DAYS OF OUR LIVES #206

MAIL-bag - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

I welcome articles, BIO's, stories, etc and certainly hope that all ASA Turkey Vet's will contribute and make the newsletter worthwhile. You can write whatever message you would like, and it will show up right here for you to share with the ASA Turkey group! I will respond to all e-mails and will assist whenever needed, but reserve the right to edit for content and clarity and welcome any errors that may appear herein. Thank you, Elder RC Green, aka AI and gH (asagreenhornet@yahoo.com)



Det 27 Headquarters, 1966 – From the files of Mark Hamilton (deceased)



Det 27 and Det 4 Chapels



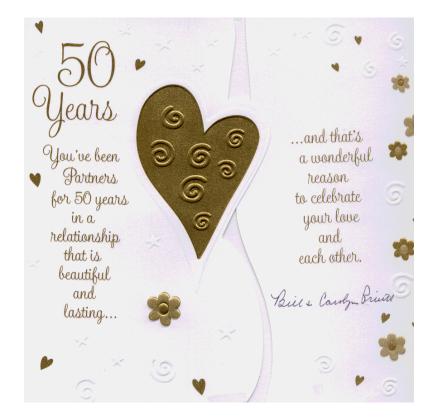
Det 27 Theater

Patty and I celebrated 50 years together on 28 November 2009. It all began at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland while I had just completed the CY-155 course at NSA. In January 1960 we made our first home in government quarters at Bad Aibling, Germany, then to Fort Meade where I was the NCOIC in charge of CY-155, then to Turkey, then to Vietnam, then to Fort Devens, then to Berlin, then to Arlington Hall Station, then to retirement in Indiana, PA. The only time we were apart was my year in Vietnam. ITS BEEN A LONG AND ENJOYABLE TIME IN OUR LIVES



Patty - age 20 and Elder - age 23

The below card we received from Bill and Carolyn Pruitt and thank them for being so thoughtfull.





BLEVINS, Paul K., Artic tower Det 4, 65 per Aspinwall

Mr. Blevins, 65, of Freehold Township, died April 22, 2008, in Freehold.After serving in the U.S.Army from 1963 to 1966 he was a National Hot Rod Association Modified class racer, winning a 1972 U.S. National title and World Finals championship, divisional championships and national records. In 1973 he became a Pro Stock racer until leaving in 1977 for research and development. When his son became interested in junior drag racing, Mr. Blevins developed and manufactured aftermarket parts for half scale cars.

Everyone who has ever won the big one

A U.S. Nationals title will always be the most coveted drag racing event win a driver can ever hope to earn.

He is survived by is wife, Elizabeth; a son, Matthew, both of Elmwood Park; and a brother and sister-in-law, Peter and Charlene Blevins, Freehold Township.



Paul Blevins and his 1955 Chevy Nomad

Long, long before luxury suites spanned the foot of the staging lanes, or Jumbotrons at the 1,000-foot mark replayed blower explosions, or regular coverage on ESPN2, or nouveau riche neighbors yelling to shut the place down, there was a drag strip just outside of tiny Englishtown, New Jersey, where local kids brought their cars and dreamed of someday making it big, of being somebody, of getting to that place to walk in the sun.

Every so often, the planets aligned, the laws of probability clicked, and somebody managed to rise above the raucous homogeneity that New Jersey was, and is.

Paul Blevins and Joe Scotto raced this 1955 Chevrolet Nomad, taking it to a slew of Modified Eliminator titles on the strip, a national record in their class, and ultimately, a world championship with drag racing's premier sanctioning body.

Paul and Joe were just a couple of guys from Freehold, NJ, who wandered over to that strip, Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, and within an amazingly few years were national stars, the most feared team in their class. Blevins, who'd never been to a drag strip until 1967, enjoyed a meteoric rise in one of the NHRA's toughest sportsman classes, scoring three straight Division 1 titles in Modified Eliminator before scarfing up his share of national events, and ultimately, the distinction of World Modified Eliminator Champion in 1972.

How good was the team of Blevins and Scotto? Merely strong enough to hold both a National Hot Rod Association world title and the same crown from the now-defunct American Hot Rod Association. During the 1970s, long before there were delay boxes to assist marginal drivers or portable weather stations to micromanage engine tuning, Blevins held the sobriquet of "Mister Modified" by the acclamation of the drivers he was beating into the blacktop.

The Blevins/Scotto mechanical rabbit started out as a stock used Nomad before converting it for Modified racing, a catchall class that existed in the NHRA before radically updated cars were E.T.-bracketed into today's Competition and Super Comp categories. Depending on its engine, the Nomad could run in a variety of Modified classes, but the car was at its nastiest

when running in G/Modified Production, in which it set the national record.

Then and now, the Nomad's G/MP powerplant was a Chevrolet small-block V-8 displacing 287 cubic inches; in other words, a 283 bored .030-inch over. The hungry mouse gorged itself through a pair of 660 cfm Holley four-barrel carburetors perched atop an Edelbrock tunnel-ram manifold. Burnt fuel was noisily exhausted though a set of Hedman Hedders that had a straight path out of the engine compartment through the rear of the front fender wells, for improved scavenging. The Blevins/Scotto team-which did everything on this car from building the engines to applying decals-used a variety of camshaft grinds during the car's competition career, most often furnished by Engle or Racer Brown. The engine turned a Borg-Warner Super T-10 four-speed manual, connected to a 1957 Oldsmobile rear-long the choice of serious sportsman racers back then for being kryptonite-tough- carrying 6.17 Zoom gears and splined Summers Brothers axles. Back then, station wagon or sedan delivery bodies found favor in the Modified classes because of their perceived better weight transfer upon launch.

Under the era's NHRA Modified Eliminator rules, the Blevins/Scotto Nomad was allowed to run at nine pounds per cubic inch. When class racing, the team was all but unbeatable, and set the national record in G/MP at Suffolk, Virginia, in April 1972, en route to the world Modified title, blasting out a pass of 11.44 at 117.80 mph. The Nomad stayed in the Blevins/Scotto stable while the partners put together an equally ferocious mid-year Corvette coupe that ran variously in C/MP, D/Altered and D/Gas, notching a best of 10.19 with a 327-cu.in. small-block.

Blevins went on to moderate success in NHRA Pro Stock in the mid-'70s, running the then-popular Chevy Vega with a tubular chassis. During those years, he was ranked among East Coast racers as second only to Bill Jenkins when it came to wringing impossible horsepower from the fabled small-block Chevy.

The Blevins/Scotto Nomad passed through several hands before ending up, largely intact, inside a container near Newburgh, New York. The guy who owned the car collected jukeboxes as a hobby, and mentioned to another collector in Gloversville, New York, that he was interested in selling. The other jukebox collector turned out to be a longtime friend of Rick Rudolph of Lake Luzerne, New York, a guy who lives, breathes and bleeds Tri-Five Chevys, and had the good fortune to watch the Nomad assault the strip during its heyday.

"I traded a '32 Ford street rod for it even up before I even knew it was the (Blevins/Scotto) car," Rudolph said. "I knew this car back when it ran because I went to the (NHRA) Summernationals and Grandnationals back in 1971. I thought it would be kind of neat to own it, because I saw it and pulled for it when it raced."

The above article originally appeared in the MAY 1, 2006 issue of Hemmings Muscle Machines.



1975 NHRA Winternationals of Paul Blevins in his SRD built Vega.

Blevins at the time was the number 2 Chevrolet Pro Stock behind Bill Jenkins. Paul and his two man crew of Kevin Codd (Car Craft Magazine All-Star Drag Racing Team Winner) and Al Focalore did everything from drive the truck to build the engines.



Paul Blevins 1976 Chevrolet Monza with 331 cubic inch engine

Blevins had some moderate success in Pro Stock after winning many divisional titles and the World Championship in Modified Eliminator.

MILLET, Lewis L., Commander, USASATC&S, Fort Devens, MA., mid 60's DOB: 15 December 1920 DOD: 14 November 2009

Anyone remember Colonel Millet? If so, please send me your memories



The <u>Medal of Honor</u> is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government, ^[2]similar to the British <u>Victoria Cross</u>. It is bestowed on a member of the United States armed forces who distinguishes himself "...conspicuously by gallantry and

intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States..." Because of its nature, the medal is commonly awarded posthumously.



Millet received the Medal of Honor for his actions 7 February 1951. He led Company E, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division in a bayonet charge up Hill 180 near Soam-Ni, Korea.



Col. Millet was the commander of USASATC&S at Fort Devens in mid 60's. He would walk around with handlebar mustache and big carved shillelagh.

Norman Michael Harman, Det 4, 66-67 writes that he served under Col. Lewis L. Millet ("fix bayonets and follow me") at Fort Devens, MA during the winter of 1965 and into the early Summer of 1966, at which time I was transferred to an isolated

listening post in Sinope, Turkey.

Col. Millet organized, set-up and ran one of the early Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) programs here in the US. In my time it wasn't actually called the SERE program, it was called Escape, Resistance, and Evasion by the Col. and known among us grunts as "the problem."

Fort Devens was the training center for Army Security Agency (ASA) personnel assigned to work for the super-secret National Security Agency (NSA). The ASA was so young in those days it had none of its own career cadre so command NCOs and officers were brought in from other outfits, including Infantry, Artillery, Rangers, etc. Most of these cadre saw us as "college boys" and "f*ck-ups," and soon resolved to turn us into "real soldiers." Col. Millet's was one of the more fervent versions of this attitude. He quickly decided that we were "too soft" and that he was going to "toughen us up." Our secret training at Fort Devens required a high-level security clearance and since it often took months to get many of us were on "casual" status, awaiting our clearance so we could begin our schooling. Col. Millet saw us as "available bodies" (his words) to build a series of "Vietnamese villages" and a "POW Camp" in the Berkshire Mountains as part of his training program to prepare us for duty in Vietnam and "possible capture by the communists." The Col. brought in a small group of Special Forces NCOs to

operate the POW camp and outfitted us casuals as Viet Cong guerillas. After building the "villages" and POW camp, we were put through a two-week infantry training course, given black fatigues and bamboo hats to wear, armed with antique M-1s that fired blanks, and sent out to live in tents for two weeks at a time - the temperature rarely got above 20 degrees, we lived on C-rations that had been packed in 1943, used slit-trench latrines, and were allowed back on Post for a shower once every two weeks. Our job as the VC was to attack small groups of recently-graduated soldiers, drive them into one of the villages, and withdraw into the hills to await darkness. After dark the soldiers in the villages were sent out, 2 or 3 at a time, to "escape" to a friendly camp 3 miles away. We "VC" were waiting in the hills to capture them and take them to our POW camp and turn them over to the SF NCOs to be "interrogated." After several weeks of this we "VC" were put through the "interrogation" process. Interrogation consisted of being forced into a series of extremely painful stress positions (e.g., having your legs tied around an upright log so when you were pushed backward your tied legs were 2 feet higher than your back, causing terrible pain in your hips and upper thighs, or having your wrists tied to a bar above your head so your feet were barely touching the ground, causing sharp pain in your shoulders), often while electric shocks from an old-style, hand-cranked field telephone were applied to sensitive parts of your body- all while your "captors" were screaming obscenities in your face. It was not pleasant, to say the least, and after my two-day stay in the POW camp I resolved to never take another soldier there. The rest of my time in the program I spent burying myself in the snow each night and coming into camp in the morning claiming I never saw any students the whole night. It wasn't until years later, through my own research, and with the help of my father - a retired MP/CID Sqt.Major - that I learned Col. Millet's ERE Program had never been officially sanctioned and his status as a Medal of Honor recipient was the only reason he wasn't reprimanded for his unauthorized actions.

THE 2010 ASA TURKEY REUNION Where: Toledo, Ohio What hotel: Hilton <u>www.toledo.hilton.com</u> Address: 3100 Glendale, Ave What room rate: \$89 all inclusive When: 5-8 September 2010 The menu's & cost will be about \$30-35 pp There is boundless things to see and do in Toledo such as:

Toledo Art Museum Stranahan Theatre Valentine Theatre Cedar Point Amusement Park – 58 miles – www.cedarpoint.com Cabela's Dundee – 30 miles – www.cabelas.com Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, OH - 8 miles - www.ohiohistory.org Falling Timbers Battlefields & Fort Miamis National Historic Site Sandpiper Boat – www.sandpiperboat.com Snooks Dream Cars - 25 miles -S.S. Willis B. Boyer – 6 miles – www.willisbboyer.org The Henry Ford - 61 miles – www.thehenryford.org Toledo Zoo – 2 miles – <u>www.toledozoo.org</u> Toledo Mudhens - 5 miles – Triple A farm team of Detroit Tigers – www.mudhens.com Dates: vs Columbus Clippers – Farm team of Cleveland Indians - 5 Sept at 6 pm and on 6 Sept at 1 pm Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway & Museum, Inc - - miles -www.tlew.org Tony Packos, 1902 Front St., -8 miles - www.tonypackos.com Eagle's Landing Golf Club – 14 miles – www.eagleslandinggolfclub.net Camp Perry – 50 miles. See Mike Comroe mail call entry below for details.

The reunion details are still being tweeked.....

Mail CALL in this DOOL

BROOKE, Denny, 058, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, Naperville, IL CARRICK, Ernie, 711/716, Det 4 57-58, Huntsville, AL COMROE, Mike, 059, TK#4, Det 27, JL61-22DE62, Audubon, PA COVELLO, Chuck, 988RU Det 4, 57, Shoreline, WA DYER, Wayne, 05H, Det 4, NO68-DE69, Groton, VT ERKKILA, John, 059 Det 27, JL62-AU62, Det 4, SE62-JL63, Brevard, NC GREENE, Ralph (JR), brother of Elder ISLER, Rod, 05H Det 4-4,15OC68-70, Annapolis, MD MAU, Norman, Hg Co Det 27, JA65-JN66, Potomac, MD MIX, Lowell, 056, Det 4, AP62-AP63, San Antonio, TX PAVLIC, Phil, 988RU Det 4, AP56-MY57, Bridgman, MI ROBERTS, Floyd, 058 Det 4, 18JL58-DE58, Friendship, WI SIEBENALER, Frank, 058, Tk#2, Det 27, SE62-4MR64, Lake City, MN STEFFEN, Arnold, Det 4, 2AU58-AU59, Jackson, TN STRAUSS, Christopher, 93J, Det 4, 64-65, Peekskill, NY VAN ORDER, Roy, 283, Det 4, 27SE60-MY61, E. Syracuse, NY WAITE, Daryl, 272, Det 66, DE63-JA65, Carthage, IL WALLACE, Kent, 059, Tk#3, Det 27, MR65-FE67, Chicopee, MA WALTERS, Bill, Det 27, 65-67 & Det 4-4 67-68 & CDR Det 4, 86-87, Fayetteville NC WHITMAN, Ken, 058 Tk#2 Det 27, 62-64, Rehoboth Beach, DE

MAIL call in alphabetical order

BROOKE, Dennis D., (DD & Bumpa), YOB: 1943, RA17608528, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, (Barbara), 1720 Fender Rd., Naperville, IL 60565, 630-983-7296, <u>vuu73@yahoo.com</u>

Elder, - Congrats on another great DOOL#205. Did I miss an email from you telling me of your decision on Toledo for 2010? I am still looking locally! I can't be of much help in Toledo, but I will sure make that one if I'm able. Again, I really enjoyed meeting the "Green Team" (AL & Patty) in Deerfield. Have a great holiday season. Denny Brooke RA 17608528 PS: Say HI to Patty for me!

CARRICK, Ernest E. YOB 1936, E3-E4 711/716, Det 4 57-58, (Betty), 6111 Fairfield Dr. Huntsville, AL 35811, 256-852- 6180, <u>wooky1955@mchsi.com</u> Betty continues to improve very slowly. She (we) are burden with so many appointments prior to her starting radiation treatments on the 20th of November. When these radiation treatments start it will 25 sessions, 30 minutes each day. Each doctor that treated her for her tumor, stint, infection had to clear her before starting this long treatment. New MRI was scheduled for today but was cancelled due to machine problems. Each time something happens that she has planned for but doesn't happen, she get down. She is still weak but is eating better. Our son Danny and his family spent last weekend with us. Having a 1 year old red head in the house help big time for both of us. Betty is scheduled to start a 18 month treated on the 18th. Dr. Dang will be treating her through IV using Zometa to rebuild the bone that she lost in her spine during the tumor removal process. She will be getting one treatment a month. Thank you all so much for your prayers,

Ay God bless you all. Ernie and Betty.

COMROE, Mike YOB: 1939, RA13693057, E3-E4, 059, TK#4, Det 27, JL61-22DE62, (Jane), 205 Pinetown Road., Audubon, PA 19403, 610-666-7402, <u>pennstateblue@verizon.net</u> E4 DOR 4JN62 per Det 27 Unit O#20 dtd 12JN62

Thanks Elder, Jane and I were looking forward to Nashville since we always take an extended vacation after the reunion in that area. We can't wait to visit Detroit. Hopefully Michigan has CCW reciprocity with PA. Kinda hard to carry my Street Sweeper in museums.

Never again will I ever doubt the methods to your madness. I have been online examining an Ohio map to determine where Toledo is located and have discovered something very interesting! The beautiful and exciting city of Toledo is located about 50 miles from Port Clinton, the home of the National Rifle Matches, infomally know as Camp Perry and also home to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) is the largest outdoor rifle range in the world. Retired or honorably military personnel, plus other qualified shooters may purchase an M1 Garand, an M1 Carbine, or a Model 1917 rifle at a very reasonable cost. I have purchased a mail order Garand previously, but intend to visit their store and purchase a second one. Would you please notify any interested people through DOOL's and I'd be glad to explain details to anyone interested. My email address is <u>pennstateblu@verizon.net</u> Regards, Mike Comroe

138 - COVELLO, Charles (Chuck) YOB: 1936 RA1952.... E4-E5 988RU Det 4, 57, (Carol), 2165 N. 185th Shoreline, WA 98133, 206-362-4054, covello@blarg.net Elder: We had a great phone conversation out of the blue on 8 May 2003. I never asked but I assume you contacted me through Norris (Buck) Goss.

1) I enlisted in the Regular Army for 3 years in February 1955 - took basic training at Fort Lewis, WA where I was selected for duty with the ASA. Then was sent to Fort Devens for ASA processing, etc. Then was sent to Monterey, CA for schooling as a Russian linguist - then to Fort Meade and training at NSA - then off to the 'hill' called Sinop.

2) I was at Sinop all of 1957. Took a lot of black and white, color prints and slides, but haven't look at them in years. I remember Maj Clark as being the commander and a Capt Allison who was in his 50's. Also remember a NCO at Sinop who I had the greatest respect for as being a leader of men that I would follow anywhere. Further, I have warm feelings for the guys who were there. We were a tight-knit group for the most part - especially those I worked with. I also have good feelings about my duty there. I felt I was doing something important.

3) Unfortunately, so much has happened during these 45+ years that I cannot remember names.

4) After discharge worked for Boeing for 5 years. While there - observed that a person had a photo of Sinop on his desk and upon trying to inform that person that I too was at Sinop - discovered that that person would not talk about Det 4 whatsoever. After Boeing went to Law School at the Univ of Washington and have been a lawyer since 1970.
5) I would like to try to make the reunion with my wife and try to recognize old buddies, recall old times, share stories and photos and reminisce. Unfortunately, I have two trials to prepare for at that time. And I do not think they are going to settle. I'll have to wait and see what happens. Best of Luck. Chuck Covell

DYER, Wayne, YOB: 1949, RA11915551, E3-E5, 05H, Det 4, NO68-DE69, (Toni), 14 Mountain View Drive Groton, VT 05046 802-584-3730, <u>diatribe@charter.net</u>



Elder, Got this photo from the aviation supply clerk, SP 5 Dennis Russell, who was stationed at Sinop US Army Airfield 68-69. This photo was taken at Rhine-Main in May 69 when it was there for maintenance. It is a U1-A Otter and was in Sinop for years in the 1960's. See you in Toledo.



This is the Sinop Air Field Hanger in 2002. There is a new runway running perpendicular to the beach on the Black Sea. They have commercial flights 3 days a week

ERKKILA, John E, YOB 1943 RA15656588 E4-E5 059 Det 27, JL62-AU62, Det 4, SE62-JL63, (Linda), 17 Sheffield PI., Brevard, NC 28712, 828-883-3373, <u>deatondoubles@gmail.com</u>

Hello Elder,

Well we are up and moving. Thus the old email will become old (sorta like me). If you would kindly correct your records for my new address I would be able to enjoy the DOOL going forward. Keep up the good work, it is very enjoyable reading. New is <u>deatondoubles@gmail.com</u> Tks a bunch. John Erkkila Det 4 059 61-62...

GREENE, Ralph (JR), brother of Elder



The above photo was taken on 23 November 2009 and shows JR and his 214 lb bear that he had shot.

HAMMOND, Robert (Bob), E3-E5 Pers Det 27, 66-SE68, 54922 Southern Hls, LaQuinta, CA 92253, 760-777-9539, <u>bobh18race@verizon.net</u>

Det 27 Turkey - Hi, My name is Bob Hammond. I was stationed at Site 23 from Apr66 to Sept68, worked in Personnel and managed the Post Theater. I had many good times there had a lot of friends that I have lost track of. I made Spec 5 before rotating to VHFarms with the 370th ASA Bn that eventually went to Fort Bragg, NC to support the Airborne Corps. Was discharged in Sept 69 and went home with my new wife to Morgan Hill, CA to start my new life. I went into the Lumber business and retired in 2002. I still have residence in Morgan Hill but spend most of my time in LaQuinta, CA -

golfing. I would love to be added to your list if possible. Thanks Bob Hammond bobh18race@verizon.net

ISLER, Rod YOB 1945 US/RA E4-E5 05H Det 4-4,15OC68-70, (Kyuhee), 1703 Mansion Ridge Road., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-849-3482, <u>goaisler@aol.com</u> Ret MG Elder you and Patty have a wonderful "Turkey Day" from Rod and Kyuhee. We are still trying to get up your way. Stay in touch, Rod and Kyuhee

MAU, Norman R., RA12721536, 73D, E2-E4, Hq Co Det 27, JA65-JN66, (Theresa), 11225 Broad Green Dr., Potomac, MD.20854, 301-983-8469, <u>maun@hotmail.com</u> & <u>maun@yahoo.com</u> BPED 3AU64 ETS 2AU68 Asgnd to 508th usasagp (6508) HOR 1708 Arden Dr., Bloomington, IN



Norman Mau at Gordium - from the files of Mark Hamilton (deceased)

MIX, Lowell J., YOB 1940 E5, 056, Det 4, AP62-AP63, (Eleanor), 5935 White Cloud St., San Antonio, TX 78238, 775-418-6790, <u>ljmixsr@gmail.com</u> Please note that I have not received an email from Lowell Mix for almost 3 years now, but my emails to him do not get kicked back. The following I found in my files as Maj Mix (ret) had promised to write about his memory of Davis going to Vietnam in his place- - -gH

Early in 1961, the word was out that an ASA unit or team would be deploying to Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon and the RDF Division at Fort Devens was told that the South Vietnam Government was demanding at the highest level a need for RDF operators and the training of South Vietnamese soldiers to use the equipment. Arlington Hall Station (AHS), then the ASA HQs, resisted sending RDF operators because of the dangers of operating in hostile territory with shortrange RDF equipment to locate VC transmitters that might be only a few miles away and that the VC would quickly discover this mobile PRD-1 (Portable Radio Direction Finder) mission. President Kennedy, nevertheless responded to an increasingly urgent need to penetrate a burgeoning Viet Cong insurgency and directed the ASA on 29 April 1961 to send men to assist and train the South Vietnamese in conducting ASA techniques that included radio direction finding.

A few days later, an electrical message was sent from AHS to the Fort Devens school with the names of eight RDF personnel (MOS 056) to prepare immediately for a TDY of six months to South Vietnam. They would be wearing civilian clothes and were each to be given \$200 to purchase a civilian clothes wardrobe and be present at Boston's Logan Airport the next morning for a flight on the way to Saigon. Other persons in a variety of ASA skills were given the same orders from various overseas units located in Okinawa and Japan. All together, 93 ASA electronic warfare specialists arrived in South Vietnam where on 13 May 1961, this first contingent of ASA'ers to this country set up a unit designated as the 3rd Radio Research Unit (3rd RRU).

PFC James T. Davis name was not on this list. But SP4 Lowell Mix's name was primarily because he was a fully trained 056 – whereas Davis had just finished 056 school and was awaiting a field assignment. On that particular day Lowell Mix was on a field exercise training a class of 056 students in the use and operation of the AN/PRD-1.

When this by-name levy came into Fort Devens, it was handled with dispatch and all persons were immediately notified, relieved of whatever duties they had, and told to get their affairs in order and start preparing to purchase civilian clothing and be at the Boston Airport at 0800 the next morning. However, SP4 Mix was in one of several field locations training his class and there was no way to communicate with him about the urgency of this situation before he returned with the class at 1700 hours. The OIC and the NCOIC were discussing how they could reach Mix, when Davis overheard the conversation and asked if he could volunteer to go in place of Mix since there was doubt that they could get word to Mix before he returned with his field class. The OIC thought that might be a possibility due to the time urgency to get ready, and queried AHS for approval. The response immediately came back approved. PFC James T. Davis was on his way before SP4 Lowell J. Mix returned from the field about 1600 hours that evening. In fact, Lowell Mix did not learn of the event until the following day after all had departed for Boston, and did not get to wish any of the travelers well or say good-bye to them.

Briefly - A few months after Davis's death, Lowell Mix re-enlisted. He often wonders if things would have been different if he had gone instead of Davis. It really gave him a sense of knowing what it is like to have someone die in one's place, and created a new spiritual awareness in him. A few months later, Lowell Mix found himself at Det 4, Sinop, Turkey with a whole year to think about it. Nine months into the assignment a son was born and Lowell brought laughter from everyone when he said that the going away party must of got out of hand. The Sinop assignment was a very sobering time for him and perhaps had a lot to do with his subsequent decision to stay in the Army for 20 years, sort of like paying a debt. ROBERTS, Floyd E. YOB 1938 RA16598704 E3-E4 058 Det 4, 18JL58-DE58, (Marilyn), 1995 11th Ave., Friendship, WI 53934, 608-339-9012, <u>afhs1956@verizon.net</u>



Our lake, Friendship Lake near Friendship, Wisconsin:

SIEBENALER, Frank YOB 1943 RA17615257 E3-E5 058 TK#2 Ops Co Det 27, SE62-4MR64, (Judy), 1213 N. Lake Shore Dr., Lake City, MN 55041, 651-345-4477, frsiebenaler@embargmail.com

Al, - FLASH--EMERGENCY! Prudential Insurance has an ad on TV that needs every ditty bopper's attention. They show it as PRU and it has an SOS flashing across the screen. It has 3 dits, two dahs, and 3 dits instead of 3 dahs. At first when I heard them, I thought something was

wrong. I listened closely and watched it come across the screen and confirmed it was only two dashes on the O. So all the Ditty Boppers need to contact Prudential. Thanks, Frank Siebenaler Ditty Bopper Manzarali Station, Turkey, 1962 to 1964

STEFFEN, Arnold YOB 1937 RA16568829 286 E3-E4 Det 4, 2AU58-AU59, (Janet), 1043 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson, TN 38305, 901-664-5058 <u>asteffen4@aol.com</u>



The Arnold Steffen's grandson Joshua Johnson in basic training at Fort Benning GA.

STRAUSS, Christopher C. YOB: 1943, RA, E5, 93J, Det 4, 64-65, (Carol), 45 Roma Orchard Road, Peekskill, NY 10566, 914-739-2246, <u>cstrauss@aol.com</u> Made contact with Chris Strauss on 6 November 2009 and had a very interesting chat with him. Chris enlisted in 1963 for ASA duty and took basic training at Fort Dix and was trained at Fort Devens. Then was sent to Fort Benning, Fort Bragg and Fort Meade and for his final assignment was sent to Det 4 in Sinop. Was one of the lucky ones who had to ride to Sinop in the back of a deuce and a half in February 64. That was the mode of transportation to/from the hill on passes to Ankara and also for his PCS to New York where he was discharged. The trips are a lasting memory for him as is his lone visit to the Ankara kara-hani.

Christopher has served as Senior Vice President and Senior Lending Officer, Compliance Officer and BSA Officer of Community Mutual since October 2005. From March 2004 to September 2005, Mr. Strauss was Vice President of Credit Administration at Union State Bank, where he managed the credit underwriting process in the bank's Westchester Loan Center originating commercial and industrial and commercial real estate loans. From 2001 to March 2004, Mr. Strauss was Senior Vice President and Senior Lending Officer at Reliance Bank in White Plains, New York, where he managed all aspects of the bank's lending, including underwriting and credit decisions on all new and renewing loans, pricing and structuring on new and renewing loans, loan servicing, credit grading, and loan collection. In addition, he acted as Reliance Bank's Compliance Officer, managing the bank's compliance program to include all lending, branch operations and Bank Secrecy Act requirements.

VAN ORDER, Leroy P. (Roy), YOB 1936 RA11316800, 283, E4-E5, Det 4, 27SE60-MY61, (Toni), 303 Darlington Rd., E. Syracuse, NY 13208, 315-299-4367, rvo@twcny.rr.com

Regarding the Fort Hood murders: My grandson did his first Iraq tour with the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, then his other two tours were with the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum in New York.

WAITE, Daryl L., RA17612084, 272.10, E3-E4, Det 66, DE63-JA65, (Hope), 33 N. Washington, Carthage, IL 62321, 217-357-2884, k9jpg@hotmail.com

Below is interesting facts long forgotten. The first being that Daryl Waite was eligible for pro-pay P-1, but because he was not career did not receive the extra \$50. per month. Lastly note that he was authorized in November 1964 to visit Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Lybia, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Greece.

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Beverly and Kent Wallace

Here is the most recent photo of ourselves (Beverly & Kent) taken only a couple of weeks ago in NC. We were on vacation with friends and were looking at homes in the area. Kent

Hi, Found your name while searching for ASA in Turkey. I am a former member of the Club, Det - 27 from March 65 - Feb 67. My MOS was as an 059 TTY intercept. I ended up doing another job in ops. I enlisted for ASA duty in February 1964 at Hartford, CT. Took basic at Fort Dix and then to Devens for morse and non-morse training. After Devens was sent to Det 27 in March 1965 and left there for assignment to Fort Bragg with the 358 ASA Company in February 1967. I enjoyed my 2 years in Turkey and lived in Ankara with my first wife, Virginia. I learned the Turkish language and still am able to hold a conversation in Turkish. I remember faces, but not names. The names that I do remember for some odd reason is those of Monterey Mary's, such as Slim Sanders who was a real weirdo who got caught up in drugs. Another Russian linguist was Ralph Neu who before enlisting had been in monastery training and dropped out, but still was well

Versed in the Bible. Another friend was Bill Anderson, the Ops Company armorer. I do remember the First Sergeant's wife who was an Italian lady who was at the NCO Club a lot playing the slot machines. Frances C McCormick was the First Sergeant and they had to good looking daughters as did Col Lundy. Remember going to the post pool just to watch the young dependents strut around the pool and the lifeguard name was Mike, a Yankee from New England and he was a draftee and had a dandy job. I remember the visit of a couple of Generals and one of them was dressed in unkempt khaki's and unshined shoes. Caused a lot of talk amongst the troops in operations. That's about all for my memories of Det 27. At Fort Bragg was attached to the 18 Corps first and then to the 82nd. Found memories of Turkey and the people that we worked with. Our section received a unit citation for the work done in 1967. As a commander told my first wife, he will not be only the watchman but the very first to sound the alarm. Fort Bragg was interesting for a one year stay, just got out prior to the unit going over to the Nam. I have been in contact and seen another member of the Club. Bernie Silverbert who was at Ft. Bragg and then went over to Det 4. He got out of the Army a year after myslef. Since that time I have worked in law enforcement, and Federal Service. The last being a Safety Officer with Job Corps, Westover Job Corps, Chicopee, MA. I have just retired form being a Safety type for them. Have had two kids and 4 grandchildren. E mail is kentwallace@charter.net. Good to here about the people and what we did. I gave a call to Ted Willingham today and had a long chat with him. I recalled him for being in the section (ops) that we worked at. He came in just a short time before I rotated back to the land of pleanty or as we called it, the land of the round door knobs. Good to connect with the people that made the cold war a little better for the folks back home. We the forgotten few that helped make the kettle from boiling over. Kent (nickname - Chuck).

I gave Bernie Silberburg your E mail address and he will be looking at the newsletter. I was wrong, he was at Det 4 twice while he was in the Agency. Kent. Let me know if the photo of Bev and myself came to you. Computer glitches at times. Ken

Glad to get a photo to you. I have been reading all of the DOOL and have found that you have done a great service to the fellow spooks on all the hills that we served on, watched and performed all the lonely nights and drunk ones as well. Kent

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Elder, This is my fourth week back at work, did four hours each day for the first two weeks, then six hours a day last week and this week and if all goes well, I will go back to full time next week. So far all is going very well, I feel very fortunate to be recovering as quickly as I am, just hope it will continue this way. Take care and have a great rest of the week. BillW

WHITMAN, Ken YOB 1943 RA13735182 E3-E5-E4 058 TK#2 Det 27, 62-64, (Judi), 12 Dutch Dr., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, 302-227-3643, <u>seadevil18@comcast.net</u>

ELDER, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO. WHEN I AM DONE WITH BEING AN OFFICER WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION I WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU WITH THE

REUNIONS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2010 REUNION AT TOLEDO. KEN WHITMAN