DAYS OF OUR LIVES #203 THE 2009 AFTER REUNION REPORT



Another ASA Turkey reunion is over and the elite participants spread back throughout the USA. Still the good memories of fun time and spending quality time with old and true friends remain for the 2010 reunion. Below is the list of attendees:

ALTMAN, Jim & Jan, guest, Blairsville, PA

ANDERSON, Gary, 05H, Det 27, 27MY66-31MR68, Alexandria, VA ANTONELLO, Tony & Val, 059, Det-27, 65-68, Det-4, 69-70, Burke, VA ASPINWALL, Paul, Supply, Det 4, 13JAN65-22DEC65, Madison, WI AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine, 059, Det 4, AU64-AU65, Vienna, VA BALL, Dick & Debbie, 341, Det 27, JA62-JN63, Lancaster, NY BERGMANN, Chuck & Helen, 05H, Det 27, 66-67, Bay Village, OH BULLOCK, AI & Esther, 05H, Det 4-4, 68-69 & 73-75, Hubbard Lake, MI COMROE, Mike & Jane, 059, Det 27, JL61-22DE62, Audubon, PA CONNOLLY, Ralph & Connie, Det 4, Davidsonville, MD COOK, Bill, 058, Det 27, AP63-OC64, Sherrills Ford, NC COURTNEY, Chuck & Doris, Det 120, 67-70, Berryville, VA DAVIDGE, Gordon & Patricia, Det 27, 60-62, Durand, MI DOUDS, Dave, Det 4, JN62-64 & FE65-JL66, Columbia. MD EITENMILLER, John & Anna Marie, Det 27, DE63-DE65, Ladysmith, WI ERICKSON, Ron & Kathy, Det 27, MY61-DE62, Independence, MO GREEN, Elder & Patty, 98C, Det 27, 61 & 66-67 & 4-4, 67-68, Indiana, PA GREENE, JR & Carol, guest, Blairsville, PA GREENE, Terry, quest, Blairsville, PA GRITIS, Peter & Ann, Ops O, Det 27, 59-62, Reston, VA HOUGHTON, Jim & Sally, Det 4, 56-57, Johnstown, PA ISLER, Rod & Kyuhee, 05H, Det 4-4,15OC68-70, Annapolis, MD

JAFFE, Larry & Judy, 058, Det 4, SE61-SE62, Vienna, VA JONES, Ed, Florence & niece Courtney, Det 27, OC62-MR65, Vancouver, WA KELBAUGH, Gil, 059 Det 4, 9JA62-23DE62, Frederick, MD KIMBROUGH, Grady, Det 4, N. Potomac, MD KINSER, George, 05K, Det 4 & Det 4-4, Purcellville, VA LANDVOIT, Arnold & Lois, 283, Det 4, 62-63, Savage, MD LAS, Walt & Terri, Det 27, NO62-AU64, Parsippany, NJ LIENKE, Wesley & Sharyn, Det 27, FE64-SE65, River Falls, WI LEVY, Dan & Teresa Hamilton, 058, Det 27, JL61-DE62, Many, LA LAZZARA, Tom, 058, Det 27, JN63-FE66, Leominster MA MALSCH, Charles & Joan, 988RU, Det 4, 64-65, Lindenhurst, IL MAU, Norman & Theresa, F&AO, Det 27, 65-66, Potomac, MD McCLEVISH, Charles, S2, Det 27, 63-64, Dundalk, MD MOORE, Jim & Linda, Det 4-4, SE69-MR71, Annandale & Fairfax, VA NEILL, Hank & Judy, 723, Det 27 AU62-JA64 Springfield, VA O'BRIEN, Jack & Kay, 988RU, Det 4, 64-65, Beaver Creek, OH OSSWALD, Buzz & Norene, Det 4, 64-65, Hudson, NY OWEN, John & Janette, 98J Det 4, JL64-JA66, Elkhart, IA PETERSON, Bambridge, Det 27, SE63-AP65, Barron, WI PRUITT, Bill & Carolyn, 76Y Det 4, 64-65 & 76-77, Campbellsville, KY PUTTER, Max, 058, Det 27, NO60-12MR62, Haverford, PA SACK, Bob & Sue, Det 4, AP69-AP70, Walla Walla, WA SAUNDERS, Clint & Josephine, 98J, Det 4, NO72-NO73, Seat Pleasant, MD SIEBENALER, Frank & Judy, 058, Det 27, SE62-4MR64, Lake City, MN SINOR, Walt, Det 27, JA62-JL63, Chattanoga, TN SYBRANT, Rawligh, 98J, Det 4, NO68-NO69, Olney, MD WALTER, George, 05K, Det 4, JN72-SE-73, Towaco, NJ WENGER, Barry & Sharon, 058 TK#2 Det 27, OC62-FE64, New Bloomfield, PA WHITMAN, Ken & Judi, 058, Det 27, 62-64, Rehoboth Beach, DE WINKLER, Hal & Bobbi, 981/982, Det 4, MY60-MY61, Cincinnati, OH WYATT, Ed & Jackie, 723, Det 27 AU62-FE64, Glen Burnie, MD

The reunion was a grand affair, 50 Turkey veteran's turned up.. In total we had 91 people and perfect weather teamed up to provide a memorable 4 days at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg, MD. The Holiday Inn staff met all of the contract obligations and welcomed the attendees with beer and wine plus a large cheese platter on the first nite of the reunion. The BBQ and Banquet meals were superb as was the prime rib meal at O'Malley's Irish Pub on the lower level of the hotel.

The reunion offered something for everyone. The visit to Fort McHenry and to the NSA Cryptologic Museum were enjoyed by all on Monday. Some came just to enjoy the camaraderie of old friends, and to take a fond look back at the good old days in Turkey, be it at Manzarali, Sinop, Karamursel, Istanbul or Incirlik. One of the important parts of any reunion is for old friends to see one another again. For instance, Tom Lazzaro and Ken Whitman met up with Barry Wenger, Frank Siebenaler and Bill Cook, all ditty-boppers from Trick #2 at Manzarali Station. They had not seen one another for more than 45 years. The re-bonding was instant, the camaraderie ancient and they picked up again as though they had never been apart. I am of the view that such opportunities are rare and am proud to say that the ASA Turkey veteran's are respected citizens. Age has only matured them, like good wine. Frank Siebenaler was the Asst. Platoon Sgt of Trick #2 and he kept the trick roster over all these years - that listed 93 names, of which 21 have been located. The goal is to find everyone, indeed a hard task.

Composing this DOOL was a difficult and time consuming task for me. Be mindful that I had a hodgepodge of over 500 photo's to sort through and select - and then decide where to insert them and then write a caption under the photo's. First off, I did it that way – resulting in the DOOL being 13 megabytes – way too BIG for the website. My apologies if I overlooked anyone.

The large hospitality room was again the center of the reunion and here, as vet's arrived, they immediately discovered how much older everyone else had gotten. Here, friendships were renewed, and new friendships were established as not all attendees served at the same detachment. While sitting at this welcome desk – I thought sure that I'd look up and there would be Clark "Mixie" Bryan with a wide smile on his face. It was Mixie who prodded me into writing the DOOL's.

The food we had in the hospitality room was obtained from the nearby Costco's and the concensus is that it was finest that we've had thus far, thanks to the hard work and efforts of Patty Green, Esther Bullock, Bobbi Winkler, Jane Comroe, Kay O'brien, Sharyn Lienke and Janette Owen. If I missed anyone – I'm sorry. The hotel provided a large refrigerator and two smaller ones to store the food.

Al and Patty Green arrived on 30 July to get the reunion wheels moving. Tom Lazzaro and the Bullocks, Al and Esther arrived on the 31st. On 1 August this group motored to Fort Meade where the gals shopped in the PX and us guys went to the mini-mart and purchased 10 cases of beer and 13 cases of soda for the reunion. This amount is what was consumed at the reunion.



Above is AI and Patty Green posing at the ASA picnic sign at Blobs Park. There were a total of 172 people present for the ASA picnic, of which the following 35 served in Turkey.

Tony & Val Antonello Paul Aspinwall Sonny & Elaine Ausbrooks Al & Esther Bullock Ralph & Connie Connolly Chuck & Doris Courtney **Glen & Barbara Feagin **Larry Foster **Lonnie Frampton Al & Patty Green Larry & Judy Jaffe Ed & Florence Jones Walt & Terri Las Tom Lazzaro **Jim Reilly **Bob & Nancy Snyder Rawligh & Roberta Sybrant John Spivey **Rick & Wilma Wheeler Hal & Bobbie Winkler **Jack Wilson ** Did not attend the ASA Turkey reunion for unknown reasons



The gH and Patty at the ASA picnic



Esther and Al Bullock, Det 4-4, 68-69 & 73-75 at the picnic This was their third reunion





AT THE ASA PICNIC AT BLOB'S PARK – 1 August 2009 Maj Generals Tom Flynn and Jim Freeze



Helen and Chuck Bergmann, Bay Village, OH Chuck Bergmann is my right-hand in getting the DOOL's forwarded each and every month THANKS for EVERYTHING- - -gH



The above photo shows AI Green, AI Bullock and Tom Lazzaro stocking the hospitality room with beer and soda's. At 10 am Costco's opened and found the Winkler's and Green's shopping for food. The hilite of that shopping trip was Winky locking his car keys in his Caravan that cost him \$135. to get it opened.



Patty and AI Green displaying the reunion cake that was decorated by Esther Bullock. The shirts were made by Max Putter and anyone wanting one send email to <u>nashswim@aol.com</u>. Max also made yellow and white hats for all attending the reunion.

In the background is Bambridge (Bam) Peterson going through the chow line in the hospitality room. The hotel provided a full size refrigerator and two smaller ones for our use. They provided three types of coffee, a large water dispenser and kept the beer & soda iced down on a regular basis.



Bill and Carolyn Pruitt and Patty Green at the begin on the reunion. In the background is two of the four ARMY jackets that were a few of the many door prizes for the reunion. The Pruitts are from Kentucky



Patty Green and Jane Comroe who managed the food tables in the large hospitality room. The attractive shirt that Patty is wearing was the work of Max Putter who also provided yellow hats for the veteran's and white hats for the ladies.



Above is Frank Siebenaler posing with his one of a kind Det 27 jacket.

Our visit to Fort McHenry

While standing near the cannons looking out toward the Chesapeake Bay I tried to imagine myself being there during the British cannon blitz on 13/14 September 1814 and wondered "What if the British had occupied Fort McHenry? Would it have altered our history as they had already burned the capital. I quickly realized that there should be no doubt that in 2009 we are headed down the wrong path and at a critical historic juncture, and the very survival of our nation is at stake.



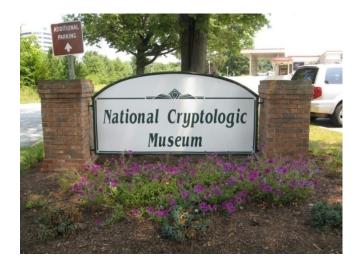
Above is Bill Cook explaining his role in the Patriot Riders to Kay Obrien and Jim & Sally Houghton. The expression on Kay's face and that of the Houghton's is testimony enough as to the role of the Patriot Riders and Bill Cook's involvement.

The large patch on Cook's back implies what I've just wrote:

"THE NATION WHICH FORGETS ITS DEFENDERS WILL ITSELF BE FORGOTTEN" It seems that the leaders have become intoxicated with the idea of change at all expense and the mainstream pundits are simply overlooking what's taking place and not reporting the obvious. This media arrogance will be the downfall of the nation if not checked soon. Without much pause the media blasted the previous administration about the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, but now little is reported about the war. Why? My deep concern is that many - have lost sight of who we are and not worry about who we may become if we continue on the course that is being set for us –



Terry Greene played the bagpipes during most of our stay at Fort McHenry. The McHenry staff and other visitors stopped and enjoyed the pipes. Terry walked the entire ramparts while playing sentimental and military tunes. It truly added to the Fort McHenry tour.





The Monday nite outing was held in the O'Malley's Irish Sports Pub, a non-smoking pub, located in the lower lever of the Holiday Inn. At first the outing was to be at the nearby Flamming Pit restaurant for a

prime rib meal for \$25 per person, but the hotel got word and offered prime rib at \$11.95. Patty and I had eaten at the Flaming Pit and also at O'Malley's. The \$11.95 meal at O'Malley' was outstanding!

The Wednesday nite buffet banquet was superb and Hal (Winky) Winkler did a fantastic job of emceeing the evening with sterling lead-ins to the speakers. Ex-SP5 ditty-bopper Biker Bill Cook of Sherrills Ford, NC; Al Bullock from Hubbard Lake, MI; Peter Gritis from Reston, VA and Rod Isler from Annapolis, MD were the speakers. Donald Aines was scheduled to speak, but was unable to attend. A call to Aines was made & he addressed the group about his tour on the hill via the microphone.

The first speaker was Biker Bill who during the group photo session rode around the Holiday Inn with the two flags waving on the back of his Harley while Terry Greene played the bagpipes. It was most impressive. The bagpipes and the arrival of Bill Cook on his bike came as a complete surprise to Maj Gen Rod Isler. The bagpipes truly was a attention getter and then Biker Bill came into view with the sporadic roaring revs of the engine and then parking the bike in front of the group for the group photo.



Bill Cook served at Manzarali Station during the period April 1963 to October 1964. He briefly spoke about his days as a 058 copying cold war targets on trick #2 and considers those days most worthwhile in developing his future. In detail he spoke about his association with the North Carolina Rolling Thunder and the Patriot Guard Rider Groups since 2004 and on most rides is the first rider with the American Flag and the Unit Flag(s) flowing in the breeze to the delight of those standing along the parade and funeral routes. It not only is an experience for the by-standers, but gives Bill a truly awesome experience and makes him proud to be an American vet of the Vietnam era.

At times Bill choked up when talking about his over 200 funeral escort rides and stand at the funerary functions in the past 4 years and each one had a special feel for him. Families of both those Killed In Action and veterans who have made the journey to their final resting place have welcomed the Patriot Guard Riders with open hearts and arms as we serve both them and their (our) heroes. Bill proudly serves as a North Carolina Patriot Guard Rider Ride Captain; and was the North Carolina State Captain – October 2007 to October 2008. Bill is a proud grandfather of Marine Sergeant A.J. Smith and Army Specialist Joe D.W. Cook and father-in-law of BM1 Chad Barber, US Coast Guard. Smith served two tours in Iraq & Cook is on his first tour in Afghanistan.



The next speaker was Albert Bullock who served two tours at TUSLOG Det 4-4, 68-69 and 73-75. He explained why he served twice at Karamursel and his time at Phu Bai in Vietnam. He included a slide

presentation with his talk. Has returned to Vietnam twice with his wife Esther and the last trip included Chuck and Tomi Carpenter who also served at Det 4-4.

The next two speakers were scheduled to be World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans, Donald S. Aines and Peter Gritis. Both were infantrymen and combat veteran's of WWII and their BIO's can be found in previous DOOL's by visiting <u>http://dool-1.tripod.com</u>

Aines had to cancel because of recent knee replacements and the dementia of his wife, Margie. Aines has the distinction of serving in every enlisted grade, every Warrant Officer grade and retired as a Colonel with 29 years active duty. A call was made to Aines and he was able to express his sincere thanks for being able to talk to the reunion and that even though he served only one year with the ASA – it was one of his best assignments and that he devoted 15 pages to his BIO as the XO and Adjutant at Det 4 in Sinop.

Peter Gritis spoke about his being drafted and inducted into the US Army in 1943 at Camp Grant near Chicago. After basic training was sent as a Private to Fort Benning for combat training with the 7th Armored Division. After this training the division was moved to New York where they boarded the Queen Mary and sailed for Scotland where the drew combat gear and equipment and later were sent to South-Hampton where they crossed the Channel and landed on Utah Beach where they alit on 11 August 1944 and thence was in combat for 172 days

After this Ken Whitman took over and handled the door prize drawings that consisted of four ARMY jackets, wreaths, decorative baskets and for the many bottles of full and opened liquoir that was donated by Norman Mau and Al Green, The jacket winners were Jim Houghton, Ron Erickson, Larry Jaffe and John Owens. The 50/50 winner of \$178 was Frank Siebenaler.

The following is but a few of the reunion comments:

"I don't care where you hold the reunion in 2010, but I'm for it, anywhere and anytime."

"Thank you for all the food, stories, jokes and chitchat we shared together. And most of all – thank you for your friendship."

"My congrats to all the people who made this reunion a reality for me, but especially to Elder and Patty Green who worked hard to make it all possible."

"Another great reunion! Have no complaints and wouldn't even try to think of any. There are no words to express our appreciation to you & Patty for the hard job you do. Also the entertainment was unique. Give our thanks to all involved. See you in 2010, we hope & pray." Carolyn & Bill Pruitt

First, many thanks again for all of your work on setting up the excellent reunion. Even though I knew only a few people, and even those people only through other assignments (Berlin, Augsburg), Doris and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. ASA members were always close-knit, no matter what unit, and this reunion convinced me that we are not the only ones who enjoyed our stay in that country.

Attached are the few pictures we made at the reunion. Sorry it has taken so long to get them out, but my computer was suffering a bad case of operator head space - I could not get the pictures attached to the message.

See you at other events (ASA picnic, maybe another reunion) and again at next year's reunion. Thanks again - Chuck and Doris Courtney

Dan and I really enjoyed the reunion and meeting so many nice people. You and Patti really go all out to make anyone have a good time. Thank you for all your hard work and thank you very much for finding my camera and sending it to me. Thanks again, Theresa and Dan Levy

Elder, BTW, Kyuhee and I had a great time at the reunion and as usual you and your team did a bang up job. Thanks for inviting us. Hope to see you soon, Rod and Kyuhee

"I have never met such a beautiful couple like you two! You do so much for everyone, to make everyone feel welcomed when they are in your company! It's a beautiful thing that you are doing for the ASA Turkey veterans. We want to say thank you for showing us a wonderful time in Gaithersburg. Thank you for your loving, caring & compassionate ways that you treated us! Just like royalty. It was a real honor to play for you and your friends! May God Bless you always." Jim & Jan Altman

"We had a wonderful time - sorry it had to end! I saw lots of happy people. Thanks for all your hard work."

Elder, It was great to meet everybody at the 2009 Turkey Reunion in MD. In August, 2008 I drove with my daughter from NJ to FL in a U-Haul box truck as she was moving. I fell asleep on the way while she was driving. She woke my up on Rte 32 in Maryland saying she thought she came out of the gas station in the wrong direction. I looked around, saw where we were and told her to take the Beltway exit to DC and get back on I-95. A few minutes later she woke me again screaming "It says NO TRUCKS!" I told her to take the next exit and turn around. The next exit was NSA. She asked a MD State Trooper how to get back to 95. He told her to turn around DIRECTLY behind him and go back the way she came. After she turned around she asked me what the big black shiny building on our left was. "That's NSA." I told her to which she said, "You mean they could have shot us?" I said "No, maybe you but I had a clearance and used to work there."

At the reunion I went to the Delivery Gate for NSA instead of the museum and was detained for 1/2 an hour while they checked me out. License, registration and social security # instead of just telling me how to get to the museum. When I got to the parking lot of the museum after following the NSA Police kid I called my daughter, told her what happened and said, "See, I told you they couldn't shoot ME!" When she stopped laughing she said she will never ride in a truck with me again.

On the way home from the 2009 ASA Turkey Reunion my wife called me and asked how the dinner was last night. - I told her I won a door prize, "Free Pass to Samsun Kari-Hani from Rotten Crotch"

I think in the past - I told her that the Samsun Kari-Hani was a center where the troops went for entertainment because she thought for a minute and asked, "Do they really expect you to go all the way to Turkey for a concert?"

So all the guys who's wives were asking what a Kari-Hani is they can tell them it is an Entertainment Center.

Hope to see everybody at the 2010 reunion wherever it might be, George Walter



Det 4 at the reunion:

Kneeling: Jim Houghton, Clint Saunders. Sitting: Bob Sack, Bill Pruitt, Tony Antonello, Larry Jaffe, John Owens, Ozzie Osswald, Standing: Rawligh Sybrant, Arnie Landvoit, George Walter, Hal Winkler, Ralph Connolly, Paul Aspinwall, Jack O'Brien, Dave Douds & Sonny Ausbrooks



Paul Aspinwall – This was his 6th reunion



Val and Tony Antonello – This was their 7th reunion



The Ausbrooks at the ASA picnic at Blobs Park



Dick and Debbie Ball, Det 27. This was their 4th reunion. Debbie brought goodies for the hospitality room



My right hand computer expert – Chuck and Helen Bergmann. This was their 4th reunion



Above is my tormentor, Mike Comroe and his wife Jane, who assisted Patty with the hospitality room food and made two flower arrangements for door prizes. The Comroe's have attended seven ASA Turkey reunions and God willing will attend many more in the future



Esther and Al Bullock – This was their 3rd reunion



Connie and Ralph Connolly Ralph Connolly served at Det 4 retired as a Lt Col



Doris and Chuck Courtney, Det 120



Dave Douds, Det 4





Anna Marie and John Eitenmiller – This was their 1st reunion. They hail from Wisconsin



Ron and Kathy Erickson - This was their 5th reunion



Al and Patty Green at the prime rib outing at O'Malley's



Sally and Jim Houghton from Johnstown, PA. This was their 3rd reunion



The Jaffe's, Judi and Larry.

Larry and Judy Jaffe. This was their first reunion and they promise that it wont be their last! Larry was a ditty-bopper at Det 4 in his first ASA assignment. I knew Larry as the S3 officer at Field Station, Berlin. He is a retired Lt Colonel.



Ed Jones, Det 27, his wife Florence and their niece Courtney. They drove from Vancouver, Washington to attend their 7th ASA Turkey reunion. That's real dedication.



George Kinser, Det 4 and 4-4. This was his 3rd reunion



Arnie and Lois Landvoit, Det 4.

This was their 1st reunion. Arnie is the proud owner of a 1926 Pontiac Boat-tail racer. He served on the hill, but six months of that time was spent on TDY as a member of the Det 4 1962-63 MSC championship volleyball team that first beat the Samsun Air Force team, then defeated the Det 27 team advancing them to Athens where they won the MSC Championship and from there and then participated in the European Championship with unknown results.



Walt and Terri Las from New Jersey This was the second reunion for Walt and Terri Las



Tom Lazzaro from Leominster, Massachusetts. This was Tom's third reunion and he is presently checking the possibility of holding a CRUISE as a venue for a future ASA Turkey reunion. A lot of the photo's included in this DOOL are from the 188 photo's that Tom made available to me on a CD. Thanks Tom



Dan Levy and his girlfriend Theresa Hamilton

On Tuesday Dan and Theresa drove to the Metrorail station at Shady Grove and rode the train to DC When they returned – they got off the train and hunted and hunted for their Avalanche pick-up and could not find it. What Dan Levy worry? Yep, he sure did. Got a taxi to the Holiday Inn. Theresa went to the room to freshen up and Dan popped into the hospitality room all lathered up and his shirt soak and wet. He found Dick Ball and travelled back to the Metro station and Dick took him right to where Dan had parked it. Was Dan Levy relieved? Yep, but its an experience that he's not going to forget. They had drove from Louisiana to the reunion.



Charles and Joan Malsch. This was their third ASA Turkey reunion



The Winkler's came to the BBQ all decked out in Western gear.



Joan and Charles Malsch along with Anna Marie and John Eitenmiller departing Fort McHenry



Norman Mau, Det 27 – 3rd reunion Thanks for Patty's and your hardwork of putting the 2009 reunion together and continually organizing the activities. Theresa and I had a good time at the Gaithersburg reunion making new friends and seeing you and Patty. I enjoyed helping you with your questions and minor tasks. And thanks for the breakfasts. Well done, Norman and Theresa Mau



Chuck McClevish - 3rd reunion



Jim and Linda Moore, Det 4-4



Jack and Kay Obrien, Det 4 Russian linguist – This was their 7th reunion. Kay can out talk anyone!



Buzz and Norene Osswald, Det 4 - This was their 2nd reunion Buzz is a dedicated ex-Det 4'er who owns a small horse farm in up-state New York



The Owens and Osswalds - Det 4 friends



John and Janette Owen from Iowa

This was their 4th reunion. The Owen's brought 3 large boxes of IOWA popcorn to the reunion and most left with 3 or 4 packets in their luggage. John is a dedicated Turkey veteran and his albums reflect his true dedication.



Bambridge (Bam) Peterson, Det 27, 63-65, Barron, WI

Dear Elder, I was impressed with the ASA Turkey reunion at Gaithersburg, MD. I know how much work that it is and I want to thank you and your wife Patty for all the work you did. My room was great (and the price was very reasonable) and the food was also. I have to check out my 4 boxes of slides that I took while I was in Turkey and if they are in good shape I will let you know. I have the slide projector, carousels and the screen which I could bring next reunion. Bam



George Walter, Det 4. This was his 1st reunion and he enjoyed it and will be back His BIO will appear in DOOL #204



Max Putter, a most generous person





Clint and Josephine Saunders, Det 4 - This was their 1st reunion





Frank and Judy Siebenaler, Det 27 - This was their 1st reunion

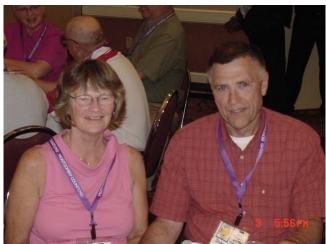


Walt Sinor, Det 27 – This was Walt's 7th reunion



Rawligh Sybrant, Det 4 – 1st reunion.

Elder, I mailed you a CD today with my photos from the reunion. Somewhere in there I added a photo-ofa-photo from my time at Ft Hood, Texas, from around '67-68.. Let me know if you get it OK or if there are any problems. The reunion was great! Thanks! Rawligh Sybrant



Barry and Sharon Wenger, Det 27 - This was their 1st reunion



Ken and Judi Whitman, Det 27 - This was their 3rd reunion

Elder & Patty, Thanks so much for all your hard work making our reunion something special. Judi and I really enjoy attending. This year was especially nice, having Barry Wenger and Frank Siebenaler attend. Thanks again and keep healthy. I will keep in touch. Ken Whitman



Here's Winky all decked out in cowboy gear for the BBQ. This is the third ASA Turkey reunion for the Winklers. Winky is the treasurer for the turkeytrotters!



Bob and Sue Sack came all the way from Walla Walla, WA. This was their 4th reunion Bob is on dialysis and made prior arrangements for treatment in the DC area. This is real dedication. Note the article that Bob placed in the Walla Walla Union about the Turkey and Chitose reunions. No one responded to the article. They are planning on attending the Chitose reunion in September.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS. Because of the kb's of the photo's from Tom Lazzaro and Rawligh Sybrant I could not use their photo's in this DOOL. However, if anyone wants any pictures from the reunion that were not included herein – please send me and email and I will seek them out and forward.

In summary we can no longer ignore what's taking place in this great nation of ours. There is no question that we the people must assume our responsibilities as citizens and express our opinions at town-hall meetings, tea parties, etc – and remember we the people still possess the power to chart the course of our destiny.

It is wrong to suggest that American's do not want good quality health care. It is also incorrect to suggest that there are no problems with the status quo, but the approach that socialists are taking, is not the American way of self reliance and personal responsibility. Anyone with any sense - knows that there are some who simply cannot care for themselves and for them there should be a safety net. But most can find an affordable way to care for themselves if the government would just get out of the way. The present health care debate is not really about health care, it is about whether or not Americans want the promise to "totally change the economic system," to "totally change the country." The good of the USA and our citizens is my motivating concern and consuming interest. I fully understand that my comments might stir the proverbial hornet's nest among the partisan liberals, but my hunch is that nearly all ASA Turkey vet's are conservatives and aware of the growing controversy over what is afoot in the nation and will agree with me. As to inflaming anyone, I honestly find it inexplicable that any veteran wouldn't be incensed at what is happening in the USA.

To all who missed the reunion, we thought about you and hope to see you in 2010. With that said, May God Bless you all, Elder & Patty Green

GOD BLESS AMERICA!