

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #280

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.



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 asagreenhornet@comcast.net 1SG, Ret

A lot of people have asked how I got the nickname of Green Hornet (gH). Well, here's the way it happened: In June 1966 I arrived at Manzarali Station and was the NCOIC of the exceptional TA section under the leadership of CW2 Eugene C. Cram. We initially lived in Ankara and commuted to Site 23 on the Blue Varan Mercedes buses until our 1963 VW Bug arrived to Istanbul. I can't remember the exact date, but one morning I came to work and upon entering the TA section immediately spotted the above taped to the back of my chair. I smiled and proceeded to get caught up on the overnite activities and was briefed by the trick chief. After the briefing I asked about the badge on my chair. He didn't know anything about it and I dropped the subject and just let the badge intact to the chair. In fact – I liked it! To this day I do not know who took the time out from his off-duty time to order the badge and then tape it to my chair.

INFO ABOUT THE 2017 REUNION

I am overjoyed to announce that the **2017** ASA Turkey reunion will be held in the Pigeon Forge or Gatlinburg area and will be hosted by Dean & Debbie Lapp and Chuck & Helen Bergmann. This is a huge relief for me. Dean assisted in the 2016 reunion selection site as he toured 5 hotel's in Akron, OH and now knows the ins/outs of what the requirements are. See Dean's comments in the MAIL call section of this DOOL.

IN SICK BAY – Ernie Carrick



Two old-timers at the 2015 reunion, Ernie Carrick & Elder Green



Ernie Carrick at the 2015 North Charleston reunion



Tim Carrick, Ernie's youngest son at the Charleston reunion in 2015

Ernie had double bypass surgery on 21 January 2016 in Huntsville, AL. He was doing good until 25 January when he took a turn for the worse and was admitted the CVICU. His progress was slow, tests after tests and he was on and off a oxygen breathing machine several times. On 29 January his vital signs were good but he could not fully wake up. He remained in the ICU at Huntsville until 23 February when he was moved to Nashville, TN and admitted to the Select Specialty Hospital which is a acute long-term care hospital. I talked with Ernie on 28 February and his spirits were up And he was talking about going home soon.

Ernie's son Mike informs that a lot of friends have inquired about helping him with a donation. If you like you can go to Redstone Federal Credit Union and there is a savings account in his name that you can donate to. Even though Ernie has TriCare Health Coverage for life - I know he will appreciate all charitable contributions. Thanks for all the prayers and hopefully he will be back home in Huntsville in a month or so.

His address is: Ernie Carrick, Select Specialty Hospital, 2000 Hayes St., Nashville, TN 37203-2318, Room 5512, Tel: 615-284-5591

IN SICK BAY

SIMONS, William W., (Bill), YOB: 1936, RA, PFC, 058, Det 4, DE59-DE60, (Anne), 155 Newbolds Corner Rd., Southampton, NJ 08088, 609-859-9483, billsimons@yahoo.com



Bill Simons – 1959



Bill Simons – 2008

BILL SIMONS IS THE ONE WHO LAUNCHED THE DET 4 WEBPAGE ON THE INTERNET IN 1999 AND HAS MAINTAINED THE DOOL (<http://dool-1.tripod.com>). This webpage will go away in June 2016, but thanks to Chuck Bergmann I will have that data available for research, etc on USB drives.

Hi Elder,

I go to the VA clinic at Fort Dix (about 20 minutes from my house) once a year for an annual checkup and have been surprised to see signs on some buildings for "ASA" services of one sort or another. It turns out that ASA now stands for Army Support Activities. Bill

Bill later informed me that he has been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo chemotherapy to slow or stop the growth of rapidly dividing cancer cells in his body. Thus, keep Bill Simons in your prayers- -gH

2016 ASA TURKEY REUNION

WHERE: Dayton, Ohio

HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dayton/South
I-675, 7701 Washington Village Dr., Dayton, OH
45459



DATES: 11-14 September 2016

Sunday thru Wednesday - SAVE THESE DATES

Room rates: \$92.00 + 13.25% Tax = \$104.19

To make reservations: Call 1-800-439-4745 OR 937-938-9550. You will be asked your name and address, etc., room type preference—King or 2 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.

There will be two outings sked for the reunion. One will be a visit to the USAF Aviation Museum and the other will be to the LaComedia Dinner Theatre. To learn more about these two excursions Google each.

If you plan on coming in 1 or 2 days early or stay a day or 2 after the reunion the rates will be the same as for the reunion. Please inform the sales person at the lobby that you are part of the ASA Turkey reunion to get those room rates.

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)

Below is the planned 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.

I recommend that those attending the reunion call 1-800-221-8235 and request that a DESTINATION DAYTON 2016 VISITORS GUIDE be sent to you. Also GOOGLE what to do or see in the DAYTON area and PLAN AHEAD accordingly.

Day 1 Sunday – 11 September - Check in time is 1500 hours. The Badges and Registration for the reunion will be inside the hospitality room which will include the Carnation and Buckeye rooms.

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. The evening meal plan is to walk to the Chop House which is next to the Holiday Inn.

Luther and Edna Jones 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 12 September

A buffet style breakfast will be available in the lobby area and all can take their food trays to the nearby hospitality room where everyone can mingle and get to know the others in attendance.

We will depart the hotel at approximately 0900 am or thereabouts and car pool to the world's largest and oldest MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM and Ohio's most visited free attraction that covers 17 acres of hangar space that includes 360 aerospace vehicles.



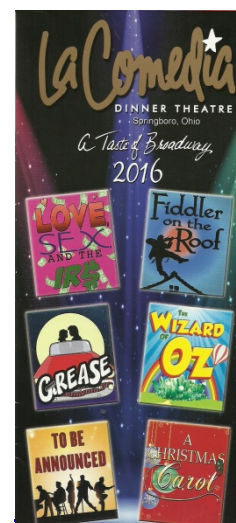
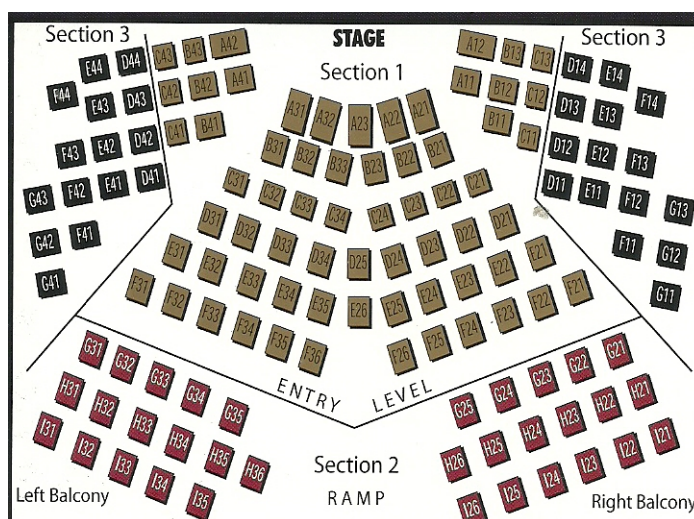
Day 3 Tuesday, 13 September 2016

A buffet 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 are no scheduled morning activities for 13 September.

At approximately 4:30 pm we will car pool to the La Comedia Dinner Theatre at Springboro, OH for a meal between 5:30 – 6 pm and then attend a Broadway Show shortly thereafter. The cost per person is \$44 per person.



The plan is to be seated in section 1 or 2

Above is the LaComedia Dinner Theatre layout. I hope to reserve the Section 1 area near the stage for this outing/

There are so many things to see and do in Dayton. Please do some homework and search on the internet what's available –

Day 4, Wednesday, 14 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

THE BANQUET WILL BE A BUFFET STYLE MEAL HELD IN THE - ROOMS.

CREATE YOUR OWN BUFFET MEAL – COST: \$35. per person
Please enter the number () desired for each person.

Salad (Choose 1, but not more than 2 – for married)

- ☐ Caesar Salad – (Tossed w/Croutons & Fresh Grated Parmesan)
- ☐ Balsamic Blue Cheese Chopped Salad – (Tossed w/Avocado, Bacon, Tortilla Strips, Onions, & Diced Tomato)

Entrees (Choose 1, but not more than 2 – for married)

- ☐ Prime Rib (Slow Roasted for 12 hours, served Au Jus)
- ☐ Grilled Chicken Parmesan (Topped w/Fresh Mozzarella & Marinara)
- ☐ Fall-Off-The Bone BBQ Baby Back Ribs

Vegetables (Choose 3, but not more than 6 - for married)

- ☐ Mashed potatoes
- ☐ Parmesan Creamed Spinach
- ☐ Baked Cinnamon Apples
- ☐ Steamed Broccoli
- ☐ Rice Pilaf
- ☐ Mac 'N' Cheese

Dessert (Choose 1, but not more than 2 – for married)

- ☐ Assorted Desserts

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 smoothly 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.

WE ARE SEEKING THE ENTERTAINMENT FOR AFTER THE BUFFET MEAL AND HOPE TO FIND IT SOON

-----CUT-----
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 Dinner & Show: \$44 per person. TOTAL: ____
Wednesday nite BANQUET meal at \$30 per person: TOTAL: ____
REUNION TOTAL: ____

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ANDRESS, Chris, DOB: 18AP1944 in Pine Bluff, AR - DOD: 4MR2002, 57y, in Van
Buren, MO SP5. 05H, Det 4-4,JA70-MY72, (Paula), Van Buren, MO



Crystal "Chris" Lee Andress III
April 18, 1944 - March 4, 2002

Chris served in the ASA from February 1968 to May 1972. He was trained at Fort
Devens as a Morse code intercept operator and his first assignment was to Vietnam

Phu Bai was a small enclave in Thua Thien Province due South Quang Tri Povince on Highway
One. Phu Bai was originally home to a small Army Security Agency unit known as Detachment J, 3rd
RRU. Quartering party elements of this unit arrived there in January, 1963. Much later, in March,
1965, General Westmorland ordered the Marines to establish it as the second Marine Corps camp in
Vietnam. A thousand Marines spent a month there digging in and filling a million sand bags before
Westmorland allowed them to move out and head for areas like Gio Linh, Con Thien, Cam Lo and
Khe Sanh. It grew to be quite a large base, with excellent riverine facilities. But after the Marines left,
it was under Army control. In Marine lore it was the Acapulco or Venice that the Marines built as an
Army rest home. This is an exaggeration, as is often the case in Marine Lore. The Army was there
long before the Marines and remained after they left. It wasn't, but it was a constant thorn in the heel
of the Marines that toiled there in the sand bag capitol of Vietnam.

Crystal "Chris" Lee Andress III

Crystal "Chris" Lee Andress III was born to Julia Lee Brannan Andress and the late Crystal Lee Andress Jr., on April 18, 1944, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He died on March 4, 2002, in Van Buren, Missouri.

Chris graduated from California State University at Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science degree in police science and administration.

Chris served his country in the United States Army from February 1968 to May 1972. Trained as a Morse Interceptor at Ft. Devens, MA, he served in Vietnam at Phu Bai from November 1968 to November 1969 participating in the 1969 TET Counter Offensive. Following his Vietnam tour, he was stationed at Karamusel Common Defense Installation in Turkey from January 1970 to May 1972. He was honorably discharged in May of 1972 and returned to civilian life.

Chris began his career with the NPS in 1964 as a seasonal fire control aid in Grand Teton National Park, WY. His career spanned thirty-five years until his retirement as superintendent, of Ozark National Scenic Riverways in 2002. Chris worked in Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park and Petrified Forest National Park. He served as Chief Ranger for the old Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia, PA, and as the Chief Ranger for the National Park Service in Washington DC.

After a whirlwind romance of six weeks, Chris was united in marriage to Paula M. Lenzen in Coeur d'Alene, ID on November 8, 1966. Chris and Paula have two daughters, Jennifer Fellman of Minneapolis, MN, married to Craig W. Fellman, and Katherine Andress of Flagstaff, AZ; a son Murray Andress of Flagstaff, AZ, married to Gina Ross Andress; two granddaughters, Lily Kate Andress, Olivia Lee Andress and a grandson, Jack Andress Fellman. Chris' mother Julia and brothers Stephen Andress and Scott Andress reside in Pine Bluff and Little Rock, AR.

Throughout his career, Chris demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and abilities that he shared with all he met. He provided opportunities for employees to grow and succeed. His legacy can be described in many ways, but his love of family and his devotion to them was the cornerstone of his love for the entire National Park Service family and friends whose hearts he touched.

MAIL call

CARVALHO, Joe, E3-E5, 058, Det 27, MY64-NO65, Kapaau, HI
COMROE, Mike, E4, 059, Det 27, JL61-22DE62, Audubon, PA
ERKKILA, John, E4-E5, 059, Det 27, JL62-AU62, Det 4, SE62-JL63, Brevard, NC
GLICK, Jim, E5, 71H30, Det 4-4, OC68- Porter, TX
HARBER, Jim, PFC-SP5, 058, Det 27, 62-63, Datesville, AL

JAFFE, Judy, widow of Ret LtCol Larry Jaffe, E3-E4 058 at Det 4, 61-62, Vienna, VA
 KNIEF, Ron, E5, 286, Det 4, 1959, Bessemer, MI
 LAPP, Dean, E3-E4, MP, Det 4, JA66-DE66, Medina, OH
 OSSWALD, Buzz, E5, 989/991/98J, Det 4, 64-65, Hudson, NY
 RIDGEWAY, Larry, Det 4, 72-73 & 82-83, Stockdale, PA
 ROOSEVELT, Dick, E4, 204, Det 4, 59, Manchester, VT
 SILVIA, Philip, SP4, Det 27, AU63-FE65, Denville, NJ

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Bottom row: Gil Mattox, Dean Baird, Byron Hett, SSG Tom Miller, Ken Ryder, Tim Keller, Lynn Seabury
 Middle row: Jack Street, Mike Williams, Joe Carvalho, Colman Lalka, Orville Wolfe, Bob Dandridge, ? Mobry, Top row: Everett Hollenbeck, Steve MacCartan, Lee Wagoner, Ron Waltemyer, ? Clark, Calvin Pope & Frank Renosky

I just want to thank you guys for putting out the monthly DOOL---great stories and pictures!!!! aloha, joe carvalho

ERKKILA, John, DOB: JA1943, RA15656588, E4-E5, 059, Det 27, JL62-AU62, Det 4, SE62-JL63, (Linda), 17 Sheffield Pl., Brevard, NC 28712, 828-883-3373, john98@citcom.net –



John Erkkila from Facebook

COMROE, Mike, YOB: 1939, RA13693057, SP4, 059, TK#4, Det 27. JL61-22DE62, (Jane), 205 Pinetown Rd., Audubon, PA 19403, 610-666-7402, pennstateblue@verizon.net



Brian Comroe & his proud mother Jane

Our older son Brian Scott Comroe, a special education teacher residing in Rehoboth Beach, DE graduated February 6, 2016 with his commencement ceremony held in Wilmington, DE. Brian graduated from Wilmington University with a Doctor Of Education degree with Magna Cum Laude honors archiving having a perfect 4.0 GPA. Above is a picture of Brian in his commencement gown with his proud mother. (my picture came out too ugly to post)

GLICK, James D., SP5, 71H30, Det 4-4, OC68-. (Marianne), 16308 Holly St., Porter, TX 77365

Sgt Green, I'm not really sure of this, but it seems that when I arrived at Karamursel 4-4 You were just leaving. I think. If so I vaguely remember you since I remember (for some unknown reason) a lot of the guys that spent time there for the 22 months and 18 day I was there. I handled the 201's in personnel.

I was a 71H30 management specialist. WO1 Junior Wascher was the personnel officer, Wilbur Rodkey was the company first shirt, Miles, the spook, Maj Edward Cima Commanding Officer. Then Stanley Owens, replaced Sgt Rodkey when he went PCS stateside.

I have been able so far to make contact with Jesse Watson and Larry Harris. I ran into some ASA peeps in Reno a few years back. They were old guys like us and in Uni. Quite a chat with them. I am one of the ones that read the DOOLs that you put out and am constantly trying to find others in my unit. I was the one that sent Rod Isler on his way. (Did his paperwork). We played golf together there on post. I had SO many good times there and was so glad that they levied me into the ASA. There were 13 of us that went to AHS from Fort Polk. After much more testing and interviewing nine were returned to DA and promptly went to Viet Nam. Of the four that were kept, a draftee went to Petaluma, CA, Glen Helfrich went to Chitose, Japan, one stayed there at AHS with the AG and I went to Karamursel. John Luchic went to Det 4. I was sent there to initiate EXPERT. Don't even know whatever happened to that program. Expanded Personnel Records Technique. Worked while I was there, but you really had to stay on top of every record change.

I'll not bore you with too much more. I just wanted to thank you for what you have been doing all these years to make those of us that can't get to the reunions for whatever reason keep in touch. I didn't even know that there were reunions until a year or so ago. Since I retired I have been busy raising my grandchildren that my wife and I adopted. LONG STORY. Another time another place. Hopefully a reunion can be held somewhere in the great southwest. Respectfully, SP5 James D. Glick

P.S.: Whenever anyone asks where Porter is, I just smile and tell them it about 15 or so miles SW of Cut and Shoot.. (Really just barely N of Houston)

Sgt Green (if I may call you Elder):

You were just about to leave when I arrived at Tuslog Det 4-4. I arrived 9Nov just prior to your PCS to "Nam When I saw/heard your name I knew that I had heard it before. I guess it takes a little time for the fog of 49-49 years t clear up.

It's funny how I can remember a lot of the guys names, as well as their middle initials. I guess that if you handle their records enough then it gets imbedded in your data banks.

I have attempted to find some of the guys that were stationed there with me, but a lot of them just dropped off the map. I think that you probably remember Sp5 John Baudendistel? In personnel. and sot of blond. Sort of loud. Maybe Hildebrand the company clerk? Replaced by Jerry Jordan in Nov when we arrived.

Well, going to close for now. Thanks in for all the effort that you put in to keeping the Det's 27-4- and 4-4 alive and kicking. I know some of the guys that I was with are deceased. Some of the ones t you set aside of the "Taps" section, I didn't know, but I did enjoy reading their "stories". Those stories aren't just stories...they are part of our Tuslog histories. Jim Glick

GLUBKA, Roger Allen, YOB: 1944,72B, Det 27, FE64-6AU65, (Michelle), 19 Stoneleigh Way, San Antonio, TX 78218, 210-281-8029, rclubka@TWE.COM

Elder, I forgot what they called the maintenance workers that rode these three wheeled bikes but here I am sitting on one.



Roger Glubka at Det 27 in 1964



**Billy Hall & Roger Glubka in front of Turkish Rolls Royce
at fun days at Det 27 in 1964**



4th of July 1964 at Manzarali Station

Elder,

Don't remember any of these guys name except Bill Hall –I'm kneeling in front! Roger

HARBER, James A., PFC-SP5, 058, Det 27, 19MY62-27OC63, (Helen), 1724 Still Waters Dr., Datesville, AL 38653, 678-545-3695, jimharber@juno.com



The ticket on back of the Reunion Badges was a "General Admission" ticket to a Museum... which at that time was relatively cheap. I cannot remember where I got these... If it was in Ankara, it had to be the Museum near the Citadel which featured some of the Hittite Ruins..



Above is photo of SP5 Jim Harber in the summer of 1963 at Manzarali Station. Those were the good-old-days and the khaki uniform made one look like a soldier.. Jim reminds all to observe the scrawny trees in the background and the memories of those who took their frustrations out on them qfter a few beers at the NCO Club. [edited] Hello Elder, We've been staying busy... trying to take advantage of

JAFFE, Judy, widow of Ret LtCol Larry Jaffe who was a E3-E4 058 at Det 4, SE61-SE62, Vienna, VA

Elder, thank you so much for the lovely tribute to Chuck Courtney. Unfortunately Doris does not use the computer so will not see this, but I will be sure to tell her and see if

there is some way her daughter or son can show it to her.

I absolutely LOVED the two pictures you put up in the tribute of Larry and I. I do not think I have these particular ones....is there any way you can send them to me? I thought perhaps I could pull them off the DOOL, but could not. Thanks so much. Judy

KNIEF, Ron, YOB: 1936, RA17521630, 286, Det 4, 1959, 210B N. Sophie St., Bessemer, MI 49913, ronknief@charter.net

Yo Elder!

I enjoyed the opening segment re: "YOU CAN LEAVE THE MILITARY -- BUT IT NEVER REALLY LEAVES YOU." While there's some I don't agree with, I especially remember the rhythm of the marching to school each morning which, I'm certain, heightened the the sense of camaraderie that permeates one in the military and later in memory. Whenever one gets together with a fellow veteran, the stories just start pouring out and that sense returns. R.A. Knief U.S. Army retired

LAPP, Dean A., YOB: 1944, RA15733828, E3-E4, MP, Det 4, 10JA66-21DE66, (Debbie). 3629 Trails End Dr., Medina, OH 44256, 330-289-1689, lappda@hotmail.com

The 3 photo' below were taken on 29 January 2016 at Pancho & Lefty's restaurant in Stow, OH. It was the last day of our search for the location for the 2016 reunion.



L-R: Ralph & Carol Greene and Patty & Elder Green



L-R: Ralph & Carol Greene, Patty & Elder Green, Dean & Debbie Lapp and Helen & Chuck Bergmann



L-R: Dean & Debbie Lapp and Helen & Chuck Bergmann

February 3, 2016

FM: Dean Lapp

Elder Green

Commander

ASA Turkey Reunion Group

Ref.: 2017 Reunion Location & Host(s)

Dear Elder,

Chuck Bergmann and I will volunteer to host the 2017 ASA Turkey Reunion. We will assume all responsibilities. We will try to schedule the dates to coincide with the fall leaves changing of color. We will stay away from all holidays. The site that we have chosen is Gatlinburg, TN with Pigeon Forge being the backup location.

One or both of us will be going down to Gatlinburg in May of this year to visit four hotels in Gatlinburg and one hotel in Pigeon Forge. We will visit the local restaurants, the theatres in Pigeon Forge, Dolly World, The Great Smokey Mountain Nation Park

Service Office, and most of the attractions in both cities. Our goal is to have a large variety of things to do and see. We have made a list of the things that we will need to organize before leaving in May and a list of things that we must do while in Gatlinburg. We want the 2017 Reunion organized and ready to go by the 2016 Reunion in Dayton.

As you are well aware, it takes a lot of individual time, effort, energy to put together a reunion of this size. Plus, the out of pocket expenses that we will accrue when we visit the chosen sites. We both are very willing to do this, however, we need something in writing from you giving us the authority to plan the 2017 Reunion and guaranteeing us that at the last minute you wouldn't choose another location.

Based on the e-mail copy that you sent me from "Lisa Willis", it certainly sounds like you did a great job in Dayton, Ohio. We are looking forward to seeing you and Patty and everyone else at the ASA Dayton Reunion. Sincerely yours, Dean A. Lapp, A Retired Gentleman

OSSWALD, Buzz (Ozzie), YOB: 1943, E5, 989/991/98J, Det 4, FE64-JN65, (Norene), 28 Greendale Rd., Hudson, NY 12534, 518-828-6492, buzzman66@hotmail.com

Hi Elder.....Happy New Year !

I hope this note finds all well with you and Patty. Two weeks ago Norene said to me "

You know, I've never

been to Ohio. We should go. " I just saw the new DOOL and immediately called her in to the computer and said

" Now's your chance ! " This sounds great....barring anything unforeseen you can count on us !

Again I hope all's well with you and Patty.

Buzz Osswald (Ozzie)

PIELKO, Ted, YOB: 1947, RA16907321, 95B, Det 4, FE69-71, (Donna), 1515 E. Canterbury Dr., Arlington Hts., IL 60004, 847-590-5771, vietnamveteran@comcast.net

Surprise, surprise. A Sinop veteran named Ted Pielko (tpko@msn.com) contacted me in May 1962 and I posted his email in DOOL #68. It quoted a Rush Limbaugh article about compensation between 9/11 victims and those who die serving the USA.

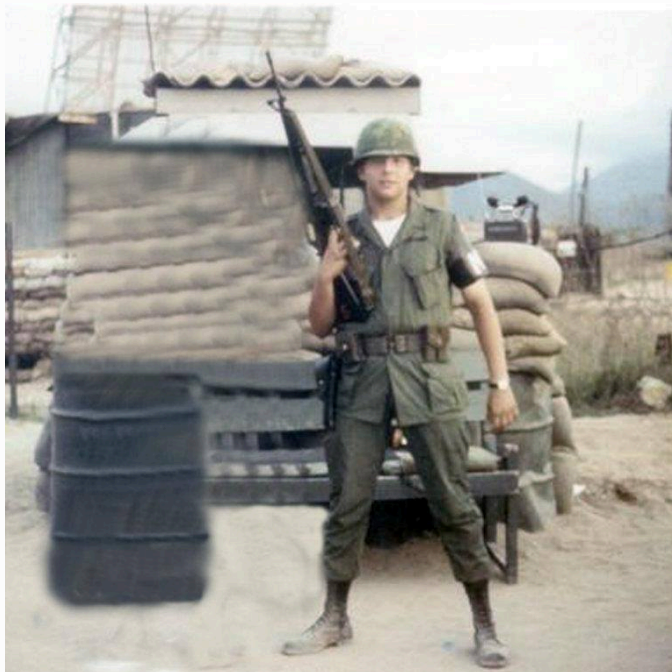
That was the last I heard from Ted Pielko until 1 January 2016 when he sent the following email:

HI, - TED PIELKO HERE. I WAS AT SINOP FROM 69-71. - - SECOND STATION AFTER VN (144TH RR) IS THERE A MEMBERSHIP PROCESS? TNX, TED

I answered his request and on 7 January 2016 Ted called and we had a lengthy chat and here's his memory of his 3 years and 7 months in the US Army.

He enlisted for duty with the ASA in September 1967 at Chicago, IL. Took basic at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and AIT at Fort Gordon where he received the MP MOS of 95B. His first assignment was to Vietnam where he landed at Bien Hoa Air Base and sent to the 90TH Processing Center at Long Binh for in country processing. Long Binh was a sprawling facility that once was the largest US Army base in Vietnam and where the 303rd Radio Research Bn was located and where Lt Col Claude Vannoy was the CO.

It was also simply called LBJ which originally stood for Long Binh Jail, but later referred to the president LBJ.



PFC Ted Pielko

Was assigned to the 144th Aviation Company at Nha Trang as an MP. It was part of the 224th Aviation (RR) Bn which also included the



Visible above is Nha Trang's runway # 12 with the bay in the background. Nha Trang , was a heavily defended base, serving as the home base for more than 40,000 troops at one time. The base was a seaside town situated in a valley, with warehouses and an airstrip to the east, a fuel storage area and hills to the west, and docks and storage facilities located to the south along the China Sea.



RIDGEWAY, Larry L. Det 4, 72-73 & 82-83, (Linda), 113 Railroad St., Stockdale, PA 15483, 724-938-2197, larrylin@zoominternet.net

Dear Elder, A small story of a time in Sinop. It was in 1972 -1973, my first time in Det 4 that I, working at Hippy as the Electronic Repair Parts Specialist, that I would sometimes return to Hippy and sit with the Operators, 98J I believe and watch them work. At the time one of them designed a hat and procured around 50, I am estimating and the personnel of Hippy bought them. I bought one and in later years lost or had stolen. A few weeks ago I was thinking of it when I did a search and found one. I contacted the man and he purchased it at an estate sale in Eastern Texas. So he did not know the name of the owner. I bought it from him and love it. The hat speaks for itself and only Hippy personnel should understand what the Starship means. Before I pass I may donate to the Cold War Museum or the other spy museum in Wash, DC. However here is a picture of the hat.



Larry Ridgway

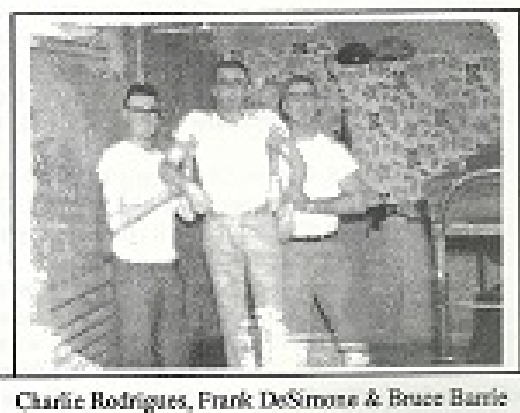
RODRIGUES, Charles, E4, Supply, Det 4, 59-60, (Patricia-dec), Myrtle Beach, SC, cro21539@yahoo.com



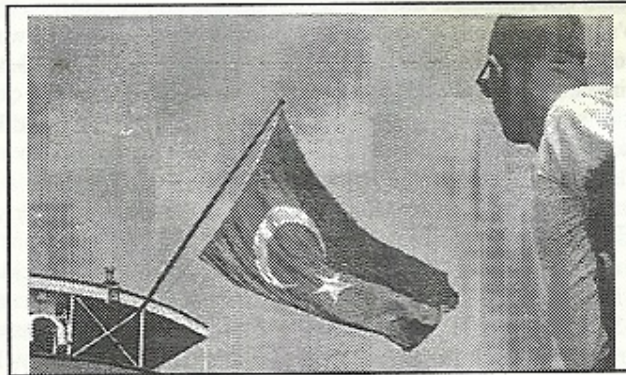
Thanx Elder! Appreciate it! Never found Bruce Barrie, but found another guy, Dave Putnam, who was on the hill! Lived in Alex Bay, NY and I never new it! Talked a bit, but was kinda quiet, like was not interested.



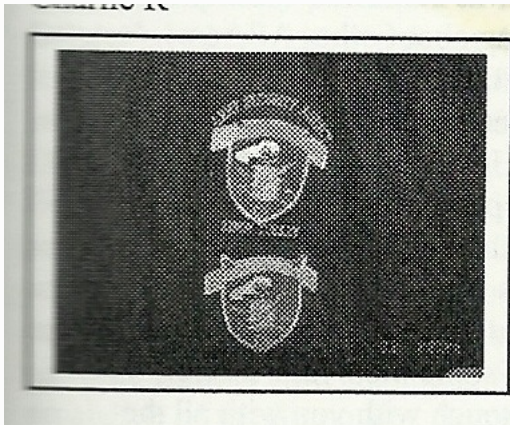
I lost my bride Patricia on 30 March 1915 after years of battling cancer. She was a tough gal, to the end. I hope I will be as strong when my turn comes. I just bought a winter home in Homosassa Fl. Close on April 1st. Living my summers at Brennan Beach, on Lake Ontario in a RV park. Love it there! This is the only way I communicate with you, because of my hearing loss. Thanx again, and stay healthy! You both are looking good! Living in Myrtle Beach now, for the winter. Heading home to NY May 1st.



at several nights he kicked Teasley's ass when he came back to the



Charlie Rodrigues on board a boat in Sinop harbor



The above 2 photo's are the patches that Charlie Rodrigues had sewn on 2 shirts that he sent to me.

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Hi

Just rec'd your DOOL 279 Thanks for your mention of Elliott Potter I've been able to reconnect with him The attached is a valuable piece of info. I followed up on my status with Social Security and found my 3 years of Service had not been considered when I applied for my SSA Benefits. Apparently after hearing my situation the SSA Rep, on the phone, that by producing my "Official DD214" to my local office (after they arranged an appointment) it should be possible to recoup approx. 14 years of benefits. I have no idea of the amount at this time but I am now in the middle of pursuing it. I would recommend any Vets who had served between 1957 and 2001 check to see if their Service during this period had been applied to their Benefits. A phone call to SSA's 800 number is normally listed in your phone book. Be prepared to wait about 40 minutesthey're busy I put my phone on "Speaker" and did other things while waiting. They were able to go to my account and see that my 3 yrs service had not been considered. Hopefully this will benefit some of our Friends.
Regards

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gH: Thanks Dick. If anyone needs additional info – please call or email Dick at the above listed numbers.

Even if you did not serve in the military; please send this on or inform people about this that you think served in the armed forces.

FYI YOU NEED TO READ THIS AND PASS ALONG TO ANY ONE I FORGOT IN THE GROUP OR OTHER VETERANS YOU KNOW

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Social Security Benefits for Veterans

Social Security and Military service between 1957 and 2001: The attached PDF highlights additional Social Security benefits available to service members by providing their DD214 to the Social Security Administration when applying for Social Security Retirement Benefits.

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My name is Philip A Silvia and I was a Spec4 while stationed at Det27.

Two weeks ago I got a call from Charles McClevish with whom I was stationed with at Det27. In the last 2 weeks he has introduced me to 4 more vets that were stationed there at the same time.

We have been sharing stories constantly since. Stories from the assassination of JFK to the coup in early 1963.

I wish I had known about the reunion in 2002. Have there been any reunions since. In the next few days I am going to find the many photos that I think I may still have.

Thank you for the info on DOOL.