl Sparks, Scott Ewell, Jackie Kirkland. Also Jim Slomer who was stationed at Det 4 and was from New Kensington, PA. His address book was lost in shipment. Had stroke in 2001 that affected his memory.

HAWK, Elick E (Gene) YOB 1943 RA17608158 BPED OC61 E3-E5 058 Ops Co Det 27, 62-64, (Donna), 318 Jamieson Dr., Fort Pierre, SD 57532, 605-223-2966, eehawk@pie.midco.net E4 DOR 1AU63 – Made contact with Gene Hawk on 25 March 2006. I said merhaba Henry and he replied Merhaba Zeuss, thinking that I was Fred South because Hawk and South were roommates at Det 27 and have stayed in touch after their discharge. Thought that he was on Trick#2, but not sure, possibly TK#4. Other close friends were 058's Fred Taylor, Frank Siebenaler and Demarkos (sp?). Gene enlisted in Mason City, Iowa for regular army duty, but while in basic at Fort Leonard Wood and after taking the series of tests was interviewed for ASA duty, which he accepted. After completing basic was posted to Fort Devens where he was schooled as a morse code operator. Upon completion of 058 training was on his way to Ankara, Turkey and duty at Site 23 where he enjoyed his 18 month tour at Det 27, In hindsight would have done a lot of additional things, but hopes to one day take a trip back to Turkey and try to find some Turk friends and visit the former Det 27 area. Gene and Fred rented an apartment in Ankara and allowed a Turk friend to live there while they were working at Manzarali. Considers himself an above average ditty-bopper who copied the RMR and RMP entities. Enjoyed playing pool, drinking at the NCO Club and walking in downtown Ankara. After 18 months was posted to Fort Lewis where he was discharged. Was married in 1965. Later graduated from the University of Northern Iowa was a degree in finance. Currently is the Banking President of a Holding Company that covers 11 states. Hopes to attend the 2006 reunion at Fort Mitchell, KY. Will send photo's and will write a BIO for inclusion in the DOOL.

HINTON, Bruce YOB 1950 E4 98J Det 4, AP70-AP71, (Sandra), 1719 Philips Manor Rd. Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, 904-491-7986, cell 423-667-1790, bch@alltech-systems.com - Please add me to your DOOL e-mail list. I may have been bounced due to my ISP/host being down for a few days of hacking damage repair. I recently talked with Dave Bass who was there during my tour. I'm still looking for T.L.

Smith and Richard K. Huffman. Thanks

JORGENSEN, Gary C (The Kid & Jorgy) YOB 1947 E3-E5 058/05H Det 27 & 4-4, MY66-SE68, (Virgie), 211 W House St., Duluth, MN 55808, 218-626-3676 g_jorgensen@hotmail.com - [edited] I'll be busy in 2006. We bought 40 acres just north of Duluth and will be building a hunting shack. It's about a mile in off the road but good 4 wheeler access. Some low land and some high ground with quite a few large white pines. Surrounded by public land. Nearest neighbor is 3/4 mile away. I made retirement last week, but at 58 I can't afford to buy family medical insurance so I'll still be working for a few years unless something changes. Enjoy the warm weather. It's still winter here. "the kid"

KENNARD, Bill E7 Det 4, 76-77, 305 S. Monroe, Versailles, MO 65084, 573-378-6098, billzelma@hotmail.com
Please note my new email address. Old email was: billzelma@sbcglobal.com

MARTIN, Dan Det 27, 60-61, Gig Harborm WA, dmartin82840@msn.com - Mr Green, I served at Det 27 in 1960-61 and want to be in contact with others who did the same.
Cordially, Dan Martin Gig Harbor, Washington

MARTIN, Preston M RA19722177 E3-E5 058 Ops Co Det 27, 62-64, 4427 Garrison St NW Washington, DC 20016, 202-244-2145, per SO197 dtd 9OC63. Contacted on 28 March 2006. Not interested.

MIX, Lowell J., YOB 1940 E5, 056, Det 4, AP62-AP63, (Eleanor), ljmixsr@gmail.com - Hi Al, Just thought I would let you know that thanks to the publication of my "Reunion Letter" that I was contacted by a number of the guys who were able to jog my memory or provide me with the names of some of the people I was straining the head membranes trying to recall them. I was also introduced to some other ASA Turkey websites and think you should list them in the DOOL. I want to give special recognition and thanks to Gary Weber (his MOS was an Army Photographer) for identifying my good Dr, CPT Daly. Unfortunately, I also learned that the doc died the following year of cancer. Gary Weber introduced me to two other web sites that all Turkey ASA troops should be interested in taking a look at. This one is called TUSLOG DET 4 SINOP, TURKEY: <http://WWW.pics.Com/~bsimons/sinop/sinop.htm> and was prepared I believe by Bill Simons. It has a lot of pictures that brought back many fond memories. This web site is a photo/narrative that many have contributed to and, it is open for other contributions. There is a section called "The Sinop/Det 4 Roll Call Page", and by clicking on it you will bring up **Ron Sowinski's Sinop Personnel Lists** that he keeps current and it has a lot of Det 4 names on the roster. That section is copywritten but you can submit new data or make corrections to old data via e-mail contact with Ron Sowinski from the web site. Another one called "ASA Lives" is: <http://5starpicks.Com/asalives/> Another really good web site put up by Joe Howard and called "Merhaba Turkey" or "Americans in Turkey" has an extensive and very interesting to read BIO on Joe as well as many many pictures. It is difficult to be sure after so many years, but I believe one of the pictures called "Going To Church" shows two officers in Class A uniforms in front of the Chapel, and I think the one on the left is Doc Daly. I believe the other (short) one is the Dentist: <http://www.merhabaturkey.com/ljhowardindex.html> Anyway, through all this I was able to recall or identify almost all to the people I was trying to remember the last time I wrote. My room mate and good 059 friend from Rhode Island was SP5 Ron Luther. I found another name of a friend who left about a week or so after my arrival, but we were good friends and neighbors in Ayer, MA. He is Charles L Grosche from Bogalusa, LA, and I believe he was an 058. His home address and telephone number are on the Personnel List if he is not already on your roster and you want to contact him. It has been over 40 years so I cannot guarantee he still lives at that address is current. There was also a CPT Berkie Norman, but the Operations Officer I was trying to recall was MAJ Norman Campbell. My Company Commander at the time I left Sinop was CPT Beshens. I believe he was my CO again later in 1965 when I was in Panama, and left for OCS. We crossed paths a few times after that. I think his first name is Jerry, but I cannot say for sure. I have or had that Memorial Tribute Web Site for Sgt James H Sage ready to send to you on my desktop computer, and the e-mail program went bonkers on me the other day so I will have to send that later. One of the guys who wrote to me confirmed that he also saw the three Russian Bombers that I talked about in my last letter. I must apologize to all the others who sent me data or contacted me and even complemented me on the write-up I did. Unfortunately when my e-mail program went bonkers, I lost all the names, letters and e-mail addresses, so I cannot thank them by name. Still I did appreciate everyone who wrote and all the assistance they provided. It reconfirmed my belief that all ASAers are still one big family! I thank all those who contacted me.

It was interesting to learn that Sinop eventually became a full-fledged USASA Field Station and was not shut down until 1994. Well, guess that brings us up to date for this time around. Check out all those web links if you haven't already. They are great. Catch you on the rebound. Lowell J. Mix

NARDELLA, Jim, YOB: 1940, RA11370859, E2-E3, 722, Det 4, AP60-AP61, (Pat), Old Hebron Rd, Colchester, CT, 860-537-1092, james.nardella@snet.net. Elder - I recently located an old friend from Ops C (Comm Center) Det 4 Sinop - He's K. Byron Roth, and was there 59-60 as a teletype repairman. He presently lives in Holland NY @ 716-537-9963 and would like to receive the newsletter. Jim

NEGUS, Vernon G YOB 1943 RA12625113 E3-E5 058 Tk#1 Det 27, 62-63, (Sandra), 659 Payne Marsh Road., Richford, NY 13835, 607-657-8272, vernnegus@yahoo.com - Called Vern on 27 March 2006 and talked about his 3 years in the ASA. Enlisted for ASA duty in September 1961. Took BCT at Fort Dix, then it was to Fort Devens and ditty-bop training. Upon being awarded PMOS 058 was off to Det 27 where he was assigned to Tk#1. He remembers Gerald G. Gibbs as the Ops Co commander who busted SFC Munn several times for misconduct to SP4 and Munn was shipped home. The Tk#1 Watch Officer was LT Jon Kettenring. Mentioned Ron Hilmer, Walt Dubicki, Jim Harber, Archie Foltz, Joe Sullivan, Don Mattocks, Alex Lara and John Hancock who OJT'd him on the proper method of searching, servicing, etc., to be a qualified morse intercept operator. While at Det 27 copied the Odessa Military District RMR entities.

NEILL, Hank YOB 1939 E1-E5/2LT 723.10/FC Det 27, AU62-JA64, (Judy), 7417 Jenna Rd., Springfield, VA 22153, 703-569-5163, hneill@erols.com Ret COL - Judy and I do not know how you could improve on the San Antonio reunion. It gave us a chance to meet with old friends from long ago; it allowed plenty of time for unstructured sightseeing in an interesting city; it was held in a very pleasant hotel; and the evening banquet was well done (nobody talked too long ... and those who did speak were interesting) and the food was good. You can't beat that combination! We look forward to this year's reunion and, judging from the info distributed so far, it looks to be another great program and another good location.

PERLOWSKI, Jim, YOB: 1944, 71Q E3-E4, Det 27, MR64-OC65, (Charlene-div), 6333 Copperfield Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89108, 702-646-7142, jameslp@cox.net - After many years (over 15) I was informed that I can no longer use jamesp@accessnv.com as my email address. For those of you I exchange notes with and those who may wish to get a note to me; my new email address is: jameslp@cox.net Thank you, Jim

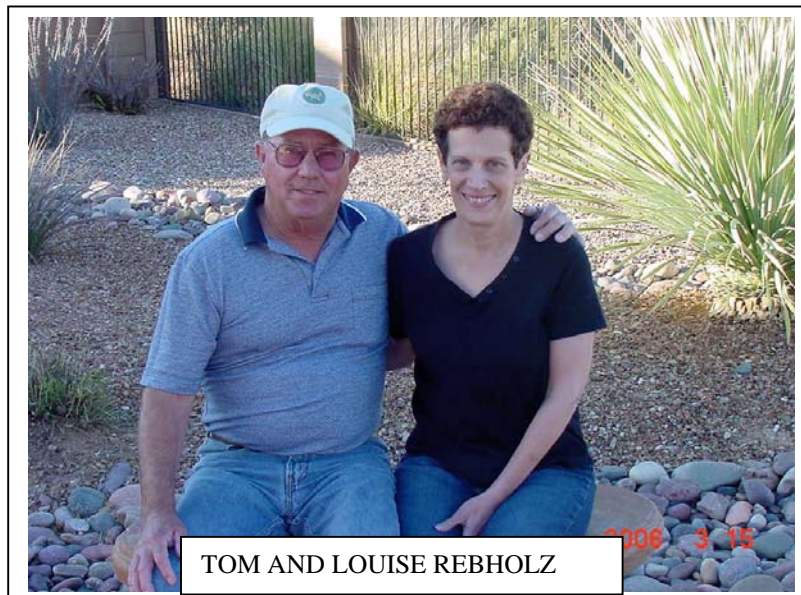
POSNER, Robert A 2LT-1LT, Det 4, 56, (Rita), 3 Byrne Lane, Tenafly, NJ 07670, 201-871-3656, posnerpe@verizon.net - Please note new email address. [Bob Posner is a MIT grad and was sent to Turkey to be the T/A officer at Det 27, but since Det 27 had no operational mission in 1956 - someone - suggested that his Engineering degree could be used effectively at Sinop. Of course the same could be said of the construction at Site 23 aka Det 27. In 1956 there were few buildings at Sinop and Bob Posner was instrumental in planning the layout and building of the Jamesway huts on the HILL- - -gH]



L-R: Bill Stuckert, Janis Stuckert, Jim Mulholland, Joan Mulholland, Bob Posner, Rita Posner

The above three ex First Lieutenants were among the first 5 or 6 officers assigned to Det 4 in 1956. All three attended the 2004 reunion at Huntsville, AL. Their commander Major Jim Green was registered to attend but Due to his advanced age and Hurricane was not able to attend. Maj Green passed away on 10 October 2005.

REBHOLZ. Tom (Reb), YOB 1945 RA157213876 E3-E5 059 Det 27, 66-68, (Louise), Tucson, AZ 520-297-9151, louiserebholz@msn.com – TOM IS IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING HIS BIO.



TOM AND LOUISE REBHOLZ

REDD, Gerald L (Jerry) YOB 1941 RA14765561 E3-E5 058 Tk#4 Ops Co Det 27, 63-JN64, (Jeanie), 4180 Anthony, Sterling Hts, MI 48310, 586-977-0616, kmaredd@comcast.net – Contacted on 25 March 2006. Found name on Det 27 orders given me by Jeff Wadley. Jerry Redd is a retired FBI agent. Enlisted for ASA duty at Montgomery, AL. After basic was sent to Devens for ditty-bop training. His entire 058 class was sent to Fort Bragg. While there Jerry was accepted into the WEST POINT prep program at Fort Belvoir, VA. Three weeks there was enough and was returned to ASA and shortly thereafter orders for assignment to Det 27 were issued. Al, Thanks for getting in touch with me. I look forward to seeing you and the other Det 27 guys at the reunion. My mailing address is: 4180 Anthony, Sterling Heights, MI 48310-5058. Also, thanks for the web site info. I will make good use of it. I will send you a photo of Jeanie and I ASAP. Take care. == Jerry

RUDELL, Dick RA19647399 E3-E5 058 Tk#4 Det 27, MY60-JL62, dnl57ravenbird@yahoo.com - Elder - Sorry for my long absense (AWOL) from the computer - That's what happens when you have a full time job. Anyway, I have gathered some stuff I found while cleaning out old boxes, briefcases, etc. that may bring some memories back to some of the guys. I am sending it to you, U.S. Mail, so that, hopefully, you or someone who is not technologically challenged (like I am) can get it in the right format to share. One of the items is a news article from the New York Times that my brother sent me in 1967. It describes the ceding of our beloved Site by the U.S. gumment to the Turks. Stubby trees and all. I keep thinking of additional names in my pre-senior moments: Chuck Kepplinger (Charles?) He was a Sp 4 058 on Trick 4 who was a very good buddy of Robert "Jerry" Doyle, another SP4 058 on Trick 4 who was a transfer from Shemya, Alaska. He was from Olwein(?) Iowa and was talking about going CIA after his hitch was up. Don't know what happened to him. They were both there when I got there in late May, 60 and were sort of the mentors in the Comm Center to the new guys that arrived. (Larry Hull, Terry Braho, Don Norris, Gordon Lief, Larry Parker, Don Theriot). "Doc" Carlson, A.Z Simmons, and Mac Shoats were the honchos. Di dah, Di dah. I still remember the infamous signoff of one of my Ruskie 'men', RMJB 00117 SLD SLV SK SK.SK. HmMMM. Is that still a security breach after all these years. Remember the 'slide stick' ? It made a great fly whacker at the console while listening to Radio Luxemburg, BBC, and VOA while we were waiting for our 'men' to come up. Hope all is welll with you and your family. Good luck on the names.

SAUNDERS, Ferney O Jr YOB 1940 RA14770548 E4-E5 058 TK#3 Ops Co Det 27, DE62-JA64, (Martha), 1488 River Rd, Wadley, GA 30477, 478-625-0838, no email. Contacted on 29 March 2006. Found name on the Det 27 orders that Jeff Wadley gave me. Didn't care much for his TOUR OF DUTY at Det 27. Was friends with Charles K. Phillips

SINOR, Walt YOB 1942 E3-E4 F&AO Det 27, JA62-JL63, (Betty), 3049 County Road 239, Valley Head, AL 35989-4721, 877-453-5097, waltersinor@yahoo.com - NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2006 CHATTANOOGA FREE PRESS
Eight Chattanooga-area runners completed the grueling Goofy Challenge in January 2006 at Disney World. There were 2,300 participants. Walt Sinor participated and completed the marathon.

SLOMER, Jim YOB 1947 RA15759103 E3-E5 98J Det 27, JA67- MY67 & Det 4, MY67-JA68, (Linda), 114 Deborah Lynn Ct., Cheswick, PA 15024, 412-828-2710, james.slomer@verizon.net - Promised to write BIO. Was a member of the SAD-1 and SAD-2 A3B programs in Germany and Japan.

SOUTH, Walter F (Fred) YOB 1938 RA15657816 E3-E5 058 TK#4 Det 27, JL63-AP64, (Beverly), 450 Gary Dr., Mt Olive, AL 205-631-5718, f.south@att.net (moving to GA) – Contacted on 25 March 2006. Ver y interested. Was on the brink of being drafted – and decided to enlist for duty with the ASA. Is a native of Covington, KY and is familiar with the Fort Mitchell, KY where the 2006 ASA Turkey reunion will be held and plans on attending. Took BCT at Fort Jackson, then on to Devens for ditty-bop training. Was on medical hold at Devens for 6 months before going to Det 27 in July 1963. HenryHawk was his roommate at Det 27 and they have maintained contact since...Enjoyed visiting downtown Ankara. Remembers him and Hawk making friends with 2 young Turks who invited them to their so-called farm on the outskirts of Ankara during a Muslim holiday. They attended and witnessed the killing of a sheep and later feasted on the kebalb. Also remembers sightseeing the karahani. Also in that area was a water squeeze strength meter with a trigger that measured your strength. It was a favorite of the Turks who

cheered every contestant. Anyone remember that strength meter?? At Manzarali Fred built and flew model airplanes as a hobby. Remembers the time he was on burn detail and a huge sheep dog got under the outer fence and was trying to get inside the inner fence within operations to get at the German Sheppard dog that patrolled the inner fence. The commotion caused the MP's to investigate and ended with an MP shooting the intruder dog many times with an M1 carbine. When they tried to load it onto a vehicle – it came to life again and attacked an MP who shot it in the head with his 45. Fred copied a Roumanian target in the Monterey Marys area. Was promoted to E4 on 22 July 1963 and to E5 on 16 December 1963

Hey Al, - I have been noticing that you contacted my buddy Henry Hawk after we conversed. I am looking forward to getting to Ft. Mitchell in September. My mother still resides north of Cincy, and our best friends (from high school) live in Ft. Mitchell. We get together, and ride motorcycles in the Smokies a couple times a year. We may have to take a week off. Looks like y'all have quite an itinerary for those days. Regards, Fred South

SPENCER, Frank 2LT, Det 4, 72-73, fspencer@U.Arizona.EDU – Below is email from Frank Spencer to Jeff Wadley dated 11 October 2005: Subject: Turkey Days Jeff, Just a quick "Howdy, Neighbor." I read your letter in the latest Days of Our Lives. I was at Sinop Det 4 72-73 (see my page on Bill Simons' ASA/Turkey website <http://www.pics.com/~bsimons/sinop/sinop.htm>) although I'm not a real ASA'er -- I was a Quartermaster 2LT and was the assistant S-4. Anyway, your letter has brought back some memories of my own, and added to the lore of having been stationed in Turkey in the "good old days." The "neighbor" part is that I have lived in Tucson since getting out of the Army in '74, first for grad school at Univ of Arizona, then teaching at Canyon Del Oro high school in Oro Valley. I'm in my 31st year there, so chances are your friends and neighbors have had children and/or grandchildren there. Ask them if they remember Doc Spencer for 11th grade English. I hope the ASA reunion in San Antonio was all that you hoped it would be. The guest list seemed to be mostly Eskie's, i.e., guys who served in the Early Days before permanent barracks and running water (to hear them tell it!). Maybe after I retire (2 more years, max) I'll be able to get around to these gatherings. FYI, there's also an ASA veterans' organization in Arizona <http://www.azasaa.org/> (although I haven't been in contact with them myself). Merhaba and Cok tecukuridurum (lost in memory, if not in translation!)

STARINSHAK, Myron S, YOB 1937 RA13665615 E2-E5 059 Det 4 & 4-2, 13JN60-FE62, 215 S Broad St Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-368-5476, no email – Found Myron Starinshak name on USASATC&S Port Call Orders sent to me by Dick Rudell. I called Myron on 8 February 2006 and had a very interesting chat. During the chat Myron mentioned that he was sent from Sinop to Adana with Don Ackerman and Larry George. He also mentioned that he had become friends with Serge Jaroff, the founder and conductor of the Original Don Cossacks Choir which was probably the most famous choir of the world. The choir dressed as Cossacks, sang a cappella in a repertory that consisted of Russian sacred and operatic music, army songs and folk songs. Cossack dancing was eventually added to their programs, which were immensely popular in American and international tours in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. The group initially consisted of former officers of the Russian Imperial Army. They were discovered singing in Constantinople (Istanbul), where they had fled after the defeat of their army unit in the Crimea, and made their formal concert debut in Vienna in 1923.. The tour is now known as the Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers of America. Myron promised to write his BIO and of his trip to the Holy Lands while stationed in Turkey and his chance meeting with Serge Jaroff who he describes as a short man full of dynamic energy who knew how to fuse the voices of the Cossacks into one sound.

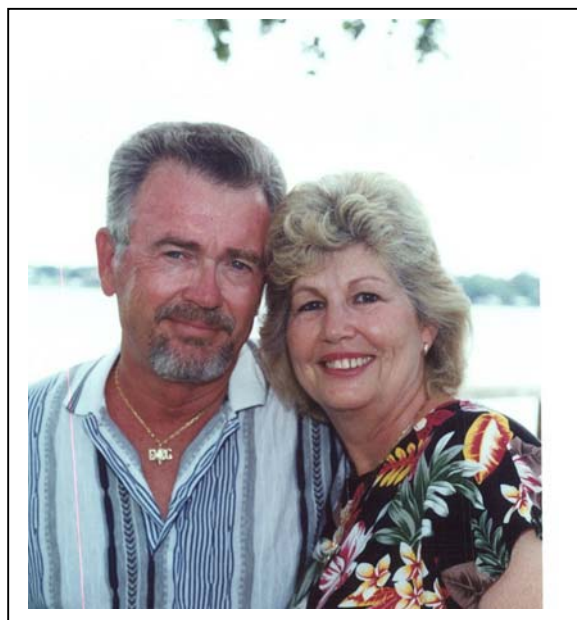
VANNOY, Claude E 03-04 Opns O Det 27, JN65-JN68, (Ginny), 177 Welcome Home Road., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, 366-667-7036, vace@charter.net - [edited] I recently received an e-mail from Leo Reed (leo_k_reedsr@yahoo.com) who was stationed at Det 27 circa 65-67. I very well remember him and the great job he did maintaining our equipment and keeping it working. He has developed health problems. I gave him your email and suggested that he contact you. Claude Vannoy

WADLEY, Jeff YOB 1940 RA16713260 BPED 20OC61 ETS 19OC64 E3-E5 058 Tk#4 Det 27, SE62-FE64, (Marsha), 12436 N Mount Bigelow Road, Oro Valley, AZ 85737, 520-498-5078, jeffwadley@msn.com E4 DOR 22JL63 & E5 DOR 16DE63 Asgnd to Bad Aibling aft Det 27



JEFF (Humps) WADLEY, HIS WIFE, MARSHA AND POLLY, THE LAB
They graciously hosted the Green;s, Jesse Watson , Dennis Fransted and the Rebholz in their Oro Vallay home on 15 March 2006. Details will be in DOOL#161

WELLMAN, Jim, YOB: 1941, 2LT-1LT, C/C OIC, Det 4, 65, (Connie), 783 Holden Ave., Sebastian, FL, 32958, 772-388-4099, jwxlv@aol.com – Ret, Maj



ZAUGG, John Det 4, 64-65, 180 Parnassus Ave San Francisco, CA 415-753-6303, johnnyz@highstream.net
Hi, Is it just me, or does anyone else have trouble reading the Newsletter in the PDF format? I opened it with Acrobat 7. I read the first page, after which it stalled out. Or is this because I have to wait for 58 pages to download? John Zaugg, Det 4 '64-'65

February 24, 2006

Arlington National Cemetery

Why it takes so long to be buried

by John Metzler

ANC Superintendent

As the superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery I am often asked why it takes so long for loved ones to be buried or inurned in Arlington, with services sometimes occurring weeks after a death.

There are many answers to this question, but let me begin with the basics. The staff of the cemetery must establish eligibility for everyone who is interred or inurned. In order to establish eligibility we request, from the family, a copy of the service member's report of separation, or DD 214. Once eligibility has been established, the next challenge is finding a date and time in the burial schedule that will accommodate the family's requirements and meet the availability of the military assets who will support the service.

At Arlington there are three levels of funerals. Full military honors, which consist of a band, escort troops, caisson, firing party, casket team, bugler and chaplain, upon request. Full military honors are available to any officer, some sergeants major and Medal of Honor Recipients. Standard Honors are available to any former member of the Armed Forces, regardless of rank. These honors consist of a casket team, firing party, bugler and chaplain, upon request. In general, standard honors are easier to obtain and the services can be conducted in a timelier fashion from the date of establishing eligibility. The final level of honors is for non-service members, consisting of a casket team to carry the remains and a chaplain upon request.

Another thing to consider is that each branch of service has different capabilities within their units as to the number of funerals that can be conducted simultaneously. In general, the Army has the most capability and often conducts two to three services simultaneously, whereas, the other branches of service can generally only conduct one service at a time.

Our next major hurdle is that of religious support. One of the major reasons for long funeral delays is requesting a chapel service. The chapel may be used by anyone who is being interred or inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. The chapel service at Fort Myer is limited to a 20 minute service unless the individual is celebrating a Catholic Mass or Orthodox Service, requiring more time to conduct religious rites. Do to limited availability, the request of having a chapel service before the burial adds a significant waiting time when scheduling the service.

I encourage family members to consider conducting their own religious service in their house of worship as opposed to using the facility at Fort Myer. The same problem rests when requesting a military chaplain. If time is a consideration, it is always easiest to bring your own rabbi, priest or minister to conduct your grave site or chapel service.

The final area of consideration is that of military assets. While funerals at the cemetery are the primary mission for the ceremonial units assigned to support burials at Arlington, and each branch of service is committed to providing these resources as often as possible, they also have other challenges that are unique dependent upon their branch of service. Additional missions and internal requirements, such as change of command, retirements, promotion ceremonies, official arrival ceremonies, training and compensation to the Soldiers for working irregular workweeks in support of missions beyond Arlington National Cemetery, all contribute to non-availability. It should also be noted that there are only two caisson units provided by the Old Guard, United States Army, 3rd U.S. Infantry and they are shared by all branches of the military. The capabilities of these caissons are four funerals each per day for a total of eight. It should also be noted that no branch of service can perform two full honors at the same time.

If burial of your loved one for religious or personal reasons is an item that must be conducted as soon as possible after the death, the cemetery will work with the family to accomplish this, but please understand this will entail a modification of honors that may be normally entitled to the deceased service member. The policy at Arlington National Cemetery is to conduct funerals on a "first come first served" basis regardless of rank, branch of service or religious beliefs. Special consideration is currently being given to those members of the Armed Forces who were killed fighting the war on terrorism.

Finally, Arlington National Cemetery, as well as the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, are administered by the Department of the Army and have unique eligibility requirements specifically designated for

each of these national cemeteries. I invite readers of this article to visit our Web site www.arlingtoncemetery.org for eligibility questions or general information regarding policies and procedures for burial at the cemetery