

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #212



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GREEN, Elder RC (gH), DOB: 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@comcast.net

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FORT DIX NEW JERSEY

Henry Rotzal sent the above which was the cover page of what military life was like while undergoing basic training at Fort Dix, NJ

TAPS

Col Len Fischer

It is with great sadness that I pass on that our oldest ex-ASA'er, Colonel Len Fischer, passed away this morning without having regained consciousness from the

coma he slipped into last week. His wife, Evelyn, passed away on 30 October 2009 . He was 90+ years old and was still the inspirational leader of the ASA Picnic and numerous other ASA related activities. Colonel Fischer commanded several ASA units during his career.

Len and Evelyn Fischer were the prime movers for the annual ASA reunion.



HEDRICK, James M. age 75, of Riverside, OH., passed away on 6 May 2010 at Laurelwood Assisted Living following a 5 year illness of dementia. Born in Beckley, WV, he relocated to Ohio at the age of 8. He was a 1952 graduate of Troy High School; received a degree in General Education from the University of Nebraska; and pursued MBA studies at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. He was a retired Army Lt. Colonel, having served in the ASA during the period 1954 - 1975. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was the

recipient of the Bronze Star Medal; 2 Army Commendation Medals; 2 Meritorious Service Medals and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He served in Turkey only as a part of the IG inspectors team from Frankfurt inspecting Det 4 and Det 27.

Jim Hedrick was a personal friend of Elder Green during their time at the 12th USASA Field Station at Chitose. Jim pleaded with Elder to attend OCS together, but Elder refused. They remained friends until the end.



Elder Green and Jim Hedrick at 8612 DU in 1955. Note the brass on the fatigues courtesy of the Post Commander, Lt Col J.C. White. Jim also served at Wakkanai. This Lt Col White was rif'd to SP2 circa 1959.

Mattocks, Don W., DOB: 14 May 1942 DOD: 23 May 2010 of leukemia at Duke Hospital. RA14768257, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, MY62-NO63, (Linda), 2004 Hydes Cor., Trent Woods, NC 28562, 262-637-5495, dmattocks@aol.com

Bill Hartranft: Just want to be certain Jim Harber sent this to you.... Don Mattocks passed away on 23 May 2010. He was a great guy....we had such fun with him on our trick one at Manzarali.

Don Wynne Mattocks, 68, died Sunday, 23 March 2010, at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

He was the son of the late Robert and Claudia Mattocks of Maysville, NC. Born on May 14, 1942, Don attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and served in the ASA, stationed in Manzarali, Turkey during 1962-1963.

Don was senior VP of retail finance for Citizens and Southern National Bank headquartered in Atlanta. He retired to New Bern, NC in 2005 from PRIMUS Automotive Financial Services, a division of Ford Motor Credit Company, where he was senior VP. During his tenure with Citizens and Southern National Bank, Don was the founding president of the National Marine Bankers Assoc based in Chicago. The research paper he wrote at the University of Virginia Banking School became the "Marine Lender's Handbook," used by banks, savings and loan institutions, and credit unions to establish boat loan departments.

Throughout his life, Don enjoyed history, politics and travel. He will be remembered for his gracious hospitality and his love of good food and wine. He could often be found table-hopping at Morgans Tavern and Grill, which is owned and operated by his daughter and son-in-law. He never met a stranger and lived life to the fullest with a ready smile for everyone.

During retirement, Don also enjoyed serving his church as a Church Council member, a greeter at the 8:50 a.m. service, was an active volunteer for the Tryon Palace Academy and a board member of the United Way of Craven County. Additionally, Don and his wife are co-chairs of the New Bern 300th Celebration Ball.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 29 years, Linda; his son, Don Lynwood Mattocks; daughter-in-law, Jamie; grandchildren, Finn, Claudia, Heath and Ruth Mattocks; daughter, Candice and son-in-law, Adam and granddaughter, Lauren; his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Carol Mattocks of New Bern; his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and James Gerock of Orange, Va.; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Smith; and sister-in-law, Beverly and her husband, Dennis Smith of Brooksville, Fla.

A memorial service celebrating Don's life was held on 27 May 2010 at Centenary United Methodist Church in New Bern, with a reception immediately following at Morgans Tavern & Grill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in the name of Don W. Mattocks to Centenary United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1388, New Bern, NC 28562.

Jim Harber: Fellow ASA friends... (I've tried to copy this to all of you who may have known him at Det 27.

It is with deep sadness that I forward the following e-mail I received tonite from Linda Mattocks:

Don Mattocks was a great friend to many of us and kinda made the scene happen.. I have seen Don over the years after the Army days and stayed in contact with him... He had moved to Atlanta a few years after the Army but I was not aware...I was on an IBM service call at a huge Atlanta Bank and had to go through an office to get to machine.

I happened to see the name of Don W. Mattocks on the desk... How could one ever forget his hair... With his back to me, I said 'Merhaba, Abi'.... and what a huge smile he had when he turned around.

Since it had been only about 8 years since Turkey, we were both about the same in looks and he knew me by name immediately... well, I would have known him without the desk name, too..

He was an astute businessman in Banking Finance... and recently retired as VP from Ford Motor Credit.

We have been E-mail buddies for several years, too, and I always enjoyed this comradery with him.

He and Linda have also been very active in Community affairs and Charities.

To those of you who travelled around with him, please send Linda an e-mail and share any information about your time and experience with Don in Turkey and afterwards if any of you had a post Turkey assignment with him. I cannot remember where he spent his last tour of duty.

My Turkey experiences with Don were occasional games of Table Tennis or Pool.... or enjoying a cool one at the NCO Club from time to time... But, we did sit relatively close in Room one at Ops as we banged away on the Mill... Some great memories from our patriotic past in our youth. This next Monday will have a special meaning to me as I remember Don.....

Regards, Jim Harber

The following two articles on Don Mattocks appeared in DOOL's 138 and 204.

138 - MATTOCKS, Don W., YOB: 1942, RA14768357, E3-E4, 058, Det 27, MY62-NO63, (Linda), 607 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin, TN 37069, 615-791-8185, dmattocks@aol.com - Enlisted for ASA in September 1961 at Raleigh, NC. Took BCT at Fort Jackson, then on the Fort Devens for 058 training. Arrived at Manzarali in May

1962 during the Berlin crisis and the 'oldtimers' were extended which caused them understandable bitterness. Was assigned to Lt Kittenring's and SFC Nunn's Trick #2. Nunn, it may have been Munn, was a strack black career soldier, but his debts, etc caught up with him and got busted to E5 and then was released from active duty. Remembers Walt Dubicki, Bill Hartranft, Jim Harber, Moms Mabrey, Spano and many others. Enjoyed the Turkey tour and visited Adana and Istanbul.

After his 18 months in Turkey was sent to the 318thUSASA Bn at Herzogenaurach in Germany. Got a 90 day early release in June 1964. I can still remember the winding road from the Herzo front gate to "town" and the unmistakable fragrance of the spring visits of the "honey wagon".

Worked for Household Finance in Jacksonville, NC., then to Fairfax, VA., then to Atlanta, GA and lastly to Franklin, TN working for a Division of Ford Credit. Lives about 300 yards from Darrell Waltrip, the famed NASCAR driver.

204 - MATTOCKS, Don W YOB 1942 RA14768357 E3-E4 058 Tk#1 Det 27, MY62-NO63, (Linda), 2004 Hydes Cor., Trent Woods, NC 28562, 252-637-5495

dmattocks@aol.com

Mbr of Tk#3 Site 23 Flag Football champion in 1964 per Joe Carvalho.

[Luther Mack Jones sent this info on Don Mattocks]

Don has been diagnosed in October 1969 with MDS which is a blood disorder. There are 5 different levels of MDS (bone marrow stem cell disorder and ineffective blood production manifested by irreversible quantitative and qualitative defects in blood forming cells).

Some can be helped by oral medicine but Don's needs chemo. Chemo to begin via an IV on 5 October 2009 for 5 to 7 days. After that a port (tube placed by surgeon in chest that runs to vein in neck) will be installed for the delivery of the chemo, blood transfusions and blood work.

Currently his white blood count (1.2...normal is 4.8-10.8) is where it was when he went into the hospital. The daily nupegan injections are not the answer long term.

Chemo should last 6 months or longer. Start to see results in 2-6 months. Back on the diet (no fresh flowers or fruits and veggies-only cooked or processed foods). No visitors except same group that saw him in the hospital (Immediate family, clergy and doctors). Cancel all trips for the next 3 months. At least he got to eat at Morgan's before the door was slammed again. (We haven't given up on Berne, yet!)

We are relieved to have an official diagnosis. And It really takes your breath away when to stop to think that this day, we were scheduled to be vacationing with friends in CT, with a side trip to NYC. Everyday is a gift! Very good news is: It is not bone cancer and only a very slight chance it would turn into leukemia!!

Prayers do work. Linda and Don Mattocks

2010 ASA TURKEY REUNION INFO



L-R: Patty Green, Theresa Carroll, Hilton Sales and Elder Green

5-8 September 2010

at

Hilton Hotel in Toledo, Ohio

ALL INCLUSIVE ROOM RATE PER NIGHT

\$89.00 that includes a hot breakfast

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

Call 418-381-6800

THE ATTIRE FOR THE REUNION IS INFORMAL

Bring your memorabilia (albums, slides, patches, etc) with you and display in the hospitality room which will be secure and open for the entire reunion.



Reservation procedure

Please inform the desk clerk that you are part of the ASA reunion

THE REUNION DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN DOOL 213 AS WE WILL BE VISITING THE HILTON, 1-3 JUNE 2010 TO FINALIZE THE REUNION AGENDA.

DD-214 FORMS, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET. <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>

You will need to copy this website and then type it into the TO line for access

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

ARMSTRONG, Ataturk, Det 27, MY60-JN62, New Bern, NC 28562, 252-637-2525

BERGMANN, Chuck, Det 27, MY66-DE67, Bay Village, OH

CARRICK, Ernie, Det 4 57-58, Huntsville, AL

CASH, H. Wayne, Det 27, JL64-OC65, Fishersville, VA

COOK, Bill, Det 27, AP63-OC64, Sherrills Ford, NC

GERS, Ralph, Det 27, 60-61, Columbia, MD

NEARPASS, Bob, Det 27, DE64-DE66, Belvidere, NJ

SACK, Bob, Det 4, 74-75, Walla Walla, WA

SPIVEY, John, Det 4 61-62, Arlington, VA

MAIL call in alphabetical order

ARMSTRONG, Bob (Mitch & Ataturk) DOB: 1940, RA14705416, E3-E5, 059, Det 27, MY60-JN62, (Dorothy), 1007 Colony Dr., New Bern, NC 28562, 252-637-2525, no email



Ataturk Armstrong & the attractive Belly Dancer at the San Antonio reunion

Attaturk called on 14 May 2010 to find out about what's happening with me. I gave him the details for the Toledo reunion, 5-8 September 2010 and he informs that he is planning on attending.

BERGMANN, Chuck, DOB: 1943, RA15733827, E3-E5, E4, 058, Det 27, MY66-DE67, (Helen), 29813 Foote Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140, 440-871-5346, cbergmann@inspectionengineering.com

Elder:

I see that you have visiting Camp Parry CMP as one of the things you can do at th2 2010 reunion. I have been there many times and have also bought many different types of rifles. It is a cool place for those who would be interested in purchasing rifles and other such things. Check out the Web Site. <http://www.thecmp.org/northstore.htm> They do have some requirements for those who want to purchase different items. See this web site for that information. <http://www.thecmp.org/eligibility.htm> Also I see on the Camp Perry web site <http://www.friendsofcamperry.org/index.html> There is a pop up shoot that you can take part in on September 4 and 5. I have done this shoot a couple of times and it is really cool. They have pop up targets going from 25 yard out to about 300 yards. Check it out and if you are interested you can call me at 440-835-1141 during the day and in the evening call me 440-871-5346



Chuck Bergmann

BINNEY, Bill, E3-E5, 982, Det 27, 65-66, (Carole), 1700 Elberta Dr., Severn, MD 21144, 410-551-9175, binney3@verizon.net

ON THE MEND, SORTA

I just found out that Bill Binney has had his left ankle amputated because of an infection in that ankle. I was the NCOIC of the TA shop at Det 27 and had the fortune of having Bill Binney work in that section on the RMC area and along with Gary Stolp were the experts on the 104th Guards Airborne Division in Tbilisi of the Transcaucasus Military District.

Bill departed Turkey in late 1966 and took a job with NSA and eventually was promoted to a high super grade within NSA. He retired from NSA around 2000 and since 2001, Bill has been a consultant on analysis and analytic techniques to various agencies of the U.S. government intelligence community including the National Security Agency (NSA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security.

It was my left foot. So, I can still drive an automatic. Things are going ok so far. I should be able to get fitted for a prosthetic foot in about 1.5 months. For the time being, I look at it this way. I was never a heel; but, now I'm a-foot. Bill



Bill and Carole Binney at the 2002 reunion

CARRICK, Ernest E. YOB 1936, E3-E4 711/716, Det 4 57-58, (Betty), 6111 Fairfield Dr. Huntsville, AL 35811, 256-852- 6180, wooky1955@mchsi.com

"Elder and Pattie - Betty is not doing too well. She continues to loose weight and her stomach continues to give her problems. We went last Friday for a doppler scan on her stomach. Her doctor seem to think that Betty's blood vessels to her stomach are not getting the required blood flow. We go back next week for a complete evaluation of her case with the doctors. Please keep her in your prayers. God Bless you both, Ernie"

CASH, H. Wayne, US52579828 E3-E4, MP, Det 27, JL64-OC65, 41 Goose Meadow CT., Fishersville, VA 22939, 540-256-1919 & 540-889-0961, cash13@ntelos.net

The above is the current data for Wayne Cash

COOK, William J. Sr., (Biker Bill), YOB 1942, RA15675174, E3-E4, 058, TK#2, Det 27, AP63-OC64, 8110 Parkview Ln., Sherrills Ford, NC 28673, 828-478-5460, wjcooksr@embarquail.com



Here's Biker Bill leading the Patriot Guard in escorting the POW/MIA "Ride of Pride" Truck that will be going to DC on Memorial Day. Below is a photo of the Patriot Guard Riders posing with the POW/MIA Ride of Pride truck.



Biker Bill is 4th from the left in the rear



The North Carolina Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) were asked by the Lowder family of Stanly County, NC to help conduct a Memorial Service and Marker dedication at Bethel Bear Creek Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant, NC on 1 May 2010 for one of the original Patriots.

Biker Bill Cook of the PGR's took part in the placement of a grave marker and the dedication for Pvt. William Lowder who had been resting in an unmarked grave for about 200 years.

What made it truly special was that he had served in the Pennsylvania Militia and the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war in the Livingston Battalion which of course means he was one of the men responsible for freeing us from the yolk of colonialism. He may well have been at Valley Forge with General Washington. A few known facts are that once the war was over he and his brother who also served moved to North Carolina and were reported to have been the first Lowder's to settle in NC.

He farmed about 100 acres, married and had 12 children. The specifics of his birth date are unknown but he was born sometime between 1750 and 1760. He died in

GERS, Ralph E., YOB 1938 RA13639577 E4-E5, 988RU, Det 27, 60-61, (Janice), 5464 Endicott Ln., Columbia, MD 21044,

Called Ralph Gers on 2 May 2010 and had an interesting chat with him regarding his time at Det 27. His name was remembered by Don Schweisthal, but surprisingly Ralph did not remember his name even though both were Russian linguists. Was born and raised in Lewistown, PA. Enlisted for ASA duty in August 1958 at Camp Hill, PA. Took basic at Fort Dix and sent to Devens for processing. It was determined that he qualified for the Russian language training at Monterey, CA. After Monterey was sent to Heilbrun, Germany where he spent about 6 months there and 6 months at an outstation near the North Sea.

Next came orders to transfer to Det 27. He was not too fond of the assignment to Turkey and does not remember too many names. One that he does remember is of Don Borders from Waco, TX who was well known, especially at the NCO Club. He remembers Borders talking about him holding a speed boat record in Texas, but few believed him until someone produced the evidence. Said that Borders showed him the ins and outs in shooting craps and that Borders liked to drink RAKI and used to mix up a batch with water.

NEARPASS, Bob, YOB: 1945, RA12701995, E3-E5, MP, Det 27, DE64-DE66, (Lorraine), 111 Hope Crossing Rd., Belvidere, NJ 07823, nearpass@accessgate.net
Elder: Lorraine & I are packing - getting ready for our move to the state of Delaware. Buried deep in a closet was a jacket from Manzareli Station. Thought that you might like to see a relic from a long time ago, sorry that I didn't bring it along to the first reunion at Fort Devens. I also found a cigarette lighter from Site 23 NCO club. The treasures you find when packing. Best you and Patty
Bob Nearpass



SACK, Bob Det 4, 74-75, (Sue), 1088 Aubin Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362, 509-522-1108, susansack@charter.net

We enjoyed the 2009 reunion very much. Bob is doing pretty well. He's been dealing with a spot on his lung that has the doctors confused so we've been traveling between Walla Walla and Spokane. On our way home on the first trip he fell and broke his right leg. Just got the cast off yesterday and is now wearing a "boot". Seems if it's one thing it's a dozen others.



SPIVEY, John C.M . Jr., YOB: 1932, CPT, Det 4 61-62, 1400 S. Joyce St., Apt 1136, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-521-7581, spiveyjohn@verizon.net Ret Lt Col

Knew of Lt Col Jim Hedrick, but never served together. Here's hoping things are going well for you & Patty.. Am keeping the 5-8 Sept dates in mind. Just returned from the FASAF one in FL. BTW Len Fischer is hosting our D.C. area spring luncheon next friday---if you're out this way. KTF---- For now----Spivey --(")