

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #233



The above photo of a Turk panhandler and his more or less tame and blind European brown bear was taken in the 1960's somewhere in Turkey. In 1966 we were living on the Turkish economy near the USAF Hospital in Ankara for about six months before moving into government quarters on Manzarali Station. We enjoyed living on Buyuk Elgi and many times observed from the front window the passing by of Gypsy people similar to the above, but mostly it involved Gypsies riding asaks and scavenging for food items and even coal



What message does the above logo bring to mind? Does it have anything to do with the 2nd Amendment?

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES

Your memoirs are most welcome to the ASA Turkey DAYS OF OUR LIVES and is an effort on my part to preserve the stories and memories of Army Security Agency veterans who served in Turkey during the cold war.

I have negotiated a contract for the 2012 reunion at the Crown Plaza Hotel in South Pittsburgh at 164 Fort Couch Road. The room rate is \$89 and with taxes, etc comes to \$101.46 which is the best price in the Pittsburgh area.

I still am tweeking the agenda's for the reunion and below have included a tentative itinerary for the reunion.

The following are suggestions for sites to visit either before or after the reunion while in the Pittsburgh area: The Jimmy Stewart Museum in Indiana, PA., the 7 Springs area, the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA and the Horse Shoe Curve near Altoona, PA to name just a few.

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The Pittsburgh CVB will be assisting us

The South Hills Mall is just across the street from the hotel

PETS are welcome without extra charge



The tentative reunion agenda will include the following outings:

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday morning – 8 October - - - - The hotel has offered to serve the free breakfast in the Carnegie Room which is the hospitality room at a specific time where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

Monday evening – 8 October - - - - DINNER ATOP MOUNT WASHINGTON

No visit to Pittsburgh is complete without a stop atop Mt. Washington to view the amazing view of Pittsburgh especially at night. USA Today Weekend Magazine calls it the “second most beautiful view in America. To get to Mt. Washington we will ride up/down on the Duquesne incline which is a beautifully restored cable car used by commuters since 1877. Mt Washington is also known for Restaurant Row where you can savor both the view and a delicious meal. This outing will be for the Monday evening of 8 October. The name of the Restaurant is under negotiations and the times will be made known in DOOL #234.

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday morning – 9 October - - - - Free buffet breakfast

Tuesday morning – 9 October - - - - Car pool to the Rivers Casino which is located next to Heintz Field (Home of the Pittsburgh Steelers) and park in the FREE parking lot and then proceed to the casino lobby where each will be provided an ID card that includes \$20 to play the slots at no cost to you. Keep in mind that once the \$20 is used – you may walk away with your winnings or feed the machine with your money. Patty and I are not big gamblers, but recently spent an afternoon at a NY casino and since we were first time visitors there – were each given a ID card and a FREE \$15 to play. We played the 3 cent slots and went home with \$26. Of course we could have won more or lost more. After playing the slots we enjoyed an excellent buffet style dinner.

If you've never been to a casino this will be an experience. The Rivers Casino features nearly 3000 slot machines that are completely different than the one arm bandits that we played in the NCO clubs in Turkey. Also in the casino is 86 table games, 9 restaurants and bars, a 1000-seat riverside amphitheater, live music performances. Free parking and multiple promotions and giveaways daily. I definitely recommend checking it out. It offers an interesting alternative activity for something to do on a Tuesday morning. All casino's allow smoking in the gambling area, but wasn't bad and we went home without cigarette odor on our clothes.

Tuesday evening – A Gateway Clipper dinner cruise on the 3 Rivers. The Gateway Clipper Fleet is Pittsburgh's only floating night club for live entertainment cruises, lunch and dinner cruises. The times for this outing will be negotiated

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday morning - - - - Free buffet breakfast Wednesday evening

Wednesday evening -- The banquet will be in the Laurel Ballroom and times, etc is being worked on at this time.

I am presently in the process of selecting the speakers and entertainment for after the dinner. As most know Pittsburgh is known as a City of Champions and as such I have been in contact with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins and Pittsburgh Pirates to coordinate the contacts.

With that said I will be trying to arrange for the following past STARS to relate their experiences in a question and answer session. Number one on the list will be Rocky Bleier who was wounded in Vietnam and returned to the Steelers and wears 4 Super Bowl Rings as a Fullback and Halfback. -.

Others on the list and in no particular order will be: Bill Mazerowski, the hero of the 1960 World Series, Tunch (Tunç) Ilkin, a 12 year offensive tackle for the Steelers. Tunch was born in Istanbul, Turkey, Chuck Noll, Franco Harris, Jack Lambert, Jack Ham, Mel Blount, Lynn Swann, Dick Groat, Kent Tekelve and Marion Lemieux. All of the ex-STARS live in the Pittsburgh area.

Pittsburgh has so many things to see and do. Below is other places that attendees might want to include in their itinerary. Use google to find the details for each.

The Andy Warhol museum

Carnegie Science Center

The Roberto Clemente Museum is the largest collection of Clemente memorabilia in the world. It is located in historic Engine House 25 in Lawrenceville (3339 PENN Ave) and guided tours by appointment only 412-621-1268

The National Aviary in Pittsburgh is America's premier bird zoo!

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Fort Pitt Block House – It was built in 1764 and is Pittsburgh's oldest historic landmark and the only surviving structure of Fort Pitt

CONSOL Energy Center – Home of the Pittsburgh Penguins

Heinz Field – Home of the 6-time Super bowl champs Pittsburgh Steelers

PNC Park – Home of the Pittsburgh Pirates

The Benedum Center for the Performing Arts. This historical theater hosts concerts, Broadway musicals and a wide variety of regional, national and international performance arts groups

OUT OF SICK BAY



Charles and Doris Courtney at the 2010 reunion in Toledo, OH

The Courtney's have attended two reunions and had made their reservations for the Valley Forge reunion and that had to be cancelled when Chuck fell down 12 steps and was rushed to the ER and subsequent surgery. Doris informs that they would have attended more had they known about the prior reunions. Chuck's accident happened at their Berryville, VA home and their new address is: 44435 Cruden Bay Dr., Ashburn, VA 20147 which is East of Leesburg. Chuck is now at home under the TLC of his wife and is visited by a Visiting Nurse on a regular basis. The Courtney's are planning to attend the Pittsburgh reunion in October.

A little background on Chuck Courtney: He was born in 1933 at Summerdale, AL. Enlisted for ASA duty on 4 November 1951 at Pensacola FL. Took basic at Fort Knox,

KY and remembers that the Company Commander was a Medal of Honor winner during the Korean conflict. After basic was sent to Vint Hill Farms to await his assignment to Fort Devens. At Devens he completed the MOS 1709 Traffic Analysis Training and was sent in 1952 to Frankfurt, Germany where he worked as an analyst until 1954 when he was sent home and was discharged. After 80 days he re-enlisted and was sent to Fort Devens where he passed the language test and was sent to Monterey where he completed the Bulgarian language course & was sent to Fort Meade with duty at NSA. Subsequent assignments were in Frankfurt where he met Doris Lutterbeck and they were married in 1962 and have 2 children. Chuck is a retired CW4 and according to Doris one of their better assignments was at Det 120 in Ankara. Det 120 was a small NSA detachment

From Larry Jaffee: Chuck Courtney has been in and out of the hospital three times since Christmas. I talked to Doris on Wednesday and he was back in the hospital with what appears to be a serious bladder infection. They have moved into a new house...their new phone number is: 703-726-1693. Obviously lots of doctors appointments and therapy.



The Ralph and Linda Richter family with Patty & Elder Green in 2009

In DOOL 230 I reported the hospitalization of Ralph Richter with heart problems and now am able to report that Ralph is in the recovery mode at his home in Orient, Ohio under the TLC of his loyal and amazing wife Linda. Ralph informs that he has sold his US Cargo and Courier Service Company in Columbus, Oh to Pitt Ohio Express and is still on the payroll as is Kathy Kennard, the daughter of Bob Kennard who served at Det 4.

TAPS

Carleen "Becky" Humphries Harber, 68, died Jan. 29, 2012. She was born in Atlanta, lived in Acworth, Ga., and was a seasonal resident of Fort Pierce. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Jim Harber of Acworth; son, Kevin Harber of Mount Juliet, Tenn.; daughter Kathleen Longshore of Woodstock, Ga.; sisters, Linda Wynn of Villa Rica, Ga. and Pat Tyson of Athens, Ga.; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Services: A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga. Arrangements are by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. A guest book is available at www.haisleyfuneralhome.com.



Jim and Becky Harber attended the FIRST ASA Turkey reunion at Fort Devens in 2001 and several others after that.

MAIL call

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HAASE, Walter, E3-E5, 98C, Det 4-4, 18DE68-30MY71, Cumberland Gap, TN
JONES, Luther 058, Det 27, 62-63, Sunset Beach, NC
RAUK, Edward, E5, 059/05K, Det 4, 64-64 & 66-67, N Spicer, MN
ROOSEVELT, Dick, E5 Det 4, 59, Manchester, VT
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MAIL call in alphabetical order

BROWN, Charles, Det 4, 66-67, (Lori), Robesonia, PA, 610-693-5584,
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Saw the pic of the countermeasures van mounted on a 3/4 ton truck in DOOL#232. It reminded me that while I was at Fort Hood I got assigned to a brand new countermeasures M113 Personnel Carrier. The commanders hatch didn't open because there was a fiberglass dome on top of the commanders hatch which contained an antenna. It had a turbine generator and air conditioning. I was the most comfortable

operator in the field. It had fold up antennas along the side. The whole piece of equipment was classified - I believe it was SECRET. Very few people got to see the inside. I had to keep it closed even during inspections. It sure was fun to play with. We drove the opposing forces crazy. I believe their commander called in a simulated air strike on us. Maybe a tactical nuke. Just wanted to pass on some ASA memories. While at Fort Hood I had at various times assigned to me a 1/4 ton (jeep), a 3/4 ton Dodge truck with hut, a deuce and a half and an Argentine made (I believe) Jeep pick-up truck. Hope to see you in Pittsburgh.

Charlie Brown

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Elder:

Thanks for the pic of George Walter in DOOL#232. I shared some Sinop with George in 1973. I counted him among my best friends in that time of my life. After leaving ASA in 1974, most all of that fell into memories. Then, a few years ago, out of the clear the phone rang one evening at home. On answering, after confirming my name and (approximate) age, all I heard was "Hey, Rotten Crotch. This is Good Whiskey. What have you been up to?" I was completely shocked and immediately we picked up our conversation like we'd never stopped. We talked for a couple hours that evening, and on a good many occasions after that. George Walter was encouraging me to attend a ASA Turkey reunion, but I never made the time.

And, sir, that is the reason for my message tonight. Please remind the DOOL family that the number of our days is not known to us, and we should make the time and expend the effort to see old friends, make new friends, and share our Turkey experiences. This life is too fragile and far too precious.

George and I had some really great times in Sinop. There are even a few we could talk about in mixed company. I am so terribly sorry that I did not do more to see him, again, in the last couple of years. He was a man dedicated to his family, and he always had a strong sense of duty, and a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by all who made his acquaintance.

Many thanks, Elder, for the hard work and the time you put into the DOOL newsletter and all the other things you do. I will make it to a reunion...hopefully this year.

For your archive, I've attached a Sinop photo from 1973. That's me on the left (before the grey hair and extra 'few' pounds), and the other fellow is Phil Middlebrooks, another great friend from the Sinop experience.

MIDDLEBROOKS, PHILLIP A (SINOP - 1973) 146 Westmeath Drive, Moore, SC 29369 864-595-0117, phillipmid@charter.net

Phil and I ultimately made the trek back to civilization in 1974 on the same PanAm routing. Spent a great couple of days in Ankara before leaving Turkey. But, that is another story...

Thank You,
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Several years back I wrote to you about the possibility of having a reunion in Pittsburgh. I believe you mentioned some comments by a Navy Captain about his military reunion in Pittsburgh. I plan on making every effort to be at this reunion.

I had two tours of duty in Pittsburgh. I was the ASA Field Representative attached to USAREC from 11/67 until 1/70. This was one of the best assignments I had during my Army career. I realized after two years that I had to request a transfer. I held an administrative MOS of 71H. DA, If I continued to work in this MOS, would have reassigned me outside of ASA and placed me in an MP slot. I requested and was assigned to Chitose where I became the MP operations sergeant. The field station was closing and I returned to the states 10 months later to be retrained as an CI Agent. Eight more years down the road I returned to Pittsburgh as the recruiting operations sergeant. By this time Pittsburgh had cleaned up its act and had turned into a very nice city. There are a lot of things to do and see in Pittsburgh. One of the most beautiful sites is of the city as seen from Mt Washington at night and riding the Carnegie Incline up and down to/fm Mt. Washington. Pittsburgh has more bridges than any other city in the United States. Just a little trivia, I was able to see the Pirates at old Forbes Field and at Three Rivers Stadium and now will be able to see the new stadiums Heintz Field for the Steelers and PNC Park for the Pirates. **The view when exiting Fort Pitt Tunnel and seeing the city of Pittsburgh ahead of you, the 3 Rivers below and the stadiums along the rivers edge is amazingly beautiful.** I was in Pittsburgh when the Pirates and the Steelers won national championships the same year and now Pittsburgh has the Penguins who have won hockey championships. TITLE TOWN. I know that all who attend will enjoy the time in Pittsburgh.

My wife was raised about 100 miles away in Massillon, Ohio. We will be attending her 50th high school reunion in August. I don't know if she will accompany me to Pittsburgh. I may be able to convince her to join me if we plan some additional sites to see during this travel period. I am looking forward to being at the reunion.

Jim Cox

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(Donna), 118 Antler Dr., Cumberland Gap, TN 37724, 423-869-9497, wjh408@yahoo.com
Ex-ditty bopper Max Putter fm Det 27 put me in touch with Walt Haase thru facebook
Hi,

We missed each other at Det 4-4. I arrived there about 18 DEC 68 and left 30 MAY 71; that was about 2 1/2 years. I was a 98C and mostly worked day shift heading up one of the 4 or 5 sub-missions. I was married (at the time) and my then wife was there with me. My initial tour was 18 months; I extended 12 months to return to the States with less than 12 months left in the Army and not get sent to Vietnam. We lived in Yalova. I lived in the barracks my first 2 months and my last 2 months there. Darryl Kissinger was one of my mentors (his wife Sharon was there too). My youngest daughter joined the Peace Corps in 2001 and went to Ukraine. Let's just say that I could find her assignments in Kiev and Cherkassy on a map.

I have read a few of the newsletters; there is so much there! I've recognized a few names, I have forgotten most.
Walt

JONES, Luther 058, Det 27, 62-63, (Edna) 307 Magnolia Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28465, 910-575-4562, edmac@atmc.net
Luther called on 29 February asking about the 2012 reunion details. Luther and Edna have been in charge of the hospitality room since Myrtle Beach reunion in 2007.

RAUK, Edward E. YOB 1941, RA17672284, E5, 059/05K, Det 4, 64-64 & 66-67, (Kay), 247 Lake Ave, N Spicer, MN 56288, 320-796-2886 cell 320-295-2794, ekrauk@charter.net
Hi Elder Green,
I was in Sinop in the fall of 1964 to fall of '65'. Came back to the "States" to VHFS, Warrenton, VA until the fall of 1966 when I went back to Sinop '66-67'.
Just recently found out about all the info on Sinop, TUSLOG Det 4, and ASA on the internet. What fun and such great memories.
I would like to be put onto your list for the newsletters,; Edward E. Rauk-RA17672284 Sp5-E5, MOS 059 later 05K20.
I will be going back to Sinop with my son in April, 2012. He lives in Muscat, OMAN and teaches in an International School.

Sincerely,

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I hope this gives you all the information you need at this time.

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Elder

The "Passing" of Gil Bouffard leaves an empty space in our generation that will never be filled. Rarely in life do we have contact with those ASAers that we can compare notes with and share the experiences of "having been there" Gil was most certainly one of those and I welcomed those conversations we shared.

Just wanted to warn you that I was recently hired by Hunt Oil Co. out of Houston to be the Construction Manager for their Facilities outside of St Marys, PA. I expect to be in my office this week and once settled into follow up on a threat that I had made once a while ago to take you and your wife to Dinner....Indiana doesn't look that far away from St Marys. Depending on Hunt's construction plans I expect to attend ASA Turkey's Reunion in Pittsburgh this year. Regards, Dick

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Hello Elder,

My name is Steve Schiff. I'm a former Spec 5, RA12619511, served in Sinop from October of 1961 - November 1962. I was one fine ditty bopper.

My orders from Sinop were to Two Rock Ranch in Petaluma, California...to "prepare for something brewing". To my chagrin, while I was home on leave I got orders redirecting me to Fort Lewis in Washington.

The year in FORT Lewis was wasted for the most part. The only hi-lite was 6 weeks TDY in Saigon training ARVN troops on radio comm techniques.

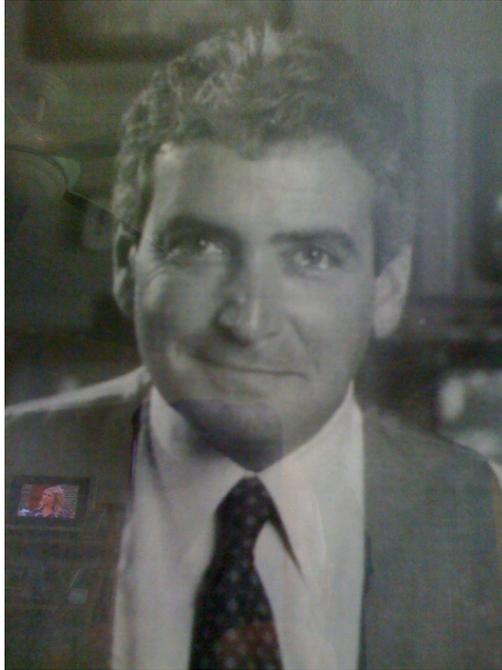
Per your request I'm going to share a bit of information about myself.

Military wise:Fort Dix, Fort Devens, Fort Meade (NSA) TUSLOG Det. 4 Sinop, Turkey, Ft. Lewis and 6 weeks TDY in Saigon. 058 hog...lived in the mud in Sinop 1961-1962.

We were strong on the mission. Professional. STRAC. We were young men.

When I got out my unit shipped out to Nam. Still don't know how to feel about that.

Professionally:Got involved in the news business in 1967...WDSU New Orleans, WKYC Cleveland, KMOX and KPLR in St. Louis. I was a reporter/anchorman who was fortunate enough to have interviewed five past presidents of the United States. I also won 3 Emmy awards.



Steve Schiff

A bit of a story....I remember Joe Tate AT Det 4. Although I've had no contact with him since Sinop I do remember playing on the post softball team and Joe used to broadcast the games. I played left field. I only remember the pitchers name was Leo.

[Joe Tate has been the head broadcaster for the Cleveland Cavaliers since their first game. Prior to that he was the voice of the Cleveland Indians.]

Anyway....we were going to Samsun for a tournament and Joe was going to be broadcasting it back to Sinop. It was pretty cool hearing his voice in "enemy territory". He inspired me. I had broken the fourth finger on my left hand about a week before...had it splinted and was ready. First time up hit an enormous home run giving Sinop a 2-0 lead.

I believe that I was responsible for the error than caused us to lose to Samsun that day.

I reside in Hollywood, Florida with my wife Nancy. The journey has had many peaks and valley's. I wouldn't change a thing. I'm a blessed man with a wonderful family.

Professionally: I was a television news reporter. Worked in Richmond, New Orleans, Cleveland and St. Louis.

Achievements: Interviewed 5 presidents of the United States, many heads of state, and William Westmoreland himself.

I won 3 emmy awards for my reporting.

I hope this will suffice

Steve Schiff