

## **MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES**

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We will be in Tucson, Arizona and San Jose, California 20 December to 10 January 2008 visiting our two sons over the Christmas and New Year. As such, this DOOL may not have data herein because of our absence from Indiana, PA.

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](mailto:asagreenhornet@yahoo.com)

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## **TAPS**

BARTON, Dennis L (Black Bart) DOB 5 FE1915 DOD 25JL2007 at San Antonio, TX, Col CDR Det 27, 63-65, (Susan), 725 Weatherly Dr., San Antonio, TX 78239, 210-655-3637, [bart725@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bart725@sbcglobal.net) - Joe Peisinger informed me on 12 December 2007 that Col Barton had passed away in July 2007. Just prior to the 2003 reunion I was able to contact Colonel Barton’s second wife, Susan. She was most responsive and said that she would talk to her husband and encourage him to write about his time as the commander of Det 27. Later I called and Susan informed that her husband would not talk or write about his time in the army or his time in Turkey. She said that he was undergoing dementia, but did say that he was born in Hungary and came to America with his parents when he was young. Enlisted in the US Army as a Private and later applied for and was accepted to be a West Point cadet and four years later graduated from West Point. On 12 December I sent an email to retired Lt Col Gene Barton requesting info on his father.: The son graduated from West Point in 1971 and might

have been a brat at Manzarali. To date nil heard from Gene Barton and will appreciate any comments from anyone who remember Colonel Barton.

BROEHM, Robert K (Bob), 2LT-1LT Watch O Det 27, 61-62, (Jean), 218 S. Matthias St., Appleton, WI 54915, 920-731-1270, DOB 7 Feb 1925 DOD 28 Apr 2005 at Appleton, WI - I had contacted Bob Broehm on 22 January 2002 and did not hear from him again.

**Arthur L. Ellis, retired from Army**

Arthur L. Ellis, 71, of Warrenton, died Nov. 15 at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

He was born July 29, 1936, in Andalusia, Ala., and grew up as a teenager in Sevierville, Tenn. He attended the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Ellis had a long and successful military career with the Army. Upon becoming a pilot, he served three tours in Vietnam and assignments in Korea, Turkey, Germany, Okinawa, Thailand and Canada. Among his many awards were three Meritorious Service Medals, six Air Medals, one Army Commendation and three Good Conduct Medals. He retired as a chief warrant officer after 22 years. In 2001, he retired from federal service after 20 additional years.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Kremer Ellis; a daughter,



Arthur L. Ellis

Janet Sunstein; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a stepson, Kevin Kremer, and a step-grandson.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at Moser Funeral Home, Warrenton, where funeral services will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 26. Interment will follow at Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fauquier SPCA, PO Box 733, Warrenton VA 20188; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moserfuneral-home.com](http://www.moserfuneral-home.com).

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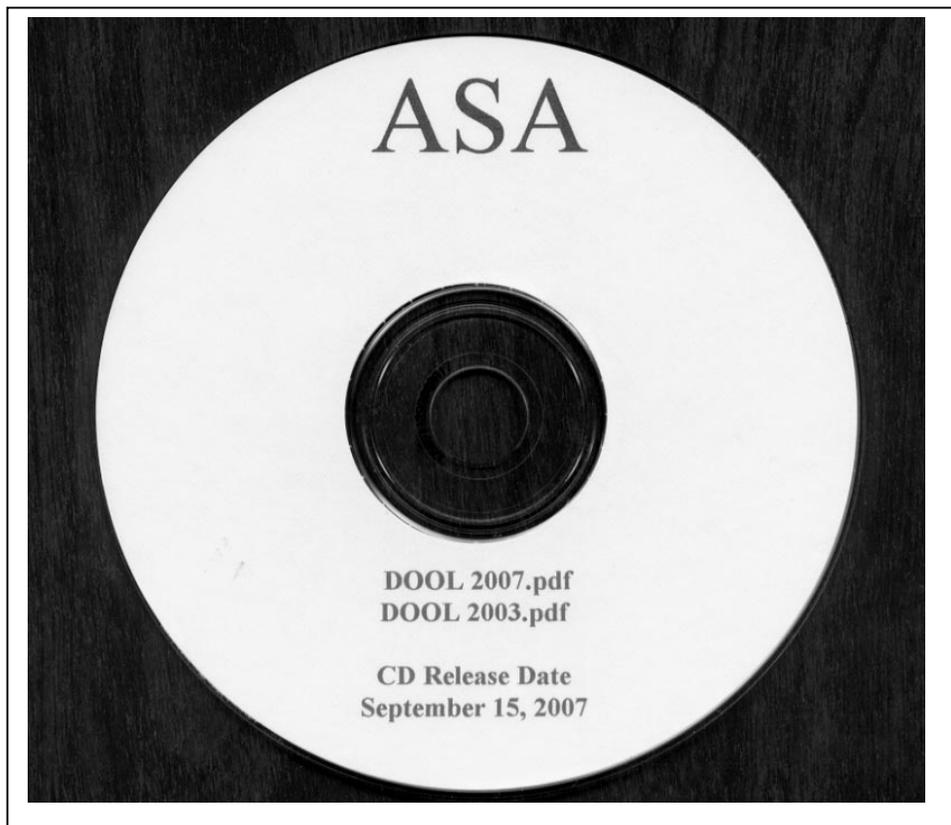
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OBITUARIES

HOTTON, Audrey. DOB: 25 September 1930 DOD: 4 December 2006 of Ovarian cancer at her home in Salisbury, MD. Phil Hotton was among the first ASA's to serve

at Det 4. Phil was single and enjoyed his tour and attempted to extend his tour, but Maj Lowry wouldn't approve it. After Sinop he was assigned to Fort Huachuca and where he met Audrey. She had a Top Secret clearance and was working as a secretary when they married on 15 December 1956 at Warren, Arizona. Upon his discharge they moved east and settled at Salisbury, MD and raised a son and daughter.

## **2003 & 2007 MEMORY BOOKS FOR SALE**



The above CD contains 523 and 753 pages of the 2003 and 2007 DOOL's respectively and can be ordered by sending \$5. To either Chuck Bergmann, 29813 Foote Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140 or to Elder Green, 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701. Instructions are included to cover all possibilities that anyone might encounter.

For those interested in Unit Awards earned by ASA units in Vietnam. That info can be found in the Department of the Army Pamphlet 672-3, Decorations, Awards, and Honors, Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register.

<http://www.nasaa-home.org/history/lineage/awards.htm>

The following is excerpted and edited from THE WEEK magazine dated 31 August 2007 an article titled "America's most secret agency" The article was given to me by Esther Bullock at the 2007 reunion.

#### America's most secret agency

The Army Signal Intelligence Service was NSA's predecessor agency. It was so secret even the State Dept didn't know it existed. The NSA was created in 1952 and for most of its existence kept a low profile. In 1982 NSA tried secretly to acquire early drafts of the first book written about it, James Bamford's *The Puzzle Palace*, and the attorney general considered prosecuting Bamford. By the 1990's, though, NSA began opening up. Smarting from bad publicity it began hosting on-site job fairs, inviting CNN to film a segment in Crypto City, and put up NSA signs at the exit ramp leading to the gates. It even opened a public museum and memorial park and now the Super Secret NSA image is no longer useful to NSA needs. It is my opinion that the NSA has out grown its purpose for being in that it expanded ...and now within the NSA hqs there are 11 cafeterias, designed like mall food courts with Taco Bells and Pizza Huts, a day-care center, gyms and a drugstore. NSA has grown and now employs more than twice as many people as the CIA. I've heard that if you stand in the NSA parking lot at quitting time, you'll see the biggest collection of nerds and geeks on the planet.

What does the NSA do? It's essentially a highly sophisticated place that pores over vast reams of information, searching for threats to the U.S. An intelligence service of the Pentagon, the NSA was once so clandestine that its initials were said to stand for "No Such Agency." But over the last 20 years, the NSA has given up some of its secrets. Its primary functions are cryptology - - writing and breaking codes - - and eavesdropping, which it calls "signals intelligence." The days when this meant an agent crouched in a van listening to tapped phone lines are mostly over. Today, the NSA's powerful computers intercept billions of phone calls, internet messages, radio transmissions, and faxes.

What happens with all this data? A system called Echelon screens the flood of information for targeted phrases, names, phone numbers, and addresses, and alerts agents to any matches.....Information from the NSA makes up about 75% of the presidents daily intelligence briefing.

"I was a "Crewmember" at Starship Hippodrome throughout 1975. I can't go into detail, but I can verify that TUSLOG DET 4 (Sinop, Turkey) did not have any U-2 flights on my watch. To my knowledge, it was not a SAC base at that time. There were no aircraft there at all except for a very small single, MedEvac prop job operated by Army personnel. TUSLOG Det 4 (Sinop) was a small listening base on the Black Sea Coast. The base was mainly manned with ASA personnel. There were Air Force and Navy personnel on base, but were definitely in the minority. I don't think there were more than 200 military personnel there at any one time. Hippodrome was the remote operations area on a peninsula jutting into the Black Sea. It was staffed with Army personnel exclusively. There was another "Ops" building, that held the other services.



The Hippodrome facility may have gotten it's patch from the "Hi-Tech" look of the antenna arrays, Geodesic Domes, and parabolic dishes visible just outside the operations facility. There was a 50' Movable Parabolic Dish there inside a dome. there was 30' dish w/o a dome. Strangely enough, periodically the Soviets almost always had a trawler just offshore and it was not uncommon to have a flyover of Soviet aircraft to see if we were up to any mischief. was only there for the one tour of duty (13 months), but there is a wealth of anecdotes from others, Try a search on "sinop tuslog det 4 army security agency" to find some of these. Here is a link that has a picture of Hippodrome in the far distance, It also has the patch.

<http://www.tuslogdet4.com/sinop/stancel/stancel.htm>

Here is a rather poor pic of Hippodrome from a bad angle.

<http://www.tuslogdet4.com/sinop/polgar/polgar04.jpg>

I hope this hasn't shattered any hopes for you for a big mysterious base with double-super-secret aircraft. If you look at where Sinop, Turkey is located relative to the old Soviet Union, you can see it's strategic value for the Intelligence Community. There were much larger sister bases in Turkey. Incirlic, Adana Karamursel would have had more of a chance of having the SAC presence you thought Sinop might have."

## **MAIL call – in alphabetical order**

BAYARD, John, 059, Det 27, 61-63

BRISENO, Gene, 05H, Det 4 & 4-4, 69-70

BROOKE, Dennis, Det 27, 62-64

CARRICK, Ernie, Det 4,

CASH, H. Wayne, MP, Det 27, 64-65

CRAM, Phyllis, Det 27, 66-67

DILL, Jerry, Det 4, 58-59 & 63-64

ELLIS, Charles, Medic, Det 27, 63-65  
JONES, Luther, Det 27, 63-64  
KJOLLER, Jon, Det 4, 58-59  
KNOOR, David, Det 4, 59-60  
LAMB, Ed, Det 4, 59  
MIKELS, Paul, Det 27 & 4, 61-62  
MIX, Lowell, Det 4, 62-63  
NEILL, Hank, Det 27, 62-64  
PHILLIPS, Jim, USN, Det 4/28, 68-69  
SCARSBOROUGH, Det 4, 73-74 & 75-76  
STARMAN, Dave, Det 4, 73-74  
VANNOY, Claude, Det 27, 65-68

BAYARD, John B III RA15643126 E3-E5 059 P1 Det 27, DE61-JN63,  
[jobbayard@comcast.net](mailto:jobbayard@comcast.net) 1961 ADR Lorain, OH

Elder, - I missed the poison pen email you mentioned in DOOL 181. But I think you did the right thing by just letting it go. Some people are just sour on life. I appreciate your work. Another subject. Blob's Park is closing around the end of this year. My old NSA organization holds its reunion/Christmas party there next week so I'll get a chance to say goodbye to a very old local institution before the doors close for good Cheers,  
John Bayard

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](mailto:majbri@aol.com) – Ret Maj

Elder, - Hope all is going well for you and that you had a great Thanksgiving Day. Thanks for all that you do to keep us old ASA types in contact with each other. I feel terrible that I have not submitted anything to you about my Sinop & Karamursel experience but will this month. It seems like only yesterday that I showed up at FLW, (Fort Leonard Wood) MO as a anive country kid from west TX and next month I shall turn 61, the Lord willing. Time flies.

Anyway, I won't bore you anymore until you get my info later this month. I emailed you to ask you to please send me the memory books for 03 and 07. I am on my way out to mail you the \$5 for them this morning.

BROOKE, Dennis D., (DD & Bumpa), YOB: 1943, RA17608528, E3-E4, 058, Tk#1, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, (Barbara), 1720 Fender Rd., Naperville, IL 60565, 630-983-7296, [vuu73@yahoo.com](mailto:vuu73@yahoo.com) - DOOL 181 was a Great issue, keep up the good work!

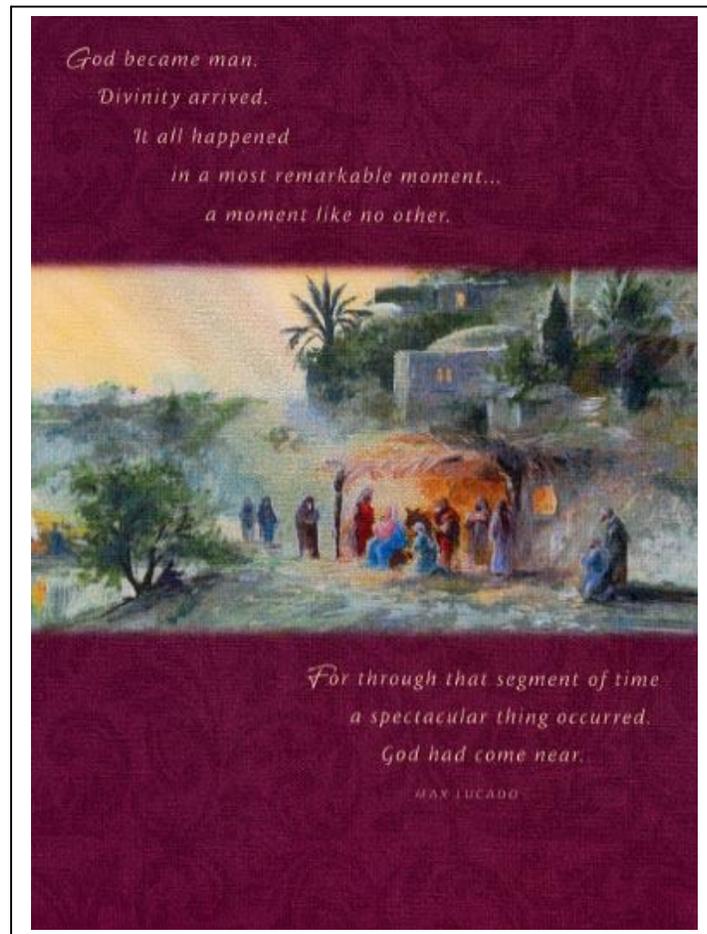
CARRICK, Ernest E. (Ernie) DET 4 1957-1958, YOB: 1936, E3-E4, 711/716, (Betty), 6111 Fairfield Dr. Huntsville, AL 35811, 256-852- 6180, [ecbcca@surfbest.net](mailto:ecbcca@surfbest.net) or [eecarrick@hotmail.com](mailto:eecarrick@hotmail.com)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – Ernie & Betty Carrick  
P.S. We vote to have the 2008 reunion in Tampa or Branson

CASH, H Wayne YOB 1940 US52579828 E3-E4 MP Det 27, JL64-OC65, (Mabel), 41  
Goose Meadow Ct., Fishersville, VA 22939, 540-886-0961, [cash13@cfw.com](mailto:cash13@cfw.com)

CRAM, Phyllis, widow of CW2 Gene Cram, Det 27, 66-67, 5189 SW Gardenia Ct.,  
Dunnellon, FL 34431, 352-489-9085, [superchief3@msn.com](mailto:superchief3@msn.com)



Merry Christmas Al and Patty, - You are doing a great job on the DOOL's and I am sure that it is an enormous undertaking. Hope that you two and your sons have a Very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Phyllis

\*\*The CRAM's have been our friends since 1955. WOW – that's a long time and Phyllis more or less made Patty a better cook while we were next door neighbors at Bad Aibling.

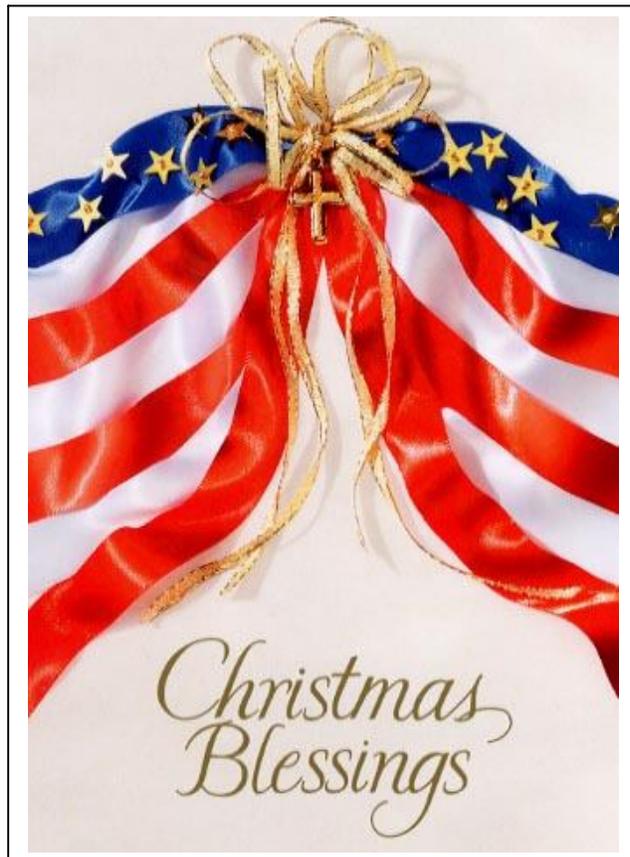
DILL, Jerry L Det 4, 58-59 & 63-64, (Betty), 205 Chamberlin Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, 719-576-6243, [jdill10385@msn.com](mailto:jdill10385@msn.com) CW3 Ret - Holiday greetings to one and all. We wish all the best of everything now and in the coming new year. All is fine here with us and our whole tribe. Take care.

JERRY & Betty

ELLIS, Charles W E4 Medic Det 27 AU63-FE65, 74 Cleveland Ave., Elmira, NY 14905, 607-737-7405, [Cellis728@stny.rr.com](mailto:Cellis728@stny.rr.com)

I don't know if it has been mentioned before in the DOOL's, but the military will now issue a Cold War Recognition certificate. It covers the period from 2 September 1945 - 26 December 1991. All it requires is proof of active duty during those time-frames and other than a dis-honorable discharge.. For those interested go to: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar/default.htm> I guess it was approved in 1999. My grandson sent for mine. If it was mentioned before, I apologize for missing it. Chuck Ellis, Det 27 / 63-65

JONES, Luther Mack YOB 1945 RA14792879 E3-E5 058 TK#1 Det 27, MR63-AU64, (Edna), 307 Magnolia Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28468, 910 575 4562, cell 910-612-5303, [edmac@atmc.net](mailto:edmac@atmc.net) -



The Jones – Mac and Edna

Did you see the Today show on 19 December 2007? They were showing the laying of wreaths at Arlington Cemertary and spoke with a gentleman wearing a Army Security Agency hat, I think his name was Ken Hoggard or something similar. I was not paying close attention until I spotted the hat. Merry Christmas to you and Patty, be safe in your travels. Virginia Beach sounds like a grand place to hold the 2008 reunion. Luther & Edna

KJOLLER, Jon 058 Det 4, 58-59, (Darlene), 993 Rosemary Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78130, 830-625-1064, [kjoller@the-cia.net](mailto:kjoller@the-cia.net) - Hi Elder, Darlene and I wanted to wish you

a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know that as long as we all enjoy reasonably good health we have much to be thankful for. Also Merry Christmas to all the guys that get the DOOL, our ASA experiences have made us part of a unique group. So I hope the holidays gives you all joy and thanksgiving and most of all, Gods Blessing. Jon and Darlene

KNOOR, David J., Det 4, 59-60, 852 Park Ave, Huntington, NY 11743, 631-427-3304  
Contacted on 1 December 2007. In off-duty worked as DJ at KYSO. Not interested.

LAMB, Edwin Det 4, 59, 1635 Wayside Rd., Knoxville, TN 37931, 865-694-8708,  
[lamb1635@aol.com](mailto:lamb1635@aol.com)

[edited] Dan Taylor wrote: Old Elinters, Here is another name that many of you may recognize...If you know Ed Lamb give him a shout...I have added Ed to the address book of Old Elinters.....We now have 72 names in the address book..

Ed Lamb wrote:

I was a member of ASA from 1959 until retirement in 1971, having served with the 318th on Schneeberg in West Germany, and later with the detachment in Berlin. 1965 - 1967 as an instructor at Fort Devens. Received a commission as a Warrant and left for Vietnam 1967 - 1968. Leaving Vietnam for a direct assignment to the MAAG group in Ankara, Turkey, serving there until my retirement. All of my service with the agency was in maintenance. My present address is : Edwin B. Lamb 1635 Wayside Rd. Knoxville, TN 37931, Phone Number 865-694-8708. I would appreciate being listed with your group, I would have been grateful to attend your get together in Myrtle Beach. Thanks Lamb

MIKELS, Paul F (Mike) YOB 1935 RA15529792 E5 VPMOS:286 Det 27, 61-62,  
(Nancy), 8224 Rainy Pl., Anchorage, AK 99518, 907-344-5025, [pfmikels@gci.net](mailto:pfmikels@gci.net) E6  
Ret

Hello Elder, I have found the need to delurk and contact you on some important subjects. On 2 December 2007 I visited your site and read DOOL #181. I was very much taken aback when I reviewed the TAPS section and found the obituary of my long time friend and fellow soldier Arthur "Art" Ellis among the departed. Art and I served together in Korea, Manzarali, Turkey, Fort Bragg and Fort Devens. We shared a valued friendship that lasted even after our military service and we went our separate ways, but always to surface at the least expected times. The things memories are made of. Art was a teacher, leader, soldier and a true and honest friend to many. He will be sorely missed by all. My deepest sympathy goes out to Sally at this time. "Only time moves on to the next scene. Memory remains part of the heart forever."

Secondly, about the mentioning of the person displeased about your newsletter. They should read their computer users manual and learn how to pull the plug and satisfy their negativity without sharing it with others who don't believe it anyway. Elder as a lurker I enjoy your newsletter and fully realize the hard work and dedication you put into it. To call that anything but a gift to the ASA community is a travesty. Thank you for the information received in each issue, you are the provider of a great service and I am

sure many others agree that it fills the gaps in our past memories. I will also in the near future be sending you a BIO and other Turkey related info of my two tours served at Det 27 and Det 4. Till then, A fellow ASAer Paul "Mike" Mikels

MIX, Lowell J., YOB 1940 E4-E5, 056, Det 4, AP62-AP63, (Eleanor), 5935 White Cloud St., San Antonio, TX 78238, 775-418-6790, [ljmixsr@gmail.com](mailto:ljmixsr@gmail.com), USA Ret Maj

The following is the 2007 winning entry from an annual contest at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.  
This year's term: Political Correctness.

**"Political Correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end."**

The following

"Sad Historical Memories of Our Nation Can Be Changed to Hope for the Future – Know the Truth and the Truth Will Set You Free" was sent to me by Lowell Mix and I've included it herein FYI, etc.

The Christmas Season of 1941 started off on a time of sadness as many of our young men and women died when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor on December 7th and America went to war.

But many today do not know that the Christmas Season in the South starts off on a time of sadness also. The Christmas Season of 1889, started this time of sadness in Dixie, when Hundreds of thousands of people came to remember to pay their last respects to Jefferson Davis in the crescent city of New Orleans.

On December 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis died at the home of a friend. Do our young people today know who Davis was?

Jefferson Davis graduated from West Point Military Academy, served valiantly in the War with Mexico, was Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce, elected US Senator from Mississippi and was the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. Davis also wrote the book, "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" at his last home in Mississippi.

Jefferson Davis, and wife Varina, found great contentment and peace at "Beauvoir" their beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast Home. This is where he wished to die when his time came but it was not to be. In November 1889, Varina attended to their home as Davis left for Brierfield Plantation to take care of family business. As he traveled through New Orleans Davis was exposed to a cold-rain that caused him a severe cold and bronchitis that was further complicated by Malaria.

Milo Copper, a former servant of the Davis family, upon hearing of Davis' illness, made the long trip from Florida to New Orleans to be near Davis' side. As Cooper entered Davis' sick room, he burst into tears and fell on his knees and prayed that God would spare the life of Jefferson Davis and bless the family.

Jefferson Davis died on December 6, 1889. The news of his death hit the front page of many Southern newspapers. The praises and tributes read similar to that of a New Orleans paper that read,

"Throughout the South are Lamentations and tears; in every country on the globe where there are lovers of liberty there is mourning; wherever there are men who love heroic patriotism, dauntless resolution, fortitude or intellectual power, there is sincere sorrowing. The beloved of our land, the unfaltering upholder of constitutional liberty, the typical hero and sage, is no more; the fearless heart that beats with sympathy for all mankind is stilled forever, a great light is gone----  
Jefferson Davis is dead!"

The body of Jefferson Davis laid in state at the city hall of New Orleans, Louisiana from 6-11 December 1889. The United States and Confederate flags hung from above and in the city hall that was covered with many flowers.

The church bells toiled as over 80,000 people lined the streets of New Orleans to pay their respects to a Southern legend. All schools and businesses were closed that day. Those men who comprised the honor Guard for the procession to Metairie Cemetery included: the Army of Northern Virginia Association, the Army of Tennessee and the Washington Artillery. Metairie Cemetery would be a temporary burial place for Davis as he was moved in 1893, by funeral train to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. The sad part of this story is that the United States War Department did not recognize Davis and the US flag was not flown at half-mast. The US flag was flown at half mast in the South. Jefferson Davis was the only former Secretary of War that was not given the respect and honor by the United States Government.

Teach your children the true story of their American Heritage! - Heritage not Hate, our beautiful South still remains. And today, as it was 144 years ago, we need to take up the banner of our long ago comrades. One of States Rights against big government. Fly your Confederate Flags, not for hate, but for Heritage and Freedom. Slavery should have been abolished, but States Rights should and must endure as long as we want a free country. We were formed a Nation of FREE Independent Sovereign States, by the people, of the people, and for the people. We are now a Nation of SLAVE States, serving our Masters (big government in DC) at the whim of a House and Senate that only care about their power (both individually and of their party) and not for the good of our country.

The United States is back in the Slavery business, but this time the Blacks are joined by the Whites, both serving their "Masters" in Washington, DC. Our elected officials who are suppose to 'serve us' are now having us 'serve them' and their party concerns regardless of the results to our residents, our State, or our Nation. We have all been sold down the river by our elected Senators and Congressmen. Our men and women in uniform are now living and dying at the whim of their "Laws and Bills".

Put God back in our Country, Christ back in Christmas

"I believe that the United States of America should be One Nation, with One Flag and One Language, and if necessary I will fight for that principal."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lowell J. Mix

Grand Aumonier

Grand du Texas

Hi Al & Patty,

Glad to hear from you and that you liked the write-up. Now and then I get an inspiration. But most of this is history, so I cannot take credit for it; just a little research and appropriate memories tied in with some facts about our nation today.

I am very concerned about the status of the future of the USA, though. I cannot believe my ears listening to the candidates all busy tearing each other down and trying to see who can dig up the best dirt on the other instead of confronting the issues with plans as to how they are going to get us out of the mess we are in Nationally! As far as I am concerned, I would like to see the entire Congress replaced this year with non-politicians, but honest people who will get the job done!. I would also like to see the process for paying Congress people and for granting them vacation days, put under the Will of the American People by ballot and stop those automatic horrendous pay raises every year while they ignore the support of our military people in harms way, veterans, and retirees. Also, stop all these excessive vacation times until they get the job done that we are paying them to do in Washington and ending all these bipartisan power control party games.

By the way, that fancy title (French) is the position I was elected to this year in the Forty & Eight (an American Legion Honor Group), to be the State level Chaplain. (Forty is the number of men, and Eight is the number of horses that would fit inside a French RR boxcar going to the front in WWI.) So that is what all those fancy words mean.

Grand = State Level, Aumonier is Chaplain, and Grand du Texas is the State of Texas. We have two other levels: La Societe = Local Level, and Nationale = National level. I was writing this letter to all our members in Texas as a Christmas Greetings from the Chaplain, but sent it to others, too, that I thought might like to read it. You will note that I actually put this together on 7 Dec 2007, although I don't think it went out until 8 Dec. You can go to my Post 568 Web Site (American Legion) and get a current update daily on what is going on in Iraq and Afghanistan; data that the media will not print or data that has not been filtered and changed by the media.

I have a friend, a MAJ, FA, Brigade Fire Support Office with the 1-82 BCT there who daily sends me updates and we put them up on the web site. Good reading of the facts instead of the body count the media wants us to focus on. I know you will not hear this from the Congress or the media, but we are actually making a lot of headway with the latest surge, and winning -- despite Congressional reports to the contrary. The web address is [www.tpatch568.us](http://www.tpatch568.us) . He is from my small hometown, and his grand dad used to own the only gas station in town. When I was 16, and just got my license, I filled Mom's car with gas there for 35 Cents/Gal. (Now those are REAL OLD Memories, lol.) He and I graduated from the same high school, Houghton Academy, Houghton, NY. (PS: If you are not a member of the American Legion, you can join our Post and be an e-mail member if you like. You can get all the info needed at the web site to download, print and mail it to me with the annual dues. You will see that Post 568 is the No. 1 Post in Texas, District 20 and Division III at 128.8% and we were the first Post to make 100% goal, on 31 Aug 2007, too. I credit our web site to most of that. I got a former ASA 056 SSG friend and buddy who is our web master, and he lives in Utah. So I tell him what we want and he actually puts it up and keeps it up to date, daily. Good Man, but then of

course, having been in the ASA, we already know he is one of the top 10%, right! He has proved it.

I got back to visit Myrtle Beach again in November. Only this time I drove, lol. It took longer, but that is because I stopped at a motel at night to rest. Made it in two days though...two very long days. Still was better than that bus ride. (Mental Note: Don't take bus again!)

Have made a lot of progress on the James T Davis write-up for you. Hope to have it to you sometime in January 2008. I will have a lot of picture to forward to you as well. I will need your snail-mail address to send those to you.

Just had our first Great Grand Daughter born on 28 October 2007 (4 lbs, 10 oz) in Fairbanks, Alaska. My grandson is stationed there in the USAF. He is at Eielson AFB, Alaska. Merry Christmas to the both of you, and Happy New Year!

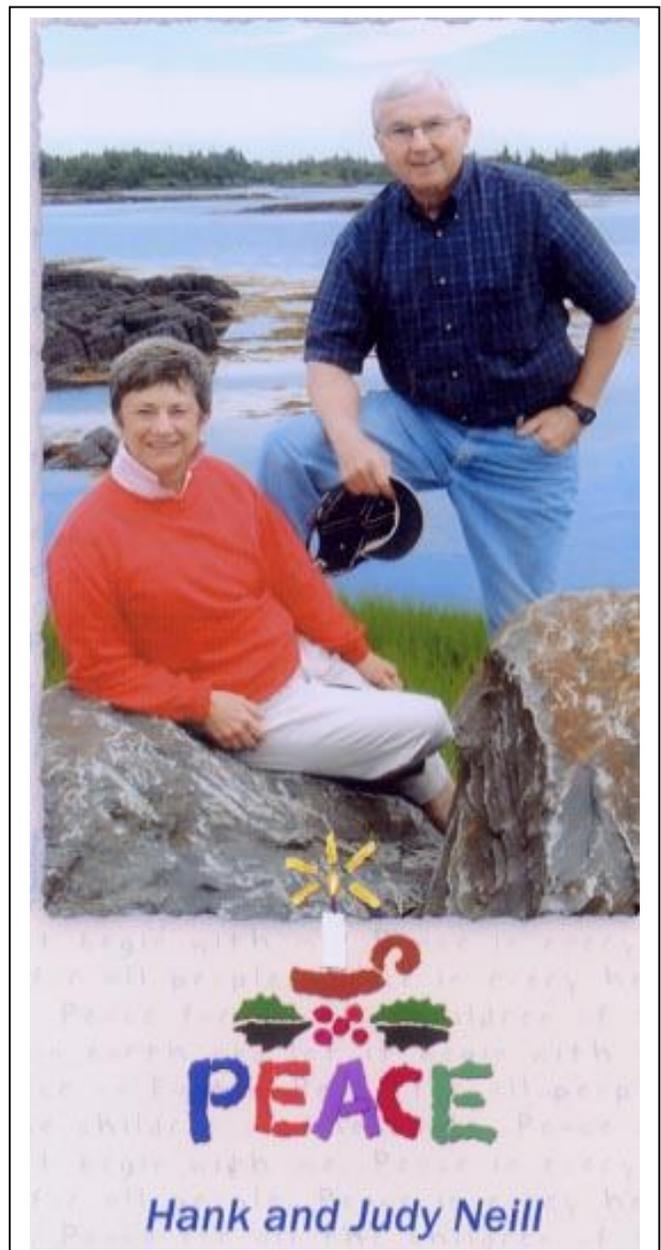
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Hank Neill was a Sp5 Teletype operator and cryptographer at Det 27 when he received a direct commission to 2LT on 24 December 1963 in the Finance Corps. Hank served 28 years in the army and retired as a Colonel.

The Neill's have attended the 2002, 2003 And the 2005 ASA Turkey reunions and are planning to attend the 2008 event.

The 2008 Christmas card on the right was taken in Nova Scotia in July 2007.

Below is the message that accompanied the Christmas card:



## December 2007



Our quest to learn as much as possible about the world and its inhabitants continued in 2007. This year's travel took us to the top of the earth to ski in Vermont and Utah and to the depths of the earth to explore a coal mine in Wales and a salt mine in Poland. Our time in the coal mine came about while Judy was searching for dragons in the castles of Wales with English friends. The visit to the salt mine happened on the way to Vienna, Austria, where we went to celebrate Judy's grandmother's 100th birthday--a wonderful event!

Since we'd be in central Europe for the 100th birthday party, we expanded our itinerary to include Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. This proved to be most enlightening as we saw beautiful sights, learned much and gained a greater appreciation of the difficulties these nations have transforming their political and economic systems after years of totalitarian rule. We also learned, after considerable study by Hank, that central Europe has good beer!

Earlier in the year, we headed north to Halifax, a nice city, to improve our knowledge of North America. From there, we ventured on to northern Nova Scotia, a place of rugged beauty, and to Prince Edward Island where we learned McDonalds gets most of its potatoes for French fries. Bet you didn't know that! This was also a year for reunions, one of which was Hank's 50th high school reunion in New Jersey. It was there that he proclaimed, "Everyone looks so old!"

Other highlights included celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary, attending a beautiful wedding in Quincy, Massachusetts, watching Villanova football and George Mason basketball and attending family events in Indiana and New Jersey. Hank also enjoyed a "boys only" week of hiking and golf with some buddies in Estes Park, Colorado.

Meanwhile, Judy continued to enrich the lives of the "chronologically gifted" residents of the Army Retirement Foundation's home where she conducts programs to keep the residents living independently as long as possible. She also did some work for the U. S. Agency for International Development in Washington, DC. Honored to perform public service, she again came away impressed with the competence and dedication of our under appreciated government personnel working to make the world a better place.

While Judy was working, Hank enjoyed his retirement by reading, doing some volunteer work, maintaining our yard, playing golf and attempting to stay out of trouble when left home alone.

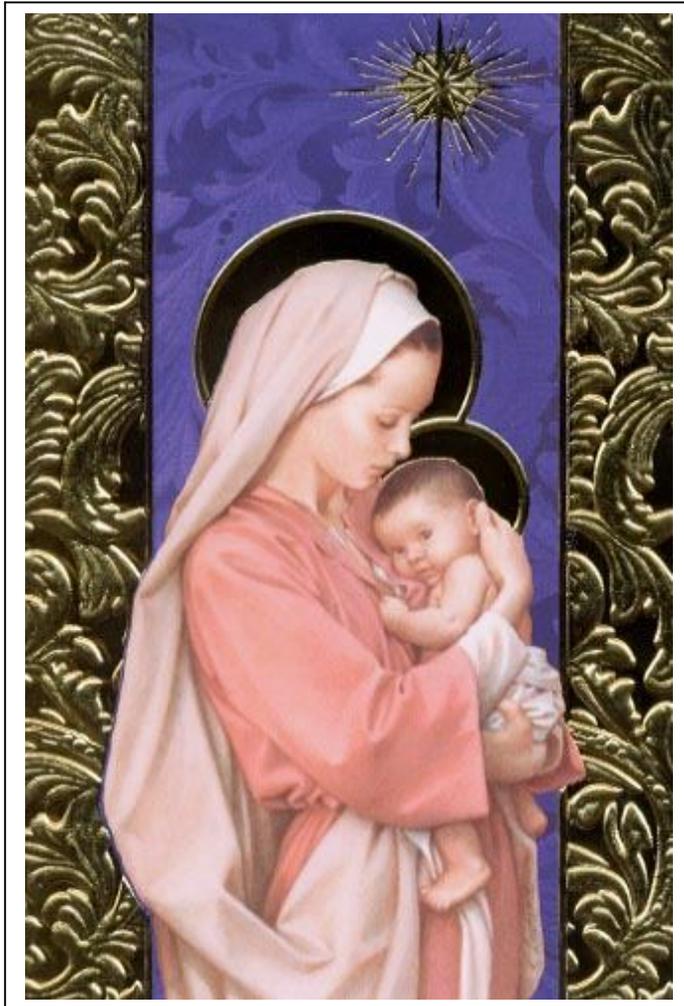
As the year closes, we realize how fortunate we are to have so many wonderful friends around the world. Our New Year's wish is for their happiness and for peace on earth. We pray for the safety of our troops and diplomats who serve on our behalf, often performing unpopular missions in dangerous places. Please remember them in your prayers this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

*Hank & Judy*

*We are keeping busy! Hope to see you in 2008.*

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Merry Christmas and a Happy 2008 – We enjoyed the Myrtle Beach reunion in 2007. Looking forward to 2008. Jack & Kay O'Brien

PHILLIPS, Jim, NAVDET 4 68-69, 1310 North 1200 East, Layton, UT 84040, [prospectorjim@msn.com](mailto:prospectorjim@msn.com) or [phillipsj@iomega.com](mailto:phillipsj@iomega.com) or [james.phillips@hill.af.mil](mailto:james.phillips@hill.af.mil) - e-mail to Bill Simon: Hi, Bill, Been awhile since I made a comm check. I see your website is still up and running. After my one tour in the Navy, I went to work for the Air Force, first as a civilian for 28½ years, retiring in 1999 and now for the last five years as a contractor. In the last six months, I began to notice the phenomenon sweeping the military known as challenge coins or commander's coins. If you're not familiar with them, they are bronze coins, about 1¾ to 2 inches in diameter. They depict a unit, ship, base, or military program. If you'll check the ASA home page, I know they have them for sale. I decided to try to collect coins for everywhere my career has taken me and build a display for them. Relatively easy for bases still in existence, but those that have faded into the woodwork don't usually have coins, since the phenomenon only started getting

big in the late 90s and early 2000s. They can be made in bulk for about \$3.50 to \$4.00 a coin in lots of around 150 or more and retail usually around \$10 to \$15. I'm wondering if you or Elder Green of "Days of our Lives" would be interested in striking coins for sale for Turkish bases such as Sinop, Karamursel, Samsun , Trabzon , etc. I'm sure there would be many folks in various data bases of former ASA, AFSS, and NSG personnel who would be interested in buying such souvenirs. I know Elder Green has a reunion yearly. Could be a fund raiser to defray the cost of the reunion or could be offered on the web site along with the other merchandise he sells for reunions (hats, shirts). I don't have his e-mail address handy. If this sounds like a feasible idea, please pass this on to him. Hope all is well with you. Jim Phillips

Al,

I think it would be a good idea to put the thought out there on your web site and see what kind of response you get. Obviously, if I am the only one who is making such a collection, it wouldn't be worth it to have 150 Sinop and Karamursel coins cast just to fill out my collection. But if there is a large positive response, maybe we can figure something out. I'm not sure yet if I would have to order 150 minimum for each site in Turkey , or if there could be a mix and match scenario. (I'm betting each base would require at least a mold fee, but maybe a variety of the coins after that could be purchased in the 150 minimum.)

If you and Bill will each post the info to your web site to just elicit responses, we can get a feel for how many would be interested. In the mean time, I will contact several of the companies that produce the coins and see what kind of deal can be worked out. I imagine the mold fee might be able to be reduced by making one side of all the coins the same (something with the TUSLOG designation and identifying all three services' security agencies.) Then, only one side of the coin would need to be base specific. I know Defense Language Institute did something similar to that with the DLI emblem on one side and the reverse being specific to Army, Navy, or Air Force. Let me know if either of you have any inspirations in the mean time!!

Jim

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SCARBOROUGH, Jim, (Scars), YOB 1050 RA-SSN E4-E5 98J.30 Det 4, JA73-JA74 & 76-77, (Ellen), 5511 Tobego Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032 703-249-9470, [obiwanscars@cox.net](mailto:obiwanscars@cox.net) Elder and Norman Mau, - Can you help out in locating a SP6 98J named Harry M. Howe who was stationed at Sinop during my 73-74 tour there? He knew his Elint stuff really well, and was a good buddy off-shift, too. There was a time when he wore a weight-loss suit, and he was hung with the moniker, the "Purple Grape". He took that nickname with pretty good humor, but it was a good idea to maintain your safe distance if you used it in his presence, anyway. Gil Bouffard informed that Harry M. Howe was in the Soldiers Home in the DC area around 2004-5. He had several serious medical problems and wasn't doing well..Thanks for whatever you can do, Merry Christmas, Jim Scarborough

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MERHABA Al Green - My name is Dave Starman and I was recently contacted by Jay Goodman told me about the DOOL and the reunion that you organize each year. The idea of seeing some of the guys sounds like fun. I joined the Army in January of 1972. Went to basic at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. AIT was at Fort Devons, Mass. Then was my year at Sinop. I then spent the rest of my time at Vint Hill Farms in Virginia. I got out in February of 1975. Please forward any information you might have. Thanks.

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Hello Elder: Can't remember if I told you or if you ever contacted Jack Wilson. CWO Jack Wilson was our comm center officer at Det. 27 during my tour there. He is now a civilian working at INSCOM. Best wishes and a Merry Christmas to you and your Family. Claude