

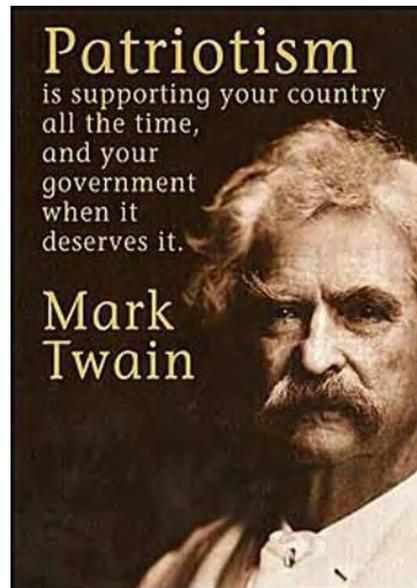
DAYS OF OUR LIVES #245

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

- Cicero , 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned nothing in the past 2,067 years.

THIS SHOULD BE CARVED ALL OVER THE WALLS OF CONGRESS



PRESERVING ASA TURKEY MEMOIRS

The memories of ex-ASAers who served in Turkey is what the DAYS OF OUR LIVES is all about. A sad thought - soon those veteran's will be gone, but their memories will continue to exist as long as Bill Simons webpage at <http://dool-1.tripod.com> remains on the web.

In this issue you will find in Bill Hartranft's entry some very interesting and amusing items about his days working as an intercept operator on Trick 1 at Det 27.

The Det 4 riot report is being tweaked and will be entire report in DOOL#246.

THE EDITOR

GREEN, Elder RC.,(aka Al & gH), YOB: 1936, RA13513638, 982, E7, Det 27, 1-15MY 61, Det 120, MR-MY65, Det 27, JN66-OC67., Det 4-4, OC67-NO68, (Patty), 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, 724-471-4899 & cell 724-388-2510
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2013 ASA TURKEY REUNION 13-17 October 2013

WHERE

Beach Cove Resort
4800 South Ocean Blvd
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

SOMETHING FOR THE EARLY ARRIVALS TO THINK ABOUT

On Sunday 12 October 2013 Charley Pride will be featured at the Alabama Theater. For the past 30 years, Charley Pride has been one of the Top 20 best-selling country artists of all-time. His golden baritone voice has transcended race and spanned generations. One of his biggest hits is "Kiss an Angel Good Morin". If interested, contact me (724-471-4899) or Luther Jones (910-228-3995) ASAP. In the interim use google.com Charley Pride at the Alabama Theater for ticket info. etc.

Please select your condo room type from below and call: 1-800-331-6533. Inform that you are with the ASA Turkey reunion group and indicate your arrival and departure dates.

_____ Oceanfront Executive Suites. One bedroom with 2 queen beds. Living room. Kitchenette. 1 bath. Private balcony with a direct view of the ocean. \$82.99 per night.

_____ Oceanfront 2 Bedroom Condo. Master bedroom with king bed. Second bedroom with 2 double beds. Living room. Full size kitchen. 2 baths. Private balcony with a direct view of the ocean. \$114.24 per night.

THESE RATES INCLUDE THE TAXES AND FEE'S

Please study the condo rates closely. The 2 bedroom condo's each have a private room and bath and could save attendee's money if they would like to share with a friend. If anyone opts for the 2 bedroom condo – only one needs to call in the reservation, but let me know ahead of time the names of those who have opted for this money saver. In 2007 Patty and I shared a 2 bedroom condo with my brother without any problems.

**Please note that if you go to the Beach Cove website and check the room rates – the rates listed DO NOT include the TAXES etc.

Rates are valid 3 days before and 3 days after reunion.

Please note that the room rates does NOT include a free breakfast! We bargained hard to have it included without success. Those who desire the breakfast can obtain the vouchers at the front desk for \$9.50 per person, per day. However, the hospitality room will be stocked with a continental style breakfast throughout the reunion.

The tentative reunion agenda will include the following outings:

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday at NOON – 13 October - - - The Badges and Registration for the reunion will be in the hospitality room. The hospitality room will be stocked with snacks, soda and finger food for those hungry. There will be a notice posted in the hospitality room for those interested in a nearby restaurant for the evening meal and it will be pay as you order.

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday morning – 14 October - - - A continental style breakfast will be available in the hospitality room at a specific time where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

Monday evening – 14 October - - - We will depart the Beach Cove at 4:45 pm and car pool to the nearby Barefoot Landing across Hwy 17S and park in the Alabama Theater area, then walk to the T-Bonz Gil & Grill restaurant, be seated and then order one of the below 4 selections:

1. 10 oz. Prime Rib – Cooked to desired temperature. Served with fried shoestring onions and garlic mashed potatoes.
2. ½ Rack of Ribs – Half rack of our “Almost Famous” baby back ribs coated with BBQ sauce and served with apple walnut cole slaw.
3. Bourbon Glazed Pacan Crusted Chicken – Served with black beans and rice.
4. Edisto Fried Shrimp – with Cocktail sauce and served with seasoned fries.

Each meal includes Side Salad and a house dessert of Chocolate Cake.

The cost for this meal and show will be \$49.50 per person.

After the meal – we will walk to the Alabama Theater, enter and be seated in the middle section NLT 7 pm.

EVERYONE ENJOYED THE ALABAMA THEATRE SHOW IN 2007

The Alabama Theatre’s “New” show, is the #1 show in Myrtle Beach. It incorporates the latest Broadway hit as well as Gospel, Pop, Rock and Country into the show along with the well known comedian Ricky Mokol. The pre-show begins at 7:15 pm and the show at 7:30 pm. It lasts 2 hours with a 20 minute intermission.

TO: Hal Winkler, 12195 Thames Pl., Cincinnati, Oh 45241 Make checks payable to Hal Winkler.

YOUR NAME(s): _____

Registration Fee: \$15. Per person: TOTAL: ____

Monday nite T-BONZ meal & ALABAMA show = \$49.50 per person: TOTAL: ____

Wednesday nite BANQUET meal at \$40. Per person: TOTAL: ____

REUNION TOTAL: ____

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TAPS

BARLAGE, Robert D., DOB: 27SE42 DOD: 29DE2003, TTY Repair, Det 27, 61-63, (Susan), Lansing, IL

Robert D. Barlage, age 61, of Lansing, IL, passed away on 29 December 2003 in Lansing, Cook Ciunty, IL. He is survived by his wife of 38 years Susan; two sons, Michael (Suzanne) and Richard "Rick" (Denise) Barlage; three grandchildren Samantha, Brittney and Brody; sister, Bonnie (Charles) Murach and brother, Terry Barlage; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held December 31, 2003. Interment, Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, IL.. He was a member of Knights of Columbus #3540 of Lansing and was a long time parishioner of St. Ann Church in Lansing.

EBY, Thomas D.,

Thomas Daniel Eby

July 18, 1936 - May 27, 2011



Thomas Daniel Eby, a resident of White Lake, formerly of Union Lake and Detroit, died peacefully at his home on Friday, May 27, 2011. He was 74 years old.

Born in Detroit on July 18, 1936, the son of Edwin & Mary (Ricza) Eby, Tom was raised in Detroit and graduated from St. Leo's High School. Years following his graduation, Tom enlisted in the United States Army near the end of the Korean Conflict. At the onset of the Cuban Missile Crisis his remaining term of service was extended in the reserves, marking six years of service to his country. Tom returned home to Michigan and began work with Hudson's department store where he met Pamela Stricker, the love of his life. On June 6, 1964, Tom & Pam were married at St. William's Catholic Church in Walled Lake. The newlyweds made their first home in Detroit before settling in the Milford and Union Lake area to raise their daughters, Penny and Heather. Following work with Hudson's, Tom enjoyed success in his career as a Pharmaceutical Representative for over twenty-six years. Away from work he enjoyed cooking and reading and hungered for knowledge in all areas of intrigue, especially history. He was comfortable in the spotlight and well known for his beautiful voice which, as lead, could be heard in the Barbershop Quartet he sang with. Above all, Tom was grateful for the forty-seven years of marriage that enriched his life with the gifts of love and family.

In addition to Pamela, his beloved wife of 47 years, Tom is survived by his daughters, Penny (James) Rybarczyk, Heather Fisher; grandchildren, Allison and Abby Rybarczyk, Brittany Holben; sister, Peggy (Bill) Szafranski; brothers, Edwin (Mary Lou), James, David (Julie) and Terry (Mary Jane); many nieces, nephews, extended family and loving friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin & Mary and his brother, Donald.





THE TOM EBY FAMILY

L-R: Pamela Eby, Tom Eby, Heather Eby Fisher, Allison Rybarczyk, Jamie Rybarczyk, Abby Rybarczyk and Penny Eby Rybarczyk. In front is Britany Fisher

MELCHING, Charles E., DOB: 11JN42 DOD: 30JA2000 at Homosassa, FL., E3-E4, 059, Det 27, 60-62.

Was friend of Charles Eberhard. See under Eberhard below for photo.

MURPHY, Winson Burl, DOB: 10AU1941, DOD: 3JN2008 66y at DeSota, TX E4, Det 4, 61, (Trudy), Rice, TX per Howard Herndon

Winson B. Murphy, age 66 of Rice, TX passed away on 3 June 2008, in DeSoto, TX. He was born in Camp Wood, Texas, on 10 August 1941 to General and Hassie (Baker) Murphy and was married to Trudy B. Chapman. Winson served in the United States Army Security Agency in Sinop, Turkey and was a retired rancher.

Winson is survived by his wife, Trudy; son, Terry Presley; granddaughter, Kimberly Slovak; grandson, Cain Slovak; three sisters, Joy Woodcock, Udel Lacey, and Maudine Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, JC and TW Murphy; three sisters, Hassie Murphy, Emma J. McKinnerney, and Robbie Doucet.

Graveside Services are scheduled for 2:00 PM Sunday, June 8, 2008 at the Rice Cemetery with Pastor Tommy Guthrie officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home.

To view an online obituary or leave the family a personal tribute, please visit our Web site at www.bozemitchellmckibbin.com.

THIEDEK, Victor Francis, DOB: 27DE1940, DOD: 27FE2013, 72y, E3-E5, 059, Det 27, 60-2JN62, (Judy), Marinette, WI



Judy and Vic Thiedek

Vic F. Thiedek, 72, beloved husband of Judy Kadlec Thiedek, passed away on 27 February 2013. He was born on December 27, 1940.

Vic attended Catholic Central and graduated from Marinette High School in 1959. Vic proudly served our country in the United States Army Security Agency from 1959 to 1962. He worked in the airline industry for over 35 years but his true gift and passion was woodcarving. A master carver, Vic won national competitions and sold his bird carvings to people around the world. He shared this love by teaching others his craft. Vic is survived by his loving family and many friends including wife, Judy; son, Victor, his wife, Trish and children: Lee and Jesse; daughter, Ericka Miller, her husband, Brian and children: Dominic and Norah; sisters: Marie Behnke and Ann Hoffman, her husband, John and their families; brother-in-law, Ron Kadlec and his wife, Sally and their family; friends: Marilyn and Mike Noonan, Joan Barry, Joe and Pidge Brisinte, all his coffee friends and his beloved Yorkie, Maggie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor G. and Leona Thiedek and brother-in-law, Jim Behnke.

The first email from Vic Thiedek was posted in DOOL#81 as follows: Elder Green - Mirhaba... My name is Vic Thiedek. RA16635174. SP5. USASA Site 23. TUSLOG DET 27.. I was there from early 1960 until June 2 1962....2 years+ in oblivion. I had a call

from Chuck Teschker last nite (great surprise) and he told me about you.

I can remember quite a few names of people who were there during my time. Chuck says you publish a newsletter. If so, Please put me on your mailing list and also any questions, please e-mail me at victhiedek@isd.net Gule Gule...vic

Contacted on 4 February 2003. Vic promised to send me his memories of his Tour of Duty at Manzarali. He related to me several incidents that I had not heard before and I'm surprised that those who were at Site 23 in the early 60's never mentioned it. Some GI's did unusual things to get out of Turkey, but this one takes the..... It involved a despondent GI climbing to the top of the WATER TOWER at Manzarali and seconds later plunged headfirst to his death while being watched by others in a bewildered and stupefaction states. Excessive spirits may have contributed to this negative effects. The other incident involved a GI named John F. Kennedy who in 1960 owned a 1954 Cadillac that he had brought into Turkey. At Lake Golbasi he run over and killed a Turkish kid while intoxicated. Somehow he was never prosecuted for that misdemeanor, but a short time later, he was picked up by the Turk police for DUI and was sent to the prison in Ankara for an unknown period of time. Vic remembers visiting Kennedy in the prison.



Above left is Vic Thiedek in 1960 outside his Tk#1 barracks. On the right is one of Vic's many wood carvings/

MAIL-call

ALPERT, Brian, 054, Det 4, 29MY64-30AP65, NYC, NY
BARNDT, Ernest, 631, Det 4, 56-57, & E5-WO1, Det 27, 59-61, Eagle River, AK
BRISENO, Gene, 05H, Det 4, AP-DE69 & Det 4-4, DE69-AU70, Lee's Summit. MO
BROWN, David, 76Y/76S, Det 4, JA68-JA69, Clallam Bay, WA
CRUDDAS, John, 05H, Det 27, NO65-MY67, Las Cruces, NM
EBERHARD, Charles, Det 4, AP-JN61, & Det 27, JN61-MY63, Fort Wayne, IN
EDMISTON, Charles, Motor Pool Officer, Det 4, 58-59, Springfield, VA
GLASER, Jerry, 056, Det 4, MY60-62, Gallatin, TN
HARTRANFT, Bill, 058, Det 27, 18OC62-27JL64, Ocean City, NJ

JONES, Ira J., 982, Det 27, 62-63, Jacksons Gap, AI
 JORGENSEN, Gary, 05H, Det 27 & Det 4-4, MY66-SE68, Duluth, MN
 KEARNEY, Greg, 05H, Det 4-4, SE68-OC71, Hesperia, CA
 LARGE, Darrell, CPT, Det 4-2, 62-DE62, Honolulu, HI
 LENZNER, Ronald, 05H, Det 4-4, 68-69, Havre de Grace, MD
 LIFTO, Clay, 98C2LRU, Det 27, OC66-SE67 & Det 4-4, SE67-AU68, Fayetteville, NC
 MADISON, Danny, 98C, Det 4-4, Clarksville, MD
 McCANTS, Ed, 98C, Det 4, FE69-DE69 & 4-4, DE69-JN71, Moncks Corner, SC
 MITZNER, Dennis, 98J, Det 4, JN68-JL69, Oak Forest, IL
 MONDAHL, Bruce, 058, Det 4, MR-JN61 & Det 27, JN61-JL61, Blue Earth, MN
 POFF, Harvey, 058/05H, Det 27, MY64-NO65, Middletown, OH
 PUTTER, Max, 059, Det 27, NO60-AP62, Haverford, PA
 RICHTER, Ralph, 05K, Det 27, NO66-NO67, Orient, OH
 RIEDY, Richard, 965.1676 (Turk linguist), Det 4, OC57-MR59, Los Lunas, NM
 STRICKLAND, Randy, 05K/98C, Det 4-4, 14JA69-FE71, Bluffton, SC
 STUART, Gary, 059, Det 27, 62-64, Fruita, CO
 VANORDER, Roy, 722/283, Det 4, 27SE60-MY61, Syracuse, NY
 WALTON, Steve, 345 (Crypto repair), Det 27, 61-63
 WOOD, Eddie, 982, Det 4, AP-18MY61, Alexander City, AL

MAIL-call in alphabetical order

ALPERT, Brian, YOB: 1944, RA19766940, E3-E4, 054, Det 4, 29MY64-30AP65,
 (Sakoto), 202 East 42nd St., NYC, NY 10017, 212-490-2232, balpert1@nyc.rr.com



AUSBROOKS, Sonny, YOB: 1942, RA15702917, E3-E5, 059, Det 4, SE64-SE65,
 (Elaine), 8552 Doveton Cir., Vienna, VA 22182, 703-356-7247, auscb@verizon.net
 AI, Charlie Pride performance tickets at Alabama Theatre purchased for Saturday night
 Hotel reservations made. - Check mailed to Hal Winkler - .We are looking forward to the reunion at
 Myrtle Beach this year. Sonny and Elaine

BARNDT, Ernest, YOB: 1935, RA13474888, E4, 631, Det 4, MR56-MY57, & Det 27, MR59-JL61, (Fran),
 18107 Meadow Creek Dr., Eagle River, AK 99577, 907-694-3645 cell 907-227-2455, barndt@gci.net
 Hi AI, Please update our email address as follows: barndt@gci.net. Thanks hope to see
 you at the 2013 reunion. Fran & Ernie

BRISENO, Gonzalo J., (Gene), YOB: 1947, RA15956397, E5-E6, 05H, Det 4, AP-DE69 & Det 4-4, DE69-AU70, (Susann), 3903 SW Hidden Cove Dr., Lee's Summit. MO 64082, 816-537-8735, cell 816-536-8668, majbri@aol.com Ret Maj

It's a pity that soldiers today do not know about the ASA. A crazier, smarter bunch of guys never existed. It's a shame that we can now talk about what we did but can't remember what it was. I copied that statement from his facebook entry and it is very true.

Gene Briseno is a retired Major. He is one of the few that have found me instead of vice versa. The initial contact was in April 2006



Susann & Gene Briseno



Gene Briseno

I had a long chat with Gene Briseno on 26 February 2013. He promised to write his BIO and send it to me

BROWN, David H. YOB: 1948, RA16893022, E4, 76Y/76S, Det 4, JA68-JA69, (Rebecca), PO Box 371 Clallam Bay, WA 98326, 360-963-3112, dave.b@luinghome.us



Last year we finished an upgrade to our lives by meeting our goals to expand and enter the modern age with the remodel of our home complete with new appliances, handicap bath, laundry and lots more room for ourselves and books.

With the help of my old laptop I did get my next book, Honor Defended, finished and off to the publisher during my last stint in the Seattle VA and can now say with pride is in out and on the street to sink or swim.

My previous book, Honor Due, was received with critical acclaim and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal for Fiction by the Military Writers Society of America (MWSA) and an Honorable Mention by the American Authors Association (AAA) of which I am proud and grateful. Maybe I still have some use, eh?



David considers himself as a Mountain Man type and enjoys living in the wild. There is hardly a day that I don't get an email from David H. Brown. He is a 100% disabled veteran who spent 4 years, 6 month and 1 day in the US Army Security Agency.

He enlisted for ASA in 1967, took basic at Fort Leonard Wood and then sent to Devens Where he started Morse code training. It lasted 2 weeks and later was trained in supply and was awarded 76Y. He married his first of 4 wives in January 1968 and 13 days later was on his way to Turkey. For additional info go to <http://dool-1.tripod> and click on 140, 141, 189 and 205.

David has authored 2 books: Honor Due and Honor Defended. Wayne Dyer who served at Det 4 recommends these 2 books. Dave informs that he has about 10 books of each left and the price for each is \$15 total. The books are listed on Amazon.com for a little more. If interested contact Dave at dave.b@luinghome.us for the details.

CRUDDAS, John W., YOB: 1948. RA, E2-E5, 05H, Det 27, NO65-MY67, (Betty Jean), 1096 La Quinta St., Las Cruces, NM 88007, 575-526-9199, ke5jwc@yahoo.com

Hi Elder, - Thanks for the call and the web site address. I read a few last night and will probably read all of them.

In April, 1965, I entered the US Army two months after my 17th birthday and took my basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. I arrived at Fort Devens in July 1965 and began 058 training. I did pretty well and was AOG but I do not recall a choice of assignments. My orders were for Det 27. I remember the heady feeling as a private when I got my orders and they said to report to the Pan American ticket office at Logan Airport "in civilian clothes." Wow, guess I really was a spy! I served at Det 27 from November 1965 to June 1967, then received orders for VietNam.



ASA



409th RR CO



337th RR Co



11th ACR

After six months with the 409th RRU, 11th ACR, I was transferred to the 337th RRC, 1st Inf Div and ETS'd in November 1969. I was not interested in the bonus. Doh!

In 1970 I was back in the Army but was an MP. One of my assignments was the 7th RRFs in Udom . I was discharged in 1979 after being injured in the line of duty. For almost 25 years I worked for the Defense Investigative Service aka the Defense Security Service and retired in December 2005.

In January 2006 I moved to Las Cruces, NM. For a year I worked for the Border Patrol in the Internal Affairs Division then cancer reared its ugly head and I spent a

year in treatment and recovery. After getting back on my feet I worked for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department, again in the Internal Affairs Division.

I had always told my wife that when the time came, I would be there for her as she had always been there for me. About 14 months ago the time came when we brought her mother to live with us. Her mother is in a wheelchair and suffers from Alzheimers. Every day we see changes and just in the last few days she cannot recall who she is but still know us. Every day is a challenge.



John W. Cruddas

In Vietnam I worked SRDF. I had been looking for years for a PRD-1 on EBay and other on-line sites. I found it, just a few miles from my home. A fellow member of my ham radio club had purchased it at Fort Huachuca in a surplus sale in 1980. He knew what it was but had never operated one. This particular one has emblems from the First Radio Battalion, USMC.



I located a retired USMC Sergeant Major who lives in Alamogordo, about an hour from me. We gave a dog and pony show at the club on February 2nd. I provided the Army point of view and he the Marines. I think the presentation was well received.

Well, that's my life so far. Again I am very happy you reached out and I will enjoy reading all of the DOOL's. Hope you and Patty are well!

The PRD-1 Operators HALL OF FAME

If you are a bonafide PRD-1 Operator from ANY war (or peacetime exercises) send your name to be included in this elite list.

E-Mail: heyvern@asalives.com

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

Elder,

Hope to make the Myrtle Beach reunion this year. We have a grandson in Ohio with a 2nd birthday that same week so looks like we will leave early. We have a daughter - son-in-law who lives in Florence, SC so we will work in a visit with them, maybe at the reunion.

I wanted to let you know about a couple books I have read recently. They were written by Dave Brown (Sinop Det 4, 1968) who was 05H trained but got switched to crypto supply in Sinop and then did a couple tours in Vietnam. Among other things he has done he has written a couple books, Honor Due and Honor Defended. Anyone interested in the Montagnard people from the central highlands of Vietnam or special ops thriller type books or police action books they would enjoy both of these. Or, just reading a book by a fellow Det 4 survivor would be well worth the time and money.

Honor Due is the first book and Honor Defended is the sequel. Thought you might give him some free advertising in the DOOL.

His website is: <http://www.bigriverpress.com/books/catalog.html>

Wayne Dyer, Groton, VT

EBERHARD, Charles, YOB: 1942, RA16671146, Det 4, AP-JN61, & Det 27, JN61-MY63, 6906 Elzey St., Fort Wayne, IN 46809, 260-747-6370

Charles Eberhard was transferred to Det 27 from Det 4 because of his involvement in the 17 May 1961 incident at Det 4 where a Turk guard was killed by another Turk guard at the front gate.



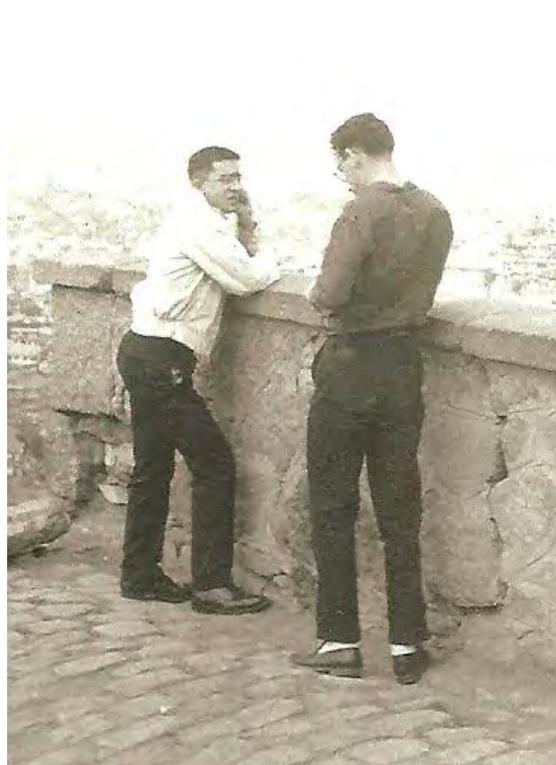
Melching and Charles Eberhard behind two Turk females in the Citadel area



L-R: Unk Teague, Charles Eberhard, Charles Melching, ? Dewey, ? Buriss



Charles Eberhard 1962 Citadel, Ankara



Charles Eberhard and ? Melching



Photo taken from Trick #2 barracks looking toward Rec building & NCO Club - 1962
EDMISTON, Charles H., YOB:1933, 1LT, TC, Motor Pool Officer, Det 4, 58-59, (Joan),
6504 Bowie Dr., Springfield, VA 22150, 703-922-7826, cedmis@verizon.net BG Ret

On 2 February 2013 I made contact with the C.H. Edmiston that Richard Riedy mentions in his accident report of May 1958. After finding that his 1st name is Charles I

had no trouble finding him on switchboard.com. The general seemed enthused about the DOOL and said that he has a completed BIO and would email it to me.

GLASER, Jerry, YOB: 1940, RA15612661, E3-E4, 056, Det 4, MY60-62, (Joan), Gallatin, TN 37066, 615-293-4254, imt1@att.net Jerry Glaser had an interesting tour at Det 4. First – he was bitten by a rapid dog at the Point DF Site and to go to Ankara for the shots and later had mononucleosis and quarantined to the 4 bed dispensary. While confined to the dispensary on 17 May 1961 the riot took place at the front gate. He and Pete Castigliano played a key role in driving the wounded Turk to the Sinop hospital in the post ambulance. See DOOL #102 for the details.



Joan and Jerry Glaser

One of Jerry's favorites stories - like something out of a MASH episode: Glaser and Webber built a kite from faring strips and skinned it with layers of heavy brown paper from the mess hall and used a torn up bed sheet for the tail and controlled it with heavy twine. They flew it over the town of Sinop a couple of times at night. It was hard to see at night - so they waited until there was a heavy wind - then tied a GI flashlight to the tail and launched it over the town of Sinop. The heavy wind caused the twine to break and now it resembled a fast moving UFO. They could see the flashlight for what it seemed like miles.

The next day the "Albies" house boys in the best way they could, mostly hand gestures, told everyone about a strange light over Sinop. I guess that was our contribution to UFO's over Sinop. They thought about making another kite, but then thought better of it. If there was some kind of panic in Sinop and they found out who did it they figured they could be in deep do do. Glaser laugh's every time he thinks about it, maybe you just had to be there.

GREEN, Elder RC, YOB: 1936, RA13513638, E7, P2, Det 27, 1-15MY61, Det 120, MY-SE65, Det 27, JN66-OC68, Det 4-4, OC68-OC6968-OC69, (Patty), 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701, 724-471-4899, cell 724-388-2510, asagreenhornet@comcast.net

THE FOLLOWING TWO BLACK & WHITE PHOTO'S WERE TAKEN AT THE NCO CLUB AT MANZARALI ARE MOST OF THE VET'S THAT GREEN, DEESE & BRYAN SOUGHT FOR THE FIRST REUNION AND THE REST IS HISTORY

It is interesting to note that only CRAM, GREEN & STOLP have attended a reunion! The late Eugene C. Cram was the OIC and Elder RC Green the NCOIC. Gary Dunnam was part of this T/A group, but not present for the photo.

THIS WAS THE GROUP THAT I INTENDED TO GET ORGANIZED FOR A REUNION IN EARLY 2000. NOW – IT'S FOR ALL ASA TURKEY VETERAN'S AND MY HOPE IS THAT THE EFFORTS OF BOB STEWART AND GREG KEARNEY WILL RESULT IN A LARGE TURN-OUT OF DET 4-4 VET'S AT MYRTLE BEACH.



Sitting: Elder Green, Gene Cram, Ronnie Deese, Charles Messner, Dennis Fransted
Standing: Ken Pollock, Jesse Watson, Dennis Perry, Tony Baldwin, Ray Osborne, Dennis Perry, William Baker, Dave Canby & Gary Stolp



Front Row: Ronnie Deese, Gene Cram, Bill (Frank the Baron Von Trash Can)
Baker
Standing: Gary Stolp, Dave Canby, Tony Baldwin, Jesse Watson, unk, Ray
Osborne, Charles Messner, Dennis Perry, Ken Pollock, Todd Lund, Dennis
Fransted



DET 4-4 TA'ers party at Karamursel

Row 1: Dennis Fransted, Todd Lund Row 2: Elder Green, Ronnie Deese (with glasses), U/I (with glasses), Gary Stolp (black shirt) Dave Canby, Raymond H. Osborne (with glasses Row 3, standing: Jesse Watson, U/I (in white sweater, U/I in rear, Trashcan Baker, Billy Allen. U/I, Larry Olliver and Dennis Perry

HARTRANFT, Bill, E3-E5, 058, Tk#1, Det 27, 18OC62-27JL64, (Sheila), 728 Battersea Rd., #A, Ocean City, NJ 08226, 609-814-0056, wdhartranft1@comcast.net

We were so young, yet so old. Wow, that was over 50 years ago and I wonder about all of us and I revel in the memories of it all. I think about fallen friends, Dick Selby, I wonder about Moms Mabray, is he still alive?, Ronald Anthony Patrick Ellis, Bouncing Billy Bailiff, the cool dude - Walt Dowdy, Haas whose first name I forget... I think about Vern Negus and his episodes with his Turkish girlfriend...Nasula I think her name was... I think about a really cool guy... Once SFC Bob Munn, our trick chief...great voice, entertained us at the NCO club, really cool guy...busted to Buck Sgt and shipped out for some other reason or another...raised Walt Dubicki to trick chief..and well deserved. I think of the emails betwixt Walt and his focus on Nat King Cole..., Jim Harber and his laugh, Luther and his insane behavior, Nelson Leroy Miller (Bear) and his rages...tearing off urinals in a somewhat inebriated...spirit, then again, could have been a ghost who destroyed the urinals. Bear was a Mennonite who kept a flowing mustache, keen wit and a Jaguar in a barn away from his family...car, not animal. A really funny guy he was then, probably still is...just old and wrinkled now like all of us.. I think about

hanging Larry Roten from a wall locker then going to the movies and finding him asleep when we came back. I think about Luther's 18th birthday when he was so blind at the NCO club he told Master Sgt Lowry, the ops Sgt that even if he was a lifer he was an ok guy. I still picture his distorted visage...man he was lit. We carried him on our hands (like a dead Viking) back to the barracks. I think I remember it being cold. We were all soused...fact is Luther had 8 drinks for every one of ours...because we treated (or destroyed) him. My memory of that night is so clear it may have been yesterday. (Sorry Luther). Poor Luther...next day he hugged the wall to the latrine... We heard his moans...and hoped he would live. Well, he did. I remember Dennis D. Brooke aka Delbert Dumbf\$#& - whose op sign was DD. Last but not forgotten is the Kentuckian who sat in front of me in the 058 pit, Patrick J. Wallace was his name. In the beginning of this brain scan I mentioned Billy Bailiff – he along with me, Vern Negus and my life time friend Dick Selby (may he rest in peace) roomed together. Well, let me tell you about Billy Bailiff. He was quite the character and we played many a trick on him. Billy was a hillbillie and had FALSE TEETH. Everyone on trick one must still remember the awful smell of the manure spread on the grassy areas of Manzarali Station. Once we rubbed sheep shit on Billy's false teeth and mixed it in his tobacco pouch! Billy before sacking out – would put his dentures on the window sill and when he woke up would pop them into his mouth. Well, we paid for the dung in his pouch as he lit up his pipe and smoked it while copying code. Walt Dowdry also smoked a pipe and would puff furiously when he was pounding his mill. Many other stunts took place in the 058 bay such as red bellies, tape and carbon on the headsets to mention just a few.

I think about Soul of Spain and hearing the tunes throughout the barracks. In fact, I found it and listen to it in my truck..as I do with Caterina Valente/Edmundo Ross with the album played at the theater. I traded a Martin Denny Album of dubious enjoyment for Fire and Frenzy. I taped the album and eventually asked our librarian to order the CD which I rented and made my own CD...so Caterina rides with me often. Enough. Allahsmaladik...

So, Elder, you stirred some thoughts and I really enjoyed chatting with you.

After I pasted the above into the DOOL I received the following from Bill Hartranft in reference to an email from Dennis Mitzner. See his entry under Mitzner.

Funny tale...we never had mules on base but I can sure smell them from what you wrote. Talk about hands in stuff...we used to move hands into a pail of water when our roomies were sleeping. Sometimes we'd tie them in their rack and wouldn't let them up till they pissed themselves. Of course we knew we'd pay and we always did.

I have very bright memory of getting back at my roomies after they taped me, put me on a rack in a room where the window was open and I froze me arse off until they chucked me in the shower and melted the adhesive on the tape...lost most of the hair on my body.... Think I'll share this with Elder...

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DO I REMEMBER THE 1961 RIOT AT SINOP - YOU BETCHA I DO!

I remember waking up that morning and there were several armed Turk soldiers outside our hut.. I don't remember how we got word, but we were told to stay put and not leave..actually I think the Turk's wouldn't let us leave. I sorta remember that the incident started when one of our new guys at the gate (on guard duty) hit a Turk soldier who was also working at the front gate in the mouth.... and then all hell broke loose... PFC Thomas Churchill, from Marion or Muncie, IN was the trained MP on duty and another guy from Denver, CO., (forgot his name but I know he had a common law wife at that time because I was finance clerk and filled his allotments out) and some others, but don't remember any names.

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I was also part of the team of clerks that typed up the whole riot incident at the gate. Anyway I remember the guy from Colorado telling me that he took off running after shooting started... back up... after the new guy struck the Turk, the Turk stuck him with his Springfield rifle bayonet through the stomach and then the shooting started and ... that's when a young Turk soldier got shot in the groin area and later died ... in our dispensary or on the way to the Sinop hospital.... anyway the troop from Colorado started running up the hill and was so scared he stopped to relieve himself and the Turks caught him and beat the crap out of him ... I'm not sure if he was the one who required over 100 stitches to his head area. I think that two GI's were injured in that melee.

[Charles Eberhard informs that he don't remember anyone running up the hill and getting the crap beat out of them that might have been rumors about Eddie Wood. I do vaguely Turkisher hearing about Biff O'hara hitting the Turkish guard in the mouth. Sometimes it takes something to get told to remembering.

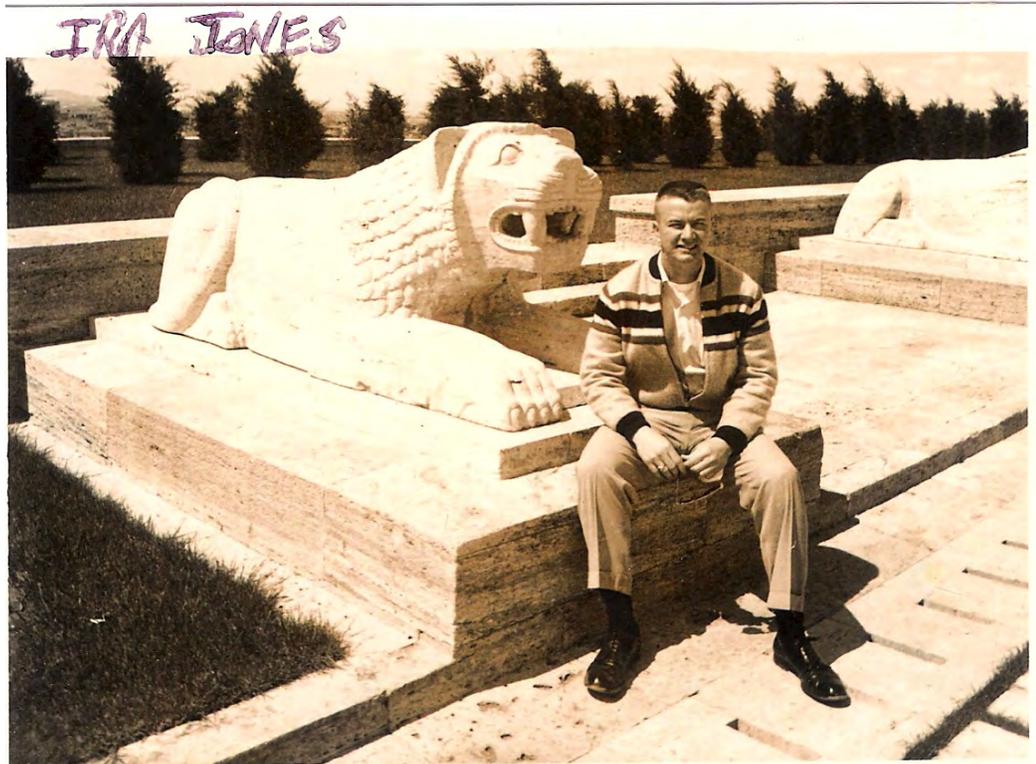
Meanwhile back at the barracks, we were scared as I remember ... it seemed like a nightmare at that time. I remember that me and another guy were 'volunteered' to leave the hut and try to get to the headquarters building. We left in daylight and had several rocks hurled at us from building tops, but we made it to headquarters. We carried back a plan for a selected few to get to the motor pool, pump gas into the vehicles and ready everything to move out at dark ... I was to be one of the drivers. I remember sitting in the 2 1/2 ton truck with 2 others and the person in the middle, an MP, suddenly became hysterical from fright ... it was not a pleasant moment. All this time I remember Turk jets flying over very low ... anyway all of a sudden some Turk officers came in ... in helicopter and there was some meetings and our command turned over one or two guys for trial. I don't remember what happened to them from that point. I do remember that I was one of two or three selected to drive trucks to the landing strip on the other side of hill to pick up officers ... I was the first truck entering Sinop on that one lane road through town and recall people screaming and throwing rocks and jumping on the running boards and spitting at me ... it scared the crap out of me. I floored the gas and got through town and up the mountain ...that's when the engine blew up! Anyway things finally settled down and I think I left there about

October or November 1961. Some guys I remember were Robert Manning (black), Robert Miner, (a black from St Louis), Jess Hodge (from Poland, Indiana), Phil Cote, Churchill, Marcus "Smooth" Poe, (from Mountain City, TN), Lt. William Sharkey, (My boss - a former gung-ho Airborne Ranger), Lt. Michael P. Hyland, (a Turk interpretor & grad from Colorado School of Mines), Bill Murphy from Texas, and if I thought long enough others. I have always wondered what happened to everyone there.

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PFC Ira J. Jones, 982, Det 27, 1962



Ira Jones taken near the Kemal Ataturk Mausoleum - 1962



I called Ira Jones on 23 February 2013 and had a lengthy chat with him regarding his tour at Det 27 as a Traffic Analyst. On 25 February 2013 Ira sent me 12 photo's and 2 of them are above.

A Mississippi native now living in Jacksons Gap, AL. I enjoyed my work in Manzarali especially 3rd shift mids in the T/A section. I did a lot of walking in Ankara to various places and sites; Olympic Hotel; Ataturk Park, Ataturk Blvd, the Citadel, big "K". etc. I remember several names of friends; Donald Messerely, the Teague Bros., Steven Schiff, Don Fox, Charley Eberhard, Jack Brabbits, to name a few. My time there was pretty uneventful, blissfully unaware of most real world events. I do recall one 4th of July celebration when we had a bond of Turks with camel caravan on post--game booths, beer and fun for all! I have worked in the plumbing wholesale business 10 years, ordained SBC minister 25 years, bivocational used car sales 10 years. I am married, have 2 married daughters and am looking forward to retirement and travel. I want go out west---Rocky Mountains and Alaska by travel trailer. I would like to hear from any ole friends from Det 27 days. Thanks for all you do for ASA vets. Ira

Ira Jones saw my add in the American Legion Magazine regarding the 2002 ASA Turkey reunion at Hershey, PA and had his daughter, Pam Sherum, contact me.. Ira is a native of the rural area of Gulfport, MS. Enlisted for 3 years in the ASA at Jackson, MS in May 1961. Took basic at Fort Jackson, SC and then onward to Fort Devens for training in analyzing what the 058's and 059's copied. Arrived at Manzarali Station in January 1962 and was assigned to Trick #2. Later worked straight mids. Remembers Don Messerle who was also a 982 and had a prior enlistment in an Armor outfit. Others are Ken Spano, Walt Dubicki, Mike Comroe, Dave Tavernetti, Dick Johnson, Jack Brabits, the Teague brothers, and others whose names have temporarily been lost. Departed Det 27 along with Don Messerle for assignment to Co C, 316th ASA Bn., Fort Lewis, WA. Ira was discharged in May 1964 at Fort Lewis and returned to Gulfport where he worked in Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning for 8 years. Was married in June 1965.

Around 1972 decided to get into the ministry and spent 4 years studying at the Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, FL. Has since been pastor in the Jacksons Gap area of Alabama for 30 years and still does some preaching and as a side job has been a used car salesman.

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Above is photo's of "The Kid" winning the 2012 National Trappers Association beard contest and one of the bobcat I caught in the fall of 2012

gh,

It was nice to talk to you on 25 February 2013. I'm hoping to get back in the loop. Maybe, since I have hotmail I could be added to someone elses forwarding group so I can get the DOOL newsletters. I used to forward to about 5 people so as far as I know they haven't received any for awhile also. I will send them an email to contact you if they haven't received any for awhile.

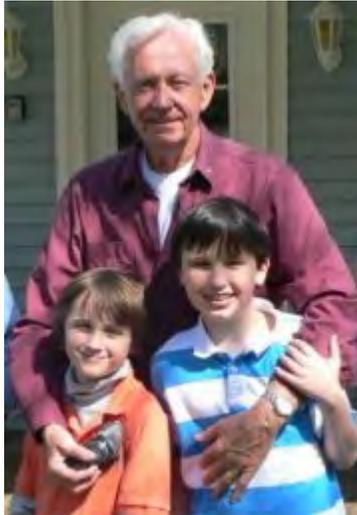
As you can see I don't need a haircut and shave for awhile yet. With the cost of airfare etc I have doubts about attending the 2013 reunion, but I will look into it. Gary (the kid) Jorgensen

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gH, I just went thru and read DOOL 159. Been a long time since you got involved in all this and it is greatly appreciated. Re- reading the DOOL 159 brings back a lot more memories and seeing the pictures to go along with the names really is great. I remember your effort in this endeavor and all the changes since you got started, and your fortitude in sticking with it even as the Det 4-4 guys kind of quit participating. We have lost a few of the guys and lost even more of the contacts. I hope that Bob and I can get a real good contingent of Det 4-4 guys to show up at the Myrtle Beach reunion. I have made my reservations at the Hotel and will soon make the plane reservations, and really looking forward to the event.

Thanks again for all you have done over the years,
Greg Kearney

LARGE, Darrell R, YOB: 1933, CPT, Det 4-2, 62-DE62, (Rheta), 583 Kumukahi Pl., Honolulu, HI 96825, 808-395-6825,



Incredible read in DOOL #244 which brought back memories of my short time on the HILL called Sinop as a young Captain in Jan. 62 before proceeding to Peshawar Pakistan and later Adana, Turkey as, if I recall correctly, the first OIC of Det 4-2. Thank you so very very much for sharing and God Bless you all proud ASA Det.-4 alumni, Darrell Large, Ltc. USASA, Ret.

LENZNER, Ronald M., YOB: 1949, 05H, Det 4-4, 68-69, 307 Native Dancer Cir., Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 443-502-2244, ronlenzner@gmail.com

Greg,

Glad to hear from you. Yes, I'm the Ron Lenzner who bopped a few dits from 1968-69 and joined the exodus to Phu Bai. Please keep me in the loop!
p.s., I still have my patch. :)

LIFTO, Clay, YOB: 1946, RA17706486, E3-E5, 98C2LRU, Det 27, OC66-SE67 & Det 4-4, SE67-AU68, (Ruth), 2118 Clinchfield Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28304, 319-398-5416, cell 319-360-7108,

Amazing. It's like going back to an old life that I can scarcely remember. I have many Turkish friends, but they are all foreign students from teaching college. I remember nearly nothing of the language. But the most embarrassing and troublesome part is that I don't remember names very well, even those whom I worked with in the Army. Oh, well. At this age, I can blame it on Alzheimer's, I guess.

Ruth and I are now at 2118 Clinchfield Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304. We are all over the country at any given moment. That's not because we're so important, but because I haven't settled my mother's estate yet (just an old house) in Minnesota, and we haven't decided whether to sell our former house yet in Iowa.

It was in your shop, Elder, that I regained some self respect, after getting my Article 15 in Russian language school for skipping school, and finally arriving in Turkey as only a PFC. Amazing that I still made SSG/E6 in under 4 years, thanks to Vietnam. But it was in your shop in Det 27 and Det 4-4 and your challenge of Vietnam, that I began to address the serious side of life. So, you see, your trail has made a way for more people than you may have been able to see over the years.

So, 10 1/2 years active, 18 years in the Reserves, mostly in TAREX, virtually no slots, retired as SFC, but got my doctorate, became a business professor and a pastor/missionary to Ukraine, where we still spend time each summer visiting old friends.

We've all got a story, don't we? And it's usually bigger than what people see. We look forward to seeing you in October! -Clay and Ruth Lifo

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Had a interesting chat with Danny recently and will include the details in a future DOOL. I served with Danny Madison, Mike Hazelbaker and Ralph Tilney in the 371st RR Co in Vietnam.

McCANTS, Joseph E., (Ed), YOB: 1941, RA12849675, E4-E5, 98C, Det 4, FE69-DE69 & 4-4, DE69-JN71, (Annegell), 324 Pineland Ln., Moncks Corner, SC 29461, 843-899-6801, mccantsed@homesc.com

Hi Bob,

I was excited to hear that you had called and I appreciate the email. As my wife, Annegell, may have told you, I was stationed at Det. 4 Sinop during 1969 and moved from there to Det 4-4 Karamursel from 1970 to the fall of 1971. I recognize some of the names on your list but noticed that some guys I knew at Karamursel were omitted and thought I would pass on their names. Robert Snyder, Martin McKenna, and Wayne Ervin were all 98C guys and were with me at Karamursel.

My wife and I made a trip back to Turkey a few years ago and passed by the old base. Nothing left now. It is an airfield but I would not have recognized it except our Turkish driver told me that was the old base. We went into Yalova and found our old apartment building that is still owned by the same Turkish gentleman that owned it in 1970.

Please add my email to your list as I see it is omitted. I look forward to the meeting in Myrtle Beach and plan to attend. I use to get email from Elder, but I no longer receive it. Please add me to the mailing list or email list for the updates. Thanks for all you are doing. Take care. Ed McCants

131: McCANTS, Joseph E., (Ed), DOB: 1941, RA12849675, E4-E5, 98C, Det 4, FE69-DE69 & 4-4, DE69-JN71, (Annegell), 324 Pineland Lane, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, 843-899-6801, mccants@dvua.com - Thanks for the update. I am glad the 2003 reunion

at 7 Springs turned out to be a big success. Wish I could have attended. I would like to get one of the CDs you mention, but I need the address of Chuck Bergmann or a contact method. Could you also give me a short synopsis of the content of the CD? Thanks for the reply. I am looking forward to getting a copy of the BIOS. You were in Turkey a few years ahead of me. I left Devens for Sinop Det 4 in early 1969 and was there for 10 months before our unit was sent to Karamursel Det 4-4. I was at Karamursel until the summer of 1971 when I was sent to Homestead Fla. where I was discharged. I don't remember the commanders you mentioned, but then I did my best to stay away from them as they usually meant trouble. Major Frickey was the commander when I was at Det 4-4 and Sgt Sissler was in charge of our unit. I do seem to remember seeing Major Cima's name, so he might have been there when I first arrived or maybe he had just left. People on my trick I remember include Bob Snyder, Marty McKenna, Wayne Ervin, Steve Pate, and Phil Fogle. I have heard from Phil as a result of this WEB site, and I would sure like to hear from others that might remember me. Thanks for all you guys are doing to help us communicate and keep in touch

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ASA LIVES!

Elder: - I sent this to you some time ago, but I thought I'd resend it with an anecdote from my first night on trick at Det 4 in Sinop. Maybe I have before, but I think it'll put a smile on your face again.

There were six of us traveling from the States to Sinop. We were all 98J's and had finished a "crash-course" at NSA. We arrived in Istanbul in June of 1968 and the weather was bad for a few days, so we did some sight-seeing. We were booked on the "Sea Camel(?)" up to Det 4, but with high/rough seas, we got a chance to explore Istanbul.

When we finally made the trip up the coast to Sinop, most of us were very hungry, because we lost our food due to the still rough Black Sea. We processed in at Det 4 over the next few days.

Out of the six, I was the first one to go to work on a midnight shift. We were still in the "yeni" room, so at about 5pm I laid down in a lower bunk to catch some zzz's before going out to the site. Sometime later, I don't remember the exact time, I was sleeping with my left hand dangling off the bunk. At first I thought I was dreaming, but the pain in my right hand was increasing.

Finally, I jerked up yelling, only to find the ayshak (mule) chewing on my fingers. Some of the short-timers had brought him in, so we could get acquainted. They were pissing their pants, but I didn't think it was so funny. Fortunately I am right-handed, so I was able to get through my first day on the "hill."

As I remember stuff, I'll pass it along for the DOOL.

You've done a hell of a job keeping this thing going. Elder. Hope all is well.

Take care, Dennis Mitzner, Oak Forest, IL

MONDAHL, Bruce Lee, YOB: 1942, RA17572926, E3, 058, Det 4, MR-JN61 & Det 27, JN61-JL61, 9m, (Marguerite), Blue Earth, MN, 507-327-4063, boppa1842@gmail.com & pkstavne@grandsburgtelcom.net

Hi Elder,

I just got off the phone with dad and he said you guys had a nice chat. It is funny, the timing of your call! I have tried over the years to find any information online about dad and the Turkey story and just last week did I finally find some things. I would love to make a scrapbook of dad's ventures. Thank you for the information you are sending. I will get it to dad. Hopefully we can stay in contact.

My name is Kris Stavne. I am married and have 3 children. Jeremiah is 24 and the girls, Lauren and Erin, are 21 and 19. My husband is Paul and was forced to retire awhile back. We live in the woods in Grantsburg, WI. Sincerely, Kris

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Elder, - Sorry to hear about your computer crash and losing your rosters. I'll give you info on myself in case you are rebuilding the roster.

Service in Turkey as 058 (05H) May 1964 until November 1965. Det 27

Vietnam June 1966 until April 1967 330th RRC, Pleiku

Received early-release to attend college

Was a Police Officer for 18 years. Receive BS degree from University of Cincinnati

Received Masters and Post-Masters at the University of Dayton.

Taught School and retired as Assistant Principal at the high school level.

Came out of retirement in 2009 to become Director of Public Safety Education at Butler Tech.

Currently retired and work part-time as a consultant for Greene County Career Tech Center near Dayton, Ohio.

Married and have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Thoughts: My time with ASA and the US Army was probably one of the greatest experiences of my life. It taught me to be self sufficient and understand the purpose of our mission....The soldiers I served with were the greatest group of people I have ever had the pleasure to be with....Thanks Elder for keeping us together.

PUTTER, Max. YOB: 1941, RA, E3-E5, 059, Det 27, NO60-AP62, (Carole), 216 Frederick . Haverford, PA 19041, 610-853-4273, nashswim@aol.com



Elder: in one picture there is a man named wingard. And any info on him. His first name is Jim. Max

Elder" we will be there in oct, god willing.. I shall design and make new hats for the vets..Max

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RIEDY. Richard, YOB: 1936, RA19549080, E4, 965.1676 (Turk linguist), Det 4, OC57-MR59, 260 Gensen Dr., SW, Los Lunas, NM 87031, 505-865-3874, rickriedy@q.com

INCIDENT AT BOYABAT

In the early afternoon of 29 May 1958 I was at my desk in the Det 4 orderly room when a call came through from Gendarme Headquarters in Sinop: an accident involving a Det 4 truck and a Turkish bus had occurred on the Ankara-Sinop road in the mountains 74 km (47 miles) south of Sinop. According to the caller, the bus and our truck met on a curve, the bus ran off the road and toppled into a deep ravine, and many passengers were injured, but no one was killed. Lt. C.H. Edmiston from the Motor Pool and I grabbed a jeep and headed out to the scene of the accident. The road, Turkish Highways #20, unpaved but graded, barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass, was the shortest path over the Northern Anatolian mountains to Sinop on the coast. It was often impassable in winter, but in good weather it was the route Det 4 supply trucks took. This time it was a small convoy of two 2 ½ ton trucks hauling cement. What followed next was almost a comedy of errors, but it wasn't. Lt. Edmiston and I and the driver of the truck involved ended up being detained by the Turkish authorities and did not return to Det 4 until the following day.

Other Det 4 personnel mentioned in my statement are: PFC Horn, who drove the truck alleged to have run the bus off the road, PFC James P. McKee, driver of the second truck (they had two passengers who were not identified to me), Capt. James Burke (I believe he was Det 4 acting commander at the time), Capt. James A. Kline, Jr., (Det 4 Provost Marshall), M/Sgt Davis and Sgt Leach. The provincial town of Boyabat that figures in the incident was in the Blue River (Gokirmak) valley on the south side of the mountain we informally called Mt. Boyabat.

For me, the case was closed with my statement. I was never told what repercussions, if any, followed. At Det 4 we all seemed to go on about our business as usual. Incidents, sometimes quite serious, involving foreign military (not only American military) and the Turks were a dime a dozen. That in itself is a story that has never been told as far as I know.

My statement was written as one might say in the heat of the moment and is hardly as exemplary piece of writing. But I think it manages to convey some of the flavor of our predicament. I still have the beat-up and yellowed original draft, edited by me and Henry Hatcher, and have copied it exactly.

STATEMENT

Lt Edmiston and I arrived at Can Kurtaran, a small gendarme station on the top of Boyabat Mt., about 1899 hrs. PFC McKee and PFC Horn's trucks were parked on the right side of the road facing Sinop and the drivers themselves and the two passengers

were standing by the trucks. The drivers explained the situation to the Lt. and then the gendarmes came up. The gendarmes stated that the Boyabat Public Prosecutor was waiting at the scene of the accident and wished the driver and his truck be brought back to the scene. The gendarmes were not prepared to let either the vehicle or driver to proceed on to Sinop; however, Lt. Edmiston would not permit the truck to be taken back to the scene of the accident. PFC McKee took one of the passengers and proceeded on to Sinop. The other passenger, an SP-2, stayed with the truck involved while Lt. Edmiston, the driver, myself and several gendarmes went to the scene of the accident.

There was quite a crowd of people standing around when we arrived. The public prosecutor of the Boyabat area was not present as had been said before, but the acting commander of the Boyabat area gendarmes, a sergeant , was acting in the prosecutor's place. We took pictures and examined the scene as well as we could and as night was falling we stated we would return to Sinop and come back in the morning. The sergeant explained to us that a board of experts selected from the Drivers' Union in Bobabat had examined the scene and found our driver 100% guilty and therefore the driver was to be held until a hearing the following morning with the public prosecutor. In order to see a copy of the expert's report and to telephone Det 4 in Sinop, we went to another gendarme station a short distance down the road. We were not able to contact Det 4 from the station and therefore had to go into Boyabat. However, when we left the station we found that one of the gendarmes had tried to drive our jeep around and had meshed the gears. We left the jeep with a gendarme guard and proceeded into Boyabat in a Highway Department dump truck.

In Boyabat, we immediately went to the PTT in order to call Det 4. We talked to the public prosecutor by phone and ask him to let us leave and we would definitely return in the morning. Lt. Edmiston asked to have PFC Horn released in his custody, but the prosecutor was adamant in assisting that the driver would have to be held in Boyabat until the hearing, set for 0900 hrs, 30 May 1958. He was not interested in whether or not the lieutenant or I stayed or went. Finally it was arranged that we three would spend the night in the local hotel.

Quite a large crowd – I would estimate from a 100 to a 150 people – had gathered inside the PTT and in the square outside. The general tone of the people was hostile and the gendarmes opened a path so we could get out of the building and down to the truck., but as I was going from the steps in front of the building, I noticed one man had stuck his foot out into my path, apparently to trip me. I continued to walk on, kicking his foot aside as I passed him. I took a few steps more and then turned around and looked at the man. He was extremely hostile looking so I continued down to the truck. I had some blankets in my hands and was putting them in the bed of the truck when I heard PFC Horn shout. I turned just in time to see a man with his hands on PFC Horn's shoulders and his feet were still in the air, appearing as if he had jumped. The

gendarmes immediately separated them and the gendarme sergeant attempted to pass the incident off by saying that two of the Turkish men were jostling each other in fun and one had accidentally fallen against PFC Horn. PFC Horn and I climbed into the back of the truck and the driver attempted to turn around. When the back of the truck was facing the crowd, a sudden shower of dirt and rocks came down on us. The gendarmes took us to the local hotel, in front of which the crowd gathered, and took PFC Horn's statement as to how the accident happened. They assured us that no further incidents would take place, and which did not that night. Later on, about 2400 hrs, Capt Burke, Capt Kline, Sgt. Leach, and M/Sgt. Davis drove in from Sinop. We were unsuccessful again in getting PFC Horn released from the "house arrest." When the commander left to return to Sinop, I went out as far as where the jeep was and brought it back into Boyabat.

The next morning we were taken to the gendarme office and were informed that the hearing would take place at 1400 hrs due to the fact that the doctor was delayed in finishing his reports of examination on the people injured in the accident. Around noon I went out to a restaurant to order food for us. On the way back to the gendarme station one Turkish man who had been sitting on the terrace of another restaurant came down and tried to walk I my path. The gendarme who was escorting me grabbed the man by the shoulders and shoved him down into a ditch by the side of the road. We proceeded on to the gendarme headquarters.

At 1400 hrs we went to the public prosecutor's office and the public prosecutor took PFC Horn's statement again. The prosecutor stated that the case would be handled from the Sinceur Contact Office in Ankara, and released PFC Horn.

May 31, 1958

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Greg,

I would be interested in a Det 4-4 reunion in 2013. My wife Kathy and I are living in South Carolina. My address is 23 crossing Blvd. Bluffton, SC 29910, 843-757-1918. My MOS was 05K and 98C. randys@hargray.com

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The below was sent to Charles Rodrigues who sent it to me.



Thought you all would get a kick out of seeing this new ASA sign. Guess we are still alive, but of course no one knows that LOL

WALTON, Steve, 345 (Crypto repair), Det 27, 61-63, srwalton@embarqmail.com

I'd appreciate it if you would put me on the DOOL list as an email attachment. They've been forwarded to me by Phil Kinneer, which is much appreciated. I served at Det 27 from '61-'63 as a 345.1 crypto repairman.

I did try to find a couple of guys I served with. I think that Robert D. Barlage; Lansing, IL (TTY repairman) might be deceased. I haven't verified it yet, but the information in his obituary fits. He served at Det. 27 from about '61 or '62 until at least '63.

Thanks

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