

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #273 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 try my best to think out every word in crafting the monthly DOOL's. It's a tough job and is very time consuming and with that said – I'd appreciate your feedback. But I can, with certainty state that MOST will read the DOOL – and say that was okay and walk away with information that would have added to any particular entry. Please start participating and adding to the stories that others have remembered. Your comments are always most welcome. Elder RC Green

Received this from Bruce Haman, a ex-SP5 ditty-bopper (05H) who served at Manzarali Station (Det 27) during the period MY66 to NO67.

In God We Trust

Anthem Veterans Memorial
41703 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway
Anthem , AZ 85086



Photo's by [Mike Spinelli](#)

Once a Year at precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.

This monument is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces. The pillar provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States .

The memorial was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones. The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size (from 17 ft to 6 ft) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard.



Anthem resident and chief engineer, Jim Martin was responsible for aligning the memorial accurately with the sun.

Below you will find reunion photo's that I might not have included in the DOOL.
ENJOY



REUNION AT SAN ANTONIO – PAT & VIC PRYOR and PENNY & CHUCK TESCHKER (d)

2005



2011 REUNION AT VALLEY FORGE, PA



Chuck & Helen Bergmann posing with the excellent belly dancer, Amira Star. Chuck video taped the entire belly dance routine of Amira Star and made a copy for anyone who requested a copy.



2012 REUNION AT PITTSBURGH, PA – CHARLEY & LORI BROWN – BOBBIE & WINKIE WINKLER



2011 REUNION AT VALLEY FORGE, PA, 8 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2011



2009 REUNION AT GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND - BOB & SUE SACK FROM WALLA WALLA, WA



2010 REUNION AT TOLEDO, OHIO – That's Biker Bill Cook showing the Belly Dancer his Patriot Guard Harley. Bill was a ditty bopper at Det 27 and was formerly Captain of the North Carolina Patriot Guard Riders. Note the ASA patch on his windshield



2012 REUNION AT PITTSBURGH, PA – CARLOS & FRANKIE HUNT



REUNION AT VALLEY FORGE, PA – JUDY & FRANK SIEBENALER FROM LAKE CITY, MN

2011



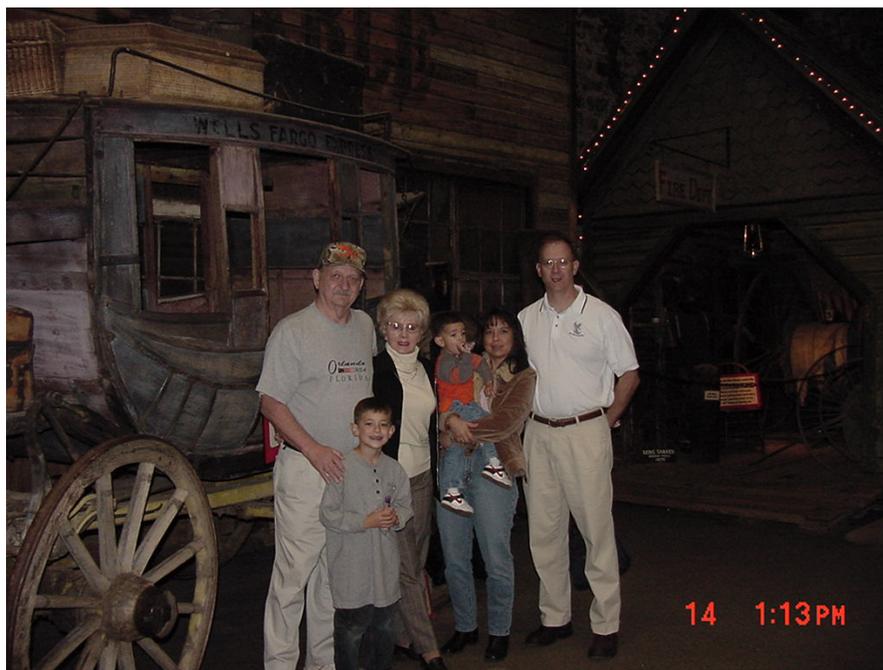
2009 REUNION AT GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND – VAL & TONY ANTONELLO



2009 REUNION AT GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND – WALT & THERESA LAS



2012 REUNION AT PITTSBURGH, PA – MARGARET & FRED PARSONS ¹



Pike's Peak 2004



GREEN, Elder RC (gH), YOB: 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

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THE 2015

ASA TURKEY

WHERE: Charleston, SC
HOTEL: Town & Country Inn and Suites
2008 Savannah Highway



DATES: 27 September – 1 October 2015
Sunday thru Wednesday
SAVE THESE DATES

Room rates: \$99.00 + 13.5% Tax = \$112.37

To make reservations: Call 1-800-334-6660. You will be asked your name and address, etc., room type preference – King or Queen; your arrival & departure dates and your credit card info is required to guarantee your reservation. Please note that your rates will not be deducted until you check out. Also note that you can cancel up to 24 hours prior to arrival date by calling 1-800-334-6660.

The Trotters Restaurant & Lounge will be open for breakfast, 6:30-11am. The hospitality room will be stocked with a continental style breakfast throughout the reunion and will be a good time to meet other Turkey vet's and their wives.



THE 2015 REUNION HOSTS

A message from the Host and Hostess for the Charleston reunion, Luther & Edna Jones

Merhaba All

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Charleston. If you plan on coming in a day or so early please call the Sales Manager, Steven Clarke at 843 329 3304 to discuss the reunion rate. Edna and I were down a few days ago to check out the Charleston Tea Plantation an easy 20 mile drive from the hotel. It is the only tea plantation in North America. They raise and process the tea at this location with a free tour of the processing and lots of complimentary tea in the gift shop as well as tea for sale. If you care for a trolley to tour the fields and research building there is a \$10 per person fee, reduced to \$8. with military discount. Also in route to or on return you may want to stop by the Angel Oak. It is a 1400 year old water oak and it shades 14500 square feet. There is no fee for this, awesome and well worth the stop. We will also have available at the registration discounts for the Palmetto Carriage Rides. This will get you a \$3 discount off the regular \$25 charge per person. We have used them 3 or 4 times over the years and I can tell you the tours are great. They take about 1 hour and 15 minutes and every driver we have had knew the city history and can answer any questions you may have. This is going to be a great reunion, see you all in September. Luther & Edna Jones, 910-228-3995

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.

50/50 Raffle tickets (\$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10)

The following is the tentative itinerary for the reunion. Keep in mind that this itinerary is subject to changes and any changes will be posted in the DOOL prior to the reunion and also in the hospitality room.

Day 1

Sunday – 27 September

Check in time is 1500 hours.

The Badges and Registration for the reunion will be in the hospitality room. Judy Whitman has volunteered to handle the registrations. The hospitality room will be stocked with snacks, soda and finger food for those hungry. A memorabilia table will be available for attendees to display their memory keepers and to review what others have displayed.

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.

Luther and Edna Jones not only will be hosting the reunion but along with Patty Green will be in charge of the hospitality room and available to help in your planning and schedules.

Day 2

MONDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday morning

28 September

A continental style breakfast will be available in the hospitality room where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

We will depart the hotel at approximately 11:45 am or thereabouts and car pool 20 miles to the Santee Canal Park at Moncks Corner, SC. –

There will be handouts in the hospitality room on the Santee Canal Park for all to learn what's available there. In the interim use search engine bing.com and type in Santee Canal Park to learn what things the park has to offer.

The hi-lite of this visit will be a LOW COUNTRY BOIL meal that will take place from 1 to 4 pm at a designated spot in the park. The cost is zero as Ed & Annegell McCants who live in Moncks Corner will sponsor this meal.

Please note that Ed McCants informs that the Low Country Boil is cooked with shrimp - being one of the main ingredients. If anyone is allergic to shrimp or anything cooked with it please let Ed know by calling 843-899-6801 and he will be happy to provide an alternative meal for them. A reminder – there is a \$2 entrance fee to the park. After this outing – return to hospitality room.

Day 3

Tuesday, 29 September

A continental style breakfast will be available in the hospitality room where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

The HOSPITALITY ROOM will be open all day

There no scheduled activities for 29 September. There are so many things to see and do in Charleston. Please do some homework and search on the internet what's available –

Wednesday, 30 September

The activities for Wednesday will be posted in the hospitality room and will include times for each detachment to hold round table discussions about your time in Turkey.

The HOSPITALITY ROOM will be open all day

We will depart via car pool's at 10 am to tour the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley. This is a must see for anyone interested in marine history and Civil War history while in Charleston and is well worth the \$20 pp cost of admission. To get up-dated – use search engine bing.com and type in H.L. Hunley.

THE BANQUET WILL BE HELD NEAR THE HOSPITALITY ROOM AND WILL COST \$40 per person. It will be a plated menu with a choice of either chopped Sirloin Steak or Breast of Chicken Almondine

After the meal, a yet to be named emcee will take over as the emcee and will set the tone for the evening to ensure that everything runs smoothy and swiftly. This emcee is expected to rescue anyone from boredom and will keep the mood on an even keel by cracking jokes and or anecdotes while introducing several guest speakers who will be called upon to discuss their experiences and escapades while in Turkey.

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Cut and complete the below reunion charges and MAIL TO: Elder Green, 3094 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701

Make checks payable to Elder RC Green

YOUR NAME(s): _____

Registration Fee: \$15 per person: TOTAL: ____

Wednesday Hunley sub \$20 per person. TOTAL: ____

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

REUNION TOTAL: ____

List of reservations as of 1 July 2015

ASPINWALL, Paul & Bonnie

*AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine

BENTLEY,

Bob & Evelyn
Helen
CARRICK, Ernie & Tim
*COMROE, Mike & Jane
COX, Jim & Vicki
*DANDRIDGE, Bob & Jo
*FITTANTI, Tom
GREEN, Elder & Patty
*JONES, Ed & Flo
JONES, Luther & Edna
Dean & Deborah
*LAZARRO, Tom
McCANTS, Ed & Annegell
*PRUITT, Bill & Carolyn
Max & Carol
Ann Goulet
*STEFFEN, Arnold & Janet
WENGER, Barry & Sharon
Ken & Judy
Winky & Bobbi

BERGMANN, Chuck &
BROWN, Charles & Lori

*LAPP,

*PUTTER,
SHIPMAN, Don & Jo
*SIEBENALER, Frank & Judy

*WHITMAN,
*WINKLER,

*Denotes Not Pd. Please pay ASAP

INFO ON THE BAHAMAS CRUISE

ALL YOU NEED IS A PASSPORT OR A ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE

THE ITINERY

START LOADING AT 11 AM ON 1 OCT & DEP AT 4 PM

AT SEA ON 2 OCT

ARRIVE FREPORT 8 AM ON 3 OCT DEP 5 PM

ARRIVE NASSAU ON 4 OCT AT 8 AM & DEP 5PM

AT SEA ON 5 OCT

ARRIVE AT CHARLESTON ON 6 OCT AT 8 AM

THE LOCKED-IN COST WILL BEGIN AT \$388,02 PER PERSON OR \$766.04 FOR AN INSIDE CABIN

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 1-800-377-9383 ext 408 AND TALK TO MICHAEL TAYLOR AND MENTION THAT YOU WILL BE WITH THE ELDER GREEN ASA TURKEY GROUP. HE HAS THE OTHER LOCKED IN CABIN RATES.

IF YOU CAN FIND A BETTER DEAL FOR THIS CRUISE – TAKE IT!!

The cruise dress code is Casual. During our cruise there will be one "Cruise Elegant" formal night, during which men generally wear suits, tuxes or -- at the very least -- ties and blazers. Most women opt for party dresses or pantsuits. No cutoffs, gym shorts, flip-flops or bathing suits are allowed in the dining room at any time. Jeans are fine, as long as they aren't ripped.

AT THE END OF THE CRUISE A \$60. PER PERSON FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR CREDIT CARD.

The following have signed

AUSBROOKS, Sonny & Elaine

COMROE, Mike & Jane

FITTANTI, Tom

GREEN, Elder & Patty

JONES, Ed & Flo

LAZZARO, Tom

SIEBENALER, Frank & Judy

STEFFEN, Arnold & Janet

WINKLER, Winky & Bobbi

MAIL call

BENTLEY, Bob, 058, Det 27, 63-64, Cypress, TX.,

Bob, F&A0, Det 27, -JN67, Gainesville, FL

Wayne, E3-E5, 05H, Det 4, NO68DE69, Groton, VT

E2-E5, 71L, Mgr "O" Club, Det 27, NO64-MY67, Eighty Four, PA

E5, 98G Rumanian, Det 27, SE65-JA68, Rockaway, NJ

E5 058, Tk#3, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, San Diego, CA

E3-E4, F&AO, Det 27, JA62-JL63, Chattanooga, TN

TAYLOR, Dan, E6, 98J, Det 4, AU61-JL62 & CW3, JA70-DE70, Shirley, MA

WINKLER, Winkie), E3-E4, 981, Det 4, MY60-MY61, Cincinnati, OH

DAVIS,

DYER,

FEICK, Phil,

LOZAUSKAS, Tony, E4-

POTTS, Doug, E3-

SINOR, Walt,

MAIL call in alphabetical order

BENTLEY, Robert, 058, RA, Det 27, 63-64, (Evelyn), 19507 Dunlay Springs Dr., Cypress, TX., 281-463-7489, rbentley1@verizon.com



Bob Bentley at the 2011 reunion at Valley Forge, PA. It was his first.

Elder: I was just reading DOOL 272, second edition. The reservation for Evelyn and I must have been deleted with the 1st edition of DOOL 272. We both have sent in our fees including the dinner, but not the cruise. Thanks for all of the grief you must go through each year. Bob & Evelyn Bentley
rbkentley1@verizon.net

DAVIS, Robert (Bob), YOB: 1942, RA13284.... , F&A0, Det 27, -JN67, (Eleanor), 5333 SW 75th St.,
Gainesville, FL 32608, cell 352-361-1484, redkpf@embarqmail.com

I am a long time friend of Philip Feick and a Manzarali veteran. As you may imagine, as a young man traveling to a remote location like Turkey, I was more than a little apprehensive. I was never so happy to see anybody in my life as I was when my old school chum opened the door and greeted me. Phil ended up giving me the break of my life when he hired me to do the books at the Officer's club. We had a great time and it provided me with extra beer money as well.

I worked in Disbursements under Sgt. Bill Hanna, and most likely paid you every month. After about a year I went to Finance for the balance of my duty under 1LT Jim Crane. I departed Det 27 in June of 1967 on my way to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. Actually I followed 1SG Dick Hamilton as I knew nothing about Florida but figured if it was good enough for him it was good enough for me. As it turned out it was great duty and I had an opportunity to play flag football under Dick once again. I was discharged from ASA in July of 1967 and returned to Monongahela, PA where I joined a family business (Pipeline Construction).

Philip mentioned to me that you had a newsletter "The Days of Our Lives" of which I would very much like to receive and would gladly pay for any cost that may be involved. If that would be possible my email is: REDKPF@EMBARQMAIL.COM

Its been my pleasure to have been introduced to you and I wish you great success with the "DOOL" Regards, Robert "Bob" Davis

DYER, Wayne, YOB: 1949, RA11915551, E3-E5, 05H, Det 4, NO68DE69, (Toni), 14 Mountain View Dr., Groton, VT 05046, 802-584-3730, diatribe@charter.net

Elder, When I got to Sinop in November 1968 there was a Command Sergeant Major there but I can't remember his name. He was Special Forces and wore a green beret. Rumor had it that he was assigned to duty for guarding John Kennedy's casket although I am not use if that was true. He was a real down to earth guy when I had a chance to talk to him the couple of times he stopped down at the airfield. Wayne Dyer

FEICK, Phil, YOB: 1943, RA, E2-E5, 71L, Mgr "O" Club, Det 27, NO64-MY67, (Jean), G346 Munntown Rd., Eighty Four, PA 15330, 724-941-0105, pgafeick@live.com
Phil Feick AKA Manzaraliman

Really enjoyed the latest DOOLs with first person stories about our various missions.

During my 2 1/2 years at Det 27, I was asked to spend some time in the Manzarali Rod & Gun Club. At the time the most popular handgun was the Colt Python .357. Guys on orders to Viet Nam wanted to carry a personal sidearm and the Python was the favorite.

While I was there, I ordered myself a Ruger Super Blackhawk .44 magnum and a custom holster. The Ruger came in and a soldier from ops found out I had it. (I was planning to go boar hunting. Got the official Turkish license and was ready to go when the Turks declared all handguns illegal.) So after this guy begged and pleaded, I sold him my brand new, never fired revolver. A week later my new custom holster arrived. After becoming a civilian I spied a .357 Ruger Blackhawk and snapped it up. The .357 was big enough for me, but it's a little small in the holster.

My question: I often wondered if that revolver helped save a life? Did it return from Viet Nam? I had no regrets selling that piece to someone going into a battle zone. I know I did the right thing!

Also, Bob Davis (redkpf@embarqmail.com) and I were classmates and graduated from Monongahela High school in 1961. Bob showed up at site 23, HQ Company, Finance in I believe 1965 or 66. Bob worked for Jim Crane. I'm sure he would enjoy your DOOL if he doesn't already.

PS: Don't cross Bob, for he has a history of breaking fingers of those mentioning his old Mon Valley nickname! Thanks, Phil

LOZAUSKAS, Anthony J (Tony), E4-E5, 98G Rumanian, Det 27, SE65-JA68, (Peggy), 2212 Franklin Ln., Rockaway, NJ 07866, 973-361-8613, tlozauskas@gmail.com

My ex-wife needs helps. Maureen Boehm is a polio survivor who can no longer walk on crutches and is confined to a wheel chair. She has a need for a mechanized van to load her and her wheel chair and lock her wheel chair into a driving position. She has worked hard all her life, from being arts and crafts supervisor when we were stationed in Turkey to currently running a small business from home near Austin, Texas.

I've included a link where you can hear her story and donate. <http://www.gofundme.com/tbfsas>

I've donated to many causes where I didn't know who the beneficiaries were (Wounded Warriors, American Cancer Society, et al). This is someone I know and would consider it a personal favor if you would donate **and/or** forward this link to anyone you think could help. Thanks, Tony L.

Help Maureen Boehm, Polio Survivor



Maureen Boehm

Despite my handicap, one of my favorite activities was tent camping with husband and boys. The pictures below are from the Delaware Water Gap, a wild area, in New Jersey. No flush toilets, no water, just nature!



Camping, Delaware Water Gap, with son



Tent camping at the Delaware Water Gap

MY LIFELONG QUEST TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT DESPITE BEING DISABLED

I contracted polio when I was 7 years old, just a few years before the polio vaccine would virtually eradicate the disease from the face of the Earth. I had such a bad case that I was placed in an iron lung and the doctors feared for my life. The picture shows me in a wheel chair with my sister on my lap and mom behind us. This was taken at Willard Parker Hospital in New York City, a hospital totally devoted to the care and rehabilitation of polio patients. I was there for 18 months.

As a result of the virus, I was left paralyzed from the waist down. I went from a carefree tomboy who loved to run and play games, to a sedentary child who was placed in a special classroom due to physical limitations. After a lifetime of working and supporting myself and my family, I am now confined to a wheel chair. I have a power wheel chair at home but do not have a van with a ramp. I use a manual wheelchair whenever I need to travel anywhere, even to food shop. My husband, who is not in good health, comes with me to lift the wheel chair out of the hatchback and wheels me where I want to go. I transfer to the chair using a transfer board. My husband does not do any driving because

of failing eyesight and other health problems.

I want to stay independent and am raising funds to purchase a van that is modified to receive a power wheelchair. With this independence, I can shop, run errands and check on a little business that I have. Please read my story below and donate to keep me a productive member of society. Whatever you can donate will be appreciated. God bless you.

READ MY WHOLE STORY...

EARLY YEARS SURVIVING POLIO

I contracted a severe and life-threatening case of polio in 1951, before the invention of the Salk vaccine. With the help of wonderful world-renowned experts in the field of infantile paralysis and 20 orthopedic operations, I was eventually able to walk. I initially walked with the aid of crutches and iron leg braces. After many operations, I was able to throw my legs using my hip muscles, and my legs would lock in position. I still needed my crutches, but I transitioned to forearm crutches which were more comfortable. Eventually, I had to go back to wearing one brace when the cartilage in my knee wore down. My arms, in effect, were bearing most of my weight.

COLLEGE AND JOB HUNTING AS A DISABLED PERSON

Braces and crutches did not prevent me from doing anything I was determined to do. I pushed to be placed in a "regular" school, attended Douglass College on academic scholarships, got married and went overseas to Turkey with my first husband, Tony Lozauskas. I worked at the Craft Shop at Det 27 and we lived in downtown Ankara where I gave birth to a son and returned to the USA several years later. I soon set about the business of finding a job.

It quickly became apparent to me that the job market was not handicapped-friendly back in the late sixties. I was frustrated and hurt that employers saw me as a liability when I knew that I could be an asset. I decided to try something that would showcase my mind rather than my disability. AT&T was hiring programmer trainees and had over 300 applicants for 11 spots in class. After four hours of testing and three interviews, I was selected to enter the program. I studied like mad to pass every test with at least an 85 or be dropped from the program. My determination served me well, for I completed the course and became a programmer in the budding data processing department.

I worked 60 hour weeks and did well, becoming a District Manager. During this time, my husband and I divorced, and I eventually married a colleague. We have one son together.

I made a good salary, but at great cost to my physical health. We subsequently moved the family to Iowa to live a simpler, more spiritual life. I ended up running a small software engineering company but again, that work took a toll on my health. I became a professional recruiter in the Information Technology and engineering fields. I won awards for high sales as well as two trips, one to Hawaii and

one to Puerto Rico. Hard work has always rewarded me.

LOSS OF THE ABILITY TO WALK

When my youngest son went to school in Texas, we decided to move there permanently. We have been living in the country outside of Austin since 2006.

Shortly after re-locating to Austin, I sustained injuries to my rotator cuffs due to a car accident and several bad falls. My shoulders have degraded due to years of use in place of my legs and I can no longer walk. I use a power wheelchair in the home but, unfortunately, cannot afford a van with a ramp and hand controls so I use a manual wheelchair whenever I need to travel away from home, even to just shop.

My husband has serious rheumatoid arthritis and it has affected his eyesight, a condition called uveitis. He has lost the sight of his right eye, despite three corneal transplants and excellent care. The sight in his left eye varies day to day. He needs to travel with me wherever I go because I cannot walk to get the wheelchair out of the hatchback. I use a transfer board to get from the car to the wheelchair. I do all the driving since my husband's eyesight is variable.

STILL WORKING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

I want to raise funds to purchase a van. I currently should be retired but need to work to supplement social security and a small AT&T pension. I write resumes at home for an online service. There are many days when my husband is feeling so poorly that he cannot accompany me on any chores, errands or doctor visits. I need the van so that I can just lower the ramp and use my power wheelchair to get in the van. I can then be free to run errands, etc.

I really want to maintain my independence and am hoping that my story will touch your heart. I have spent my life as an independent person, earning my way through life and I want to continue to be able to function even if I have no one to help me. Please include me in your prayers and donate whatever you can. It will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

We Thrilled Fans Worldwide Dressed in the trademark red, white and blue uniforms, and taking the field as a 4-man team; pitcher, catcher, first baseman and shortstop, The King & His Court were America's #1 family softball entertainment providing the perfect fundraising event for youth organizations, military bases, church groups, civic organizations and entire communities. Game routines become synonymous with The King & His Court featuring stunt pitches, feats of athletic talent and crowd pleasing comedic routines that stired laughter from young and old.

SINOR, Walt, YOB: 1942, RA, E3-E4, F&AO, Det 27, JA62-JL63, (Betty), 6283 Laramie Cir., Chattanooga, TN 37421, waltersinor@yahoo.com



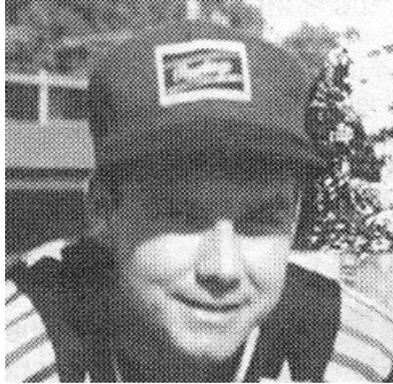
Walt has attended 7 reunions with the last being 2009

POTTS, Douglas R., (Doug), DOB: 1942, RA19722774, E3-E5 058, Tk#3, Det 27, SE62-3MR64, 10404 White Birch Dr., San Diego, CA 92131, 858-271-5776, born2rv@juno.com

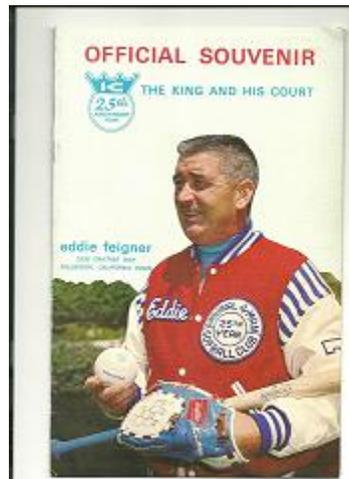


1963 Manzarali All-Star Softball Team

1st Row: 2nd from L, Jay Hunter, #11, 4th from L, Fred ?, #22 the pitcher & 5th from L, the Manager, Sgt Hicks 2nd row: 2nd from L, Doug Potts, #20. All others are not identified.



Doug Potts



Eddie Feighner

The King and His Court touring team played over ten thousand softball games in a hundred countries since the late 1940s and achieved widespread fame similar to that of the [Harlem Globetrotters](#). Feigner's meticulous records claim 9,743 victories, 141,517 strikeouts, 930 no-hitters and 238 perfect games. [The Washington Post](#) described him as "the greatest softball pitcher who ever lived."

On February 18, 1967, Feigner appeared in a celebrity charity softball game against many [Major League](#) players. In the game Feigner struck out [Willie Mays](#), [Willie McCovey](#), [Brooks Robinson](#), [Roberto Clemente](#), [Maury Wills](#), and [Harmon Killebrew](#) all in a row.

Doug played Shortstop on the Court for 4 season's and now has his own Insurance Agency in California.

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Feigner died in February 2007 in [Huntsville, Alabama](#). He is buried in the [Huntsville Memory Gardens Cemetery](#).

"The King and His Court" was a four-man team: pitcher, catcher, first baseman, and shortstop. When asked why the team had four members, Feigner answered that they couldn't play with three: if all three got on base, there would be no one available to come to bat.

I first contacted Doug Potts on 24 January 2002 and subsequent contact appeared in DOOL's. Doug was one of the better jock straps to serve at Det 27. Later he played short field on the KING AND HIS COURT 4-man touring softball team. Also on that team was Jay Hunter, another Det 27 - 058, who was the KINGS catcher. Doug says that he has his BIO saved in WORD and will get it along with photo's of his 1968-69 and 1982-83 tenure with the KING. Said that his salary in 1968 was 18K a year and that the Major League Baseball minimum in 1968 was 12K. Wow! The BIO of Doug Potts will, hopefully, be in DOOL #136.

DOUG POTTS ASSURES ME THAT HE WILL PUT TO WORDS HIS BIO AND ADD TO WHAT IS LISTED ABOVE

TAYLOR, Dan, YOB: 1935, 98J, SP6, Det 4, AU61-JL62 & CW3, JA70-DE70, 110 Walker Rd., Shirley, MA 01464, 978-425-2272, cw3usasaret@comcast.net Ret, USA, CW3

Sinop, Turkey - The Lonely Life On The Hill **(from the June 1973 edition of The Hallmark)** **Courtesy of Dave Shively**

In the fall and winter bone-numbing winds lash the Turkish-American radar site that stands like a beacon high above the ancient Black Sea port of Sinop, Turkey. "The Hill," as it is known to the changing contingents of troops stationed here, was created centuries before the arrival of man - the product of a geologic convulsion that left a slender promontory jutting into the sea. Although a thriving Greek settlement at the time of Diogenes, the salty iconoclast born there during the fourth century B.C., the city today is on the remote fringe of NATO's southeastern flank.

The physical ruggedness of the site, and its off-the-beaten track location 900 feet above the sea, leave impressions that men who work here carry with them the rest of their lives.

"They tell me you always remember a tour on 'The Hill.' After a winter here I know why. The wind howls incessantly. Half the time we're squatting in a cloud bank. When it snows the flakes fly horizontally," said a junior officer who has developed an appreciation for the neat, snug little base and the rough-hewn beauty of the

surrounding terrain. "In the summer it's quite pleasant. On a clear night we see the lights of Sinop twinkling below us."

Not everyone shares his enthusiasm, but a surprising number of men seem to be philosophical about a tour at Sinop and many acquire a strange fascination for the assignment, once they become accustomed to the isolation and the unusual setting. The remoteness is something that is sensed from the day the new arrival flies into the Black Sea port of Samsun aboard a two-engine Turkish Airlines (THY) plane.

From Samsun he has time to savor the rugged beauty of the coastal terrain, as he rides the base bus on the lone road to Sinop, a rough and winding three-hour trip on a route that never strays far from the sea.

To make up for the isolation, the base has been equipped with many of the amenities found back home. During the summer, Ataturk Field is lighted for evening softball. The gymnasium, handball courts, bowling alleys and steam bath are open year round.

For men who wish to indulge in pursuits of the mind, the education office schedules university and high school courses and the library offers 10,000 volumes - a larger selection than normal for a base the size of Sinop.

The biweekly newspaper, "The Diogenes," (handset by Turkish printers who do not read English) chronicles on-base and off-base activities.

The theatre, now receiving the latest movies from the Armed Forces Motion Picture Service, is one of the most popular places on base.

Regularly scheduled chapel tours are run to Trabazon, an ancient community on the Black Sea, and to Izmir, the historic city on the Aegean. The "White Boat," a Turkish cruise ship that travels between Sinop and Istanbul twice a week, is particularly inviting to men on "The Hill," with its reasonable \$25 round-trip tab for military personnel.

Most men on leave take the bus as far as Samsun, where they book flights on THY to Ankara, Istanbul and Europe. During the one-year tour many personnel manage to make at least one trip home via chartered air - round-trip fare that usually runs less

than \$250.

Two four-place U8 aircraft maintained at a nearby field are used for limited runs to Samsun and Istanbul. In Sinop, a city of 16,000, the Yeni (New) Hotel restaurant is a popular rendezvous for Americans who order donner kebab, roast lamb built up from thin layers on a thick spike.

Next to eating, souvenir hunting in Sinop shops and boar hunting in the region around Sinop are favored diversions.

But it was Diogenes, born about 320 B.C., who put Sinop on the map with his wit and showmanship, the most famous act being his search with a lantern in broad daylight for an honest man. It gets lonely. Only a handful of servicemen, (204), are assigned to the site from TUSLOG, Det 4. One hundred and sixty nine live off post and most of them do so because they paid to transport their families overseas.

Because there are no family quarters and no dependant school on base, a tour to Sinop is unaccompanied. As a result, servicemen who choose to be accompanied must pay their wives' transportation from the United States. Most men consider the separation from their homes and their families the most undesirable aspect of duty on "The Hill."

"It wouldn't be bad at all if we could have our families with us," said a junior NCO. "It's okay. You eventually get used to it. But the winter really drags. Especially during the bad weather, when the roads become a quagmire, and we don't get mail for a week," said a single soldier with a girl friend back home.

Army Lieutenant Colonel C.D. Crowell, former commanding officer of TUSLOG, Det 4 and installation commander, urges men to get off "The Hill" as often as possible. "The biggest problem here is providing something for the individual to do when he's off duty," another officer said.

Summer is the most pleasant season in Sinop and it's during summer that most men take leave for travel in Turkey and Europe. The base bus, departing daily at 5:30 a.m., offers the quickest link to Europe via Turkish Airlines at Samsun.

Throughout the 120 miles it's a thrilling ride along the rugged coast where birds of

prey soar from steep cliffs. Conspicuous by their absence are the resort hotels which now mark similar coastal regions across much of the globe. Reactions vary. Going to or coming from Sinop, individuals' reactions run the gamut.

Although his outlook is hardly typical, Specialist 5 Philip B. Bird, en route to Atlanta to visit his pregnant wife, offered an appraisal of his tour at Sinop which may be food for thought. "Duty on the Hill isn't bad at all. I've traveled to a number of small towns in the vicinity of Sinop and I've grown very fond of the Turkish people," Bird said. "In the summer there are plenty of things to occupy your off-duty time. The beach rented by Special Services on the isthmus is delightful." "A lot of guys complain. But a tour on the Hill makes them learn to live by themselves. In this sense an assignment such as this helps them grow up."

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Winkie & Bobbie Winkler at 2010 reunion

My friend Winkie Winkler called me last week and informed that he was home after an 18 day stay in a Cincinnati hospital. He is feeling much better and is looking forward to the trip to Charleston, SC for the reunion and also the trip to the Bahamas.

Winkie has BS from OHIO U, Athens 1959, MBA University of Dayton, 1966. Has two sons, an optometrist and a lawyer, and 5 grandchildren.

I first contacted Winkie on 1 March 2003. Had a degree in math before enlisting in the ASA. Was assigned to a C/A (981) class about a week or so after it had started. Finished first in his class with George Barger and Glen Austin 2nd and 3rd respectively and thought that they would get the choice assignment of somewhere in Germany - but instead all three got SINOP. He and George Barger flew 1st

Class to Esenboga Airport outside Ankara and then took a taxi to the Det 4 processing unit in Ankara where Fat Freddy Helton was in charge. They stayed in Ankara for several days until they rode to Sinop with the Brit's in a Land Rover and were introduced to the mud on the hill.

On subsequent 3 day passes they found out that Fat Freddy more or less controlled the Lira Exchange and it was rumored that he was deep into Black Market. Fred had been an Infantryman in the Korean War and had been seriously wounded and that his lower jaw was supported by a rubber band. Freddy was still there when Winkie rotated and had learned that he was there in July 1958 and possibly earlier. Harold's George's and Glen's boss at Sinop was CW3 Borelaw Filipczyk and after Filipczyk returned to the states and retired, CPT Gerald Dirx was their operations officer. Dirx was part American Indian and everyone used to get his goat by yelling Geronimo whenever he was in earshot.

Remembers that every month they were told that if there was a gas attack they would have to run to the supply room and secure their gas mask which was hanging from the ceiling. Captain Donald Aines, the Supply Officer, was a veteran of the Korean War and Winkie remembers the time Aines scolded a young LT for wearing a ribbon that he was not authorized, leading to the officer's assignment of Security Officer in charge of the MP's and the yeni guards.

Sometime during their tour several GI's were found with a large banner that read "THE ARMY SUCKS"., etc. The bellicose 1SG was Boyd Crawford. He had been having trouble with the troops locking him out of his tent and leaving signs that said "have nine more days and nine more locks." Of course he went through the personnel records to see who had nine days left. Someone even drove a cow through the fence and herded it into his tent. The CO knew of the padlocking and the banner was confiscated as evidence - they apparently figured that they had caught the harassing ringleader.

The court martial paperwork was prepared charging seditious conspiracy, against several GI's, based on US Code title 18, chapter 115 - - - If two or more persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to put down..... the Government of the United States.... or to oppose by force the authority thereof.....shall each be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.

The paperwork was drawn up and turned over to the Det 66-1 commander, 1LT Kosmider, a West Pointer, for action. He reviewed the charges and promptly dismissed it as crossing the line of reasonableness and threw it out of court. The fellows that Winkie worked with were George Barger and Glen Austin. Also Richard Casteel from Cleveland Tennessee, Phil Lemense, Joe Saukas, Sgt Phil Humphries and Dick Willet.

If we were lucky we'd get a 3 day pass and get to fly in the L-19 and L-20 aircraft. The Lt and WO who were the assigned pilots used to initiate a mock dogfight in the air to the amusement of everyone at Sinop. Winkie was told that the LT later got killed in a crash somewhere in the general area. If we didn't fly, it was a 12 hour ride in the back of a deuce and a half.

Have only had minor contact with other alumni since leaving the ASA, I worked for IBM Federal Systems Division in Bethesda, switched to RCA Govt. Marketing in Dayton and then spent 28 years at Champion Paper in Hamilton, Ohio. Took early retirement in 1994 and joined the Dayton ECRC (Electronic Commerce Resource Center) then.

Retired for good in December 2000 and travel a lot. Sure would like to get together with some of the early 60's crowd from the hill. I still have my set of postcards and some other photos. Even have trays of slides that I kept. Besides folks, I am interested if anyone can remember our marching chants as we marched to and from class at Devens. I know it wasn't sound off. Read a post on one of these pages about the Turkish navy visit in the summer. Remember it well. That was some party. The NCOs were mad the Turks didn't visit their club. Surfing the web for info I ran into the NASAA home page and was really excited to see it, especially Bill Simons page. I don't remember Bill Simons that much, but did spend time in the

photo lab and remember the description of his knife sheath. It's amazing how many of us from the 60 and 61 time period have postings on his website.