

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #190

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Photo of the Golden Horn on the Sea of Mamara with Blue Mosque on the horizon – photo by Mark Hamilton in 1965





**PHOTO'S OF ASA Turkey VET's
at the
THE 2008 ASA PICNIC AT FORT MEADE
*2 August 2008***

To start with, we had a genuinely grand time and the atmosphere was completely different than that at Blobs Par. Club Meade is a class by itself.

The ASA was from 1945 through 1976 and its motto was "Vigilant Always." In 1976, the ASA was merged with the US Army Military Intelligence component in a process which formed the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM).



Club Meade - Fort Meade, MD By Rawligh Sybrant Det 4



Nearly everyone who served in the ASA recognize the above photo as being the NSA at Fort Meade. It is the largest, most secretive, and most powerful intelligence agency in the world. I served at Fort Meade two times. First as a CY-155 student at NSA in 1959 and then 1963-1966 as the NCOIC of the CY-155 school.

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Jim and Caroline Brock with their dog as they were leaving the picnic

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Doris and Chuck Courtney

The Courtney's served 3 years at the NSA Detachment 120 in downtown Ankara. They both enjoyed the assignment and would go back in a heartbeat as he volunteered to stay a 4th year, but ASA said no! Chuck enlisted for 3 years of ASA duty at Pensacola, FL in 1951. Took BCT at Fort Knox. Next it was to Fort Devens for training to be a Traffic Analyst. After receiving MOS 1709 was sent to Frankfurt, Germany. After OJT'ing and working the East German military - was sent to Oberamgau in February

1953 for training in the German language. Back to the states for discharge which lasted for 3 months when he re-enlisted and sent to Monterey for Bulgarian language training. This was the first of three assignments to Monterey for language schools, a total of 3 years. The second trip was for Russian training and the third was for Vietnamese. Later he trained in DC for 6 months to speak Turkish before being sent to Ankara and duty at Det 120.

After Bulgarian training was sent back to Frankfurt where he married Doris. There was little need for Bulgarian linguists at Frankfurt and he requested to be sent to Oberamagau for training in the Russian language. Instead he was sent to Monterey to learn Russian. Served 7.5 years in Germany. Made warrant in July 1963, three days before he would have been promoted to E7. Surprisingly he was sent to Field Station Berlin in 1972 and in 1975 to Field Station Augsburg. Retired in 1979 as a CW4

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Colonel Len and Eve Fischer are legends within the ASA picnic goers. The ASA picnic's began about 1977 when ASA was disbanded in favor of INSCOM. Vint Hills Station in Warrenton, VA was the site of the first picnics. The picnic fell on hard time & the Fischer's took over the annual picnics first at Nixon Farms which was tucked quietly away in the rolling hills in West Friendship in Howard Co., Maryland, then to Max Blobs Bavarian Biergarten known as Blob's Park, situated in Jessup, MD., not far from the Odenton gate to Fort Meade. The Nixon's Farms had a chicken menu and the Blob's Park menu had a German flavor and included different types of schnitzel, bratwurst, sausages and sauerkraut.

Len Fischer is an old school soldier who demanded excellence from himself and all who served under his command. He is a self-effacing, kind, quiet, diligent and efficient humble ASA veteran as is Eve. They were married in 1941 and have been together for 67 years in 2008. Eve is a reserved lady with a contagious smile with whitish/silver hair who raised 2 children sometimes under trying conditions which most army wives faced with frequent moves, school changes, etc., but this was the life she had chosen. Her own needs and happiness came second to those of Len and of their two children. They have never sought publicity or the spotlight at the picnics

They have 2 children, Stephen & Emily. Steve is a US Naval Academy grad who opted for a Army commission & was sworn in by his father who flew in from Japan for the ceremony. Steve, as a Captain, was shot thru a hand in an ambush and was discharged with this handicap. His daughter, Emily is married to retired Army Colonel David A. Shull who was a lawyer in the ASA.

I called the Fischer's on 16 August 2008 and took a quick trip thru his 35 year Army career and gathered the material for this write-up. Both were very congenial and Len soon to be 90 years young was sharp as a whip in answering my probing questions. He had many interesting tales to relate about most of his assignments and there was no standoffishness and the answers were wholesome and spontaneous.

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This was the first time that Patty and I met the Flynn's. We found MG Flynn to be a modest and quiet gentleman with a contagious smile and were deeply impressed by this ex-2 star general. He never served in Turkey, but was well aware that the ASA troops in Turkey stood out in their contributions to the overall SIGINT effort.

Dear Elder RC Green and Patty What a pleasure to meet and talk with both of you at the picnic. Thanks for sending the picture of us and Alice makes me print all of them which I resist since they all go downstairs in a box! It was obvious that ASA was a close nit group of people when two like us meet for the first time and a lot of the names we remember are remembered by both of us.

I have had the opportunity to look at a couple of your Newsletters. I think they are great and as before even though I was never stationed in Turkey I see lot of familiar names in the newsletters. Rod Isler worked with me for a year or so at NSA and I guess we never talked about him being stationed in Turkey. Lots of things from the past to still learn. It is obvious that a lot of work goes in to producing those newsletters and I know that they bring a lot of good will and happiness to those that get them. Anything that keeps ASA people in touch with each others to include the reunions I am all in favor of and willing to help anyway that I can. We appreciated the opportunity to meet and visit with both of you and hope we have that opportunity again. I will not miss the future editions of your news letters and will read all past issues when I get to them. We wish both of you good health and happiness.. Gen Tom and Alice Flynn

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The above photo was taken as we entered Club Meade



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L-R: Elder RC Green, Rod Isler & Lonnie Frampton

Rod Isler is a member of the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation



MG Isler has been associated with the ASA Turkey group since April 2002. His BIO can be found in DOOL #150 at <http://dool-1.tripod.com>.

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Judy and Larry Jaffe at Club Meade on 2 August 2008

Larry Jaffe was born in 1937 and is a graduate of the University of Miami in the late 1950's. Enlisted in Chicago in 1960 for duty with the ASA. Took basic at Fort Leonard Wood, then on to Fort Devens and was trained as a ditty-bopper 058.

His first duty station was at Det 4 where he tuned a R-390 and was able to copy morse signals emanating from the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Roumania.

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Bob and Peggy Murphy

On 2 August 2008 Bob and Peggy Murphy attended the ASA picnic and sat at the same table as me & Patty. We knew the Murphy's from the 2002 & 2005 ASA Turkey

reunions at Hershey & San Antonio. Murphy was hoping that Peter Gritis would be there as he remembered then CPT Gritis interviewing him at the Det 27 headquarters in downtown Ankara when he arrived and Murph and another ditty-bopper were sent TDY to Sinop as the Det 27 operations at Site 23 was not yet operational. Peter Gritis was the first operations officer at Det 27 & was well liked by those who worked in operations.



The above photo was taken in the ballroom of Club Meade. Murph won one of the door prizes, a blue ASA t-shirt & quickly donned it. Murph is very proud of his 3 year stint in the ASA.

Bob Murphy served in Turkey at Det 27 from April 1960 to April 1962, an 18 month tour that turned into two years because of the Berlin crisis. He enlisted in July 1959 at Baltimore, MD for the ASA. Took basic at Fort Jackson and then sent to Devens for Morse code training where he finished 4th in his class. Most of his classmates were sent to Germany but he and Charles Orr were on orders for Det 27 in Ankara. Murphy and Orr arrived in Ankara before Manzarali Station was opened, so they sent Murphy and another GI to Det 4 at Sinop in late April 1960 for a couple of weeks. Murphy was at Sinop when Francis Gary Powers' U2 was shot down near Degtyarsk in the Ural region on 1 May 1960 by a SAM missile.



The Lockheed U-2 aircraft

Murphy was still in Turkey when Powers was exchanged for Rudolf Abel on 10 February 1962 on the Glienicke Bridge connecting Potsdam, East Germany to West Berlin. Powers was convicted of espionage on 19 August 1960 and sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment and 7 years of hard labor. Powers served one and three-quarter years of the sentence before being exchanged.

Another interesting point is that when Murphy arrived in Turkey in April 1960, there were large-scale student demonstrations and bloody confrontations with the police and Murphy says that Turk Air Force jets filled the airspace over Ankara and that tanks and soldiers were everywhere, and a curfew was in force.

The imposition of martial law was imposed in Istanbul and Ankara on 1 May 1960 and the confinement of demonstrators in detention camps failed to restore civil order.

When Murphy returned to Det 27 a Coup d'Etat, organized by 37 "young officers" started on 27 May 1960 that ousted Premier Adnan Menderes and his cabinet from power and dissolved the parliament. The trigger for the coup was the 1 May 1960 decision to use the armed forces in an effort to regain control of the situation.

Menderes was sentenced to death for violating the Constitution, ironically by the same officers who themselves had violated the Constitution by conspiring against a democratically elected government. Despite pleas for forgiveness by Head of State ex-4 star General Cemal Gürsel, and similar pleas from several world leaders, Menderes was executed by hanging on 17 September 1961, only for having an Islamic agenda in a Muslim country. The age of Democratic Party was over after this execution.

General Cemal Gürsel, the commander of the coup rejected dictatorship and announced that the government had been overthrown to help establish an honest and just democratic order and to give over the administration of the state into the hands of the nation. In a press conference on 28 May, Gürsel emphasized that the "purpose and the aim of the coup is to bring the country with all speed to a fair, clean and solid democracy.

In 1961 Gürsel was elected the President of Turkey



Bob and Peggy Murphy on their elevated patio overlooking their dock & picnic table

After the 2008 ASA picnic – the Murphy's invited us over to their waterside home in Glen Burnie for a snack and a beer. We certainly enjoyed the visit as they were great hosts and the view from their raised patio deck was fabulous



Patty Green & Peggy Murphy looking up to the patio from the Murphy's boat dock. Note the picnic table at the end of the dock.



The above photo was taken at the 2002 ASA Turkey reunion in Hershey, PA. L-R around the table: Bob Murphy, Mary Norman (sorta hidden), Roy Norman, Larry & Jean Heese from IA; Jean & Dick Bartholf from NY and Peggy Murphy.

Peggy and I have attended two ASA Turkey reunions; Hershey in 2002 and San Antonio in 2005. We really liked the Hershey reunion and couldn't stop talking about the get together all the way home to Glen Burnie, MD. We both had so many good things to say about it. Most important, though, was the chance to renew old friendships. We also really enjoyed the time in the Pennsylvania Suite, to reminisce with others who had served at Det. 27. The food at the banquet at the Turf Club of the Penn National Racetrack was super. Thanks for putting so much effort into this affair. Words really can't express how deeply grateful I am that you are doing the DOOL and the reunions every year.

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