

DAYS OF OUR LIVES #301

Happy new year

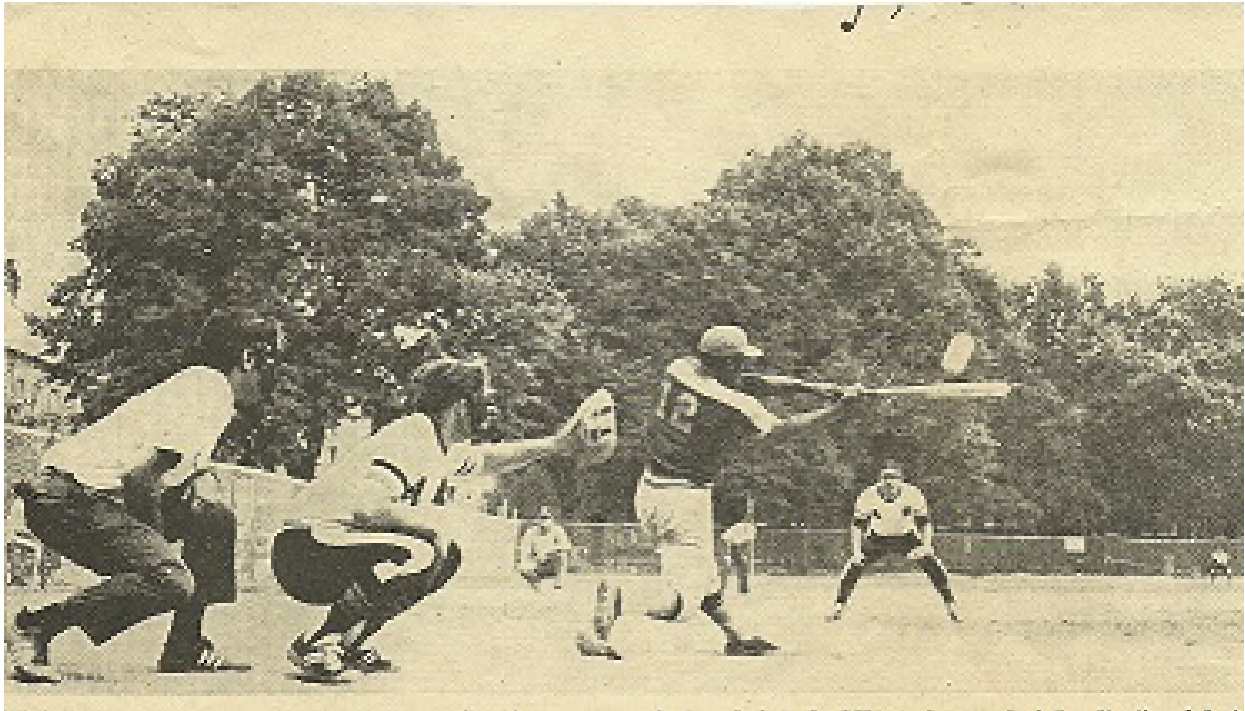
PRESERVING ASA TURKEY MEMORIES

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.

In this DOOL you will find info on the 2018 ASA Turkey reunion at Savannah, GA

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy 2018

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I copied this exciting action photo from the Berlin Observer, dtd August 22, 1975
The fast pitch game was between the 287th MP Co and Co A, Field Station Berlin - for the Berlin Brigade softball championship. The catcher was the late SSG Bobby Dance and the pitcher was SP5 Glenn Roell. That's me as the third baseman in this photo. Others on the team that I remember were SP5 Keith Gave at shortstop, Brady Bedford in the outfield and the chief cheerleader was SSG Ron (Snackbar) Hintz

THE 2018 ASA TURKEY REUNION
WILL BE
AT
HILTON GARDEN INN, SAVANNAH MIDTOWN
5711 Abercorn Street Savannah, GA
6-10 May 2018
To make your reservations
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The agenda and costs for the 2018 reunion will be posted in DOOL #302

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Elder, I want to send you a short bio to be included in your DOOL. I enlisted into the ASA in the summer of 1960 - took basic training at Ft Dix, NJ - then to Ft Devens for 058 & 059 Training that took 18 months to complete. My only tour of duty was in Turkey at a place called Manzarali Station Det 27 or Site 23. My best friend at Det 27 was Henry Francis Fawcett who was a P2 Rumanian linguist. He later was ordained as a Catholic priest. The late Jack Bailey and I were good friends from school at Devens

After discharge I was asked to work at the CIA and by late December I was cleared and at work.

I was extended at Det 27 due to the Cuban Crisis and that put me over my enlistment and I was discharged at Fort Hamilton in NYC and returned home in NJ. Spent some time at home and reported to CIA Hq's in VA. I took training and was there for the Kennedy assignation which put the nation into turmoil. I was station in VA for several years and had the chance to go to Iran. I spent many years there. I resigned from the CIA after 10 years. Went on to get a degree in an electronics field from DeVry Univ NJ. I went into private business using my degree and retired in 1963. I live in a Victorian home in NJ along the Delaware River just across from Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles H Bintliff

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Thanks for your efforts in supporting the DOOL.

Live east of San Diego, CA. Det 4 98J PFC-SP5, Feb67-Dec67...left hill xmas eve early to clear customs Istanbul via Mail boat yacht. "Stuck" there for 7 days due to admin custom's glitch....didn't even have to use annual leave.... Chitose SP5-SSG Feb68-Apr70. Extended 3 mos for new asst trick chief and family to arrive. Promoted

to SSG 3 yrs, 9 mos. They hoped I would stay in, but finishing college my priority, San Diego State U, 74, Electrical Engineer, DEPT Navy R&D 1974-2008. Small world, supported INSCOM company out of Ft. Bragg in the 1990's, had the SCI clearance and was given a tour of the 98J van.....so much had changed. FYI, the NSA museum has pictures of the Bankhead equipment work stations, and custom Ft. Meade based telemetry analysis equipment. Obviously all declassified, or it wouldn't be in the museum open to the public. Tim

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On 31 August 2013 I was able to call Tim Fitzgerald and had a very interesting chat with him regarding his tour of duty at Det 4 as a 98J.

This call was about Tim's email to Dan Taylor regarding his memory or rumor of September 1, 2013 personnel being shipped out of Sinop early without explanation or "in a mailbag". After reading the below – I will appreciate comments from ex-Turkey veterans about their knowledge about persons being shipped out early and without any explanation which might have led others to believe that they were shipped out "in a mailbag".

We now know that Bruce Mondahl was NOT shipped out in a mailbag, but under nom de plume.

There were two people shipped out swiftly during my stay Feb 67, to Jan 68. One individual spent considerable time (by comparison) downtown, rumor had it that he routinely broke curfew and returned after 8 pm by jumping the fence. Memory a bit dim, but he was alleged to have established a relationship with the shipbuilders (sailboats) daughter.....don't know if true, but CID became aware of contract on his head and overnight he was gone.....flown out, ergo rumor of "in a mailbag". Second incident, a GI upon his arrival (before Feb 1967) purported himself to be muslim, and he put on a really good act at prayer time in the barracks for the house boys.....rug, head to ground, chanting in Arabic, the whole routine. He also wore the small "Hilt Wore a "hitler" type mustache many of the locals had. Of course he wasn't, to him a humorous act. He also never drank during the day while the Turk's were on base, in particular, while they served at the club. This went on for a period of time (not sure now), but eventually he was found out, drinking at the club when he thought all the Turk's had left for the day is what I heard, and again, CID became aware of a similar contract, gone the next day.....flown out. Precise details unknown, except one day they were there, the next GONE. Of course some asked themselves the question, mmmh, a legitimate (?) mechanism of misunderstanding to get the 11 mos, 10 days cut short.....guess in the second case, we will never know..... There were two other incidents of people departing early. One of the 98J's starting wearing under his fatigues a large chain and padlock, bandolier style as a protest of sorts, who knows why, just different.

Refused to take it off, which escalated to a psyche eval, clearance suspension, and his departure. A second rather bizarre episode, an individual alternated hot showers and standing near naked outside during a cold windy winter's evening until he became sick, and was sent to Ankara with pneumonia. I don't recall if he came back or not.....

Within the BH community, only a couple of us left the Hill on leave or official status during our tour, most of the time too short handed. At one point a large Turkish pleasure yacht was commissioned to run between Sinop and Istanbul to compliment the scheduled aircraft flights. I and a couple other BH E-5's got a 5 day pass to Istanbul on its first round trip. Was a hell of a voyage, storm, 10m seas, but I didn't get sick. Great 3 days in Istanbul. Also applied for flight training, and I was flown to Ankara for flight physical. Otherwise, I was aware of no one taking leave mid tour.

Another story of pure luck.....as you may recall the USO sent entertainment groups, usually 2 or 3 dancers, one or more could usually sing fairly well, plus a German national who played the piano. He visited the Hill twice during my stay each time with different women. About a month or two before I left Sinop - the German and three Brit dancers came thru and of course were shown a "hell of a good time" on the Hill. The officers tried to "capture them", but the EM club showed them the best time.....

Due to custom office separate US/Turkish holiday schedules, those of us leaving at tours end took the yacht to Istanbul on Dec 26th ahead of our DEROS on 3 Jan 68. We were "stuck" TDY from 27th - 3rd there. We couldn't fly earlier, as our DEROS month could not be changed, and the earliest seats available in Jan were on the 3rd. Those of us in the group hired a local guide to drive us around each day, all the while on per diem, the most engaging city I have ever been in, bar none.....guess who was scheduled to play at the local base USO show our first night in town, the same group previously on the Hill. We had front row seats, the German recognized us and convinced the girls to go out with us to the Hilton after the show (which pissed off the local GI's to no end). He knew the head bartender and played in the top floor lounge for free in exchange for a few drinks until it closed. Everyone had such a great time it was repeated the next two night until the women flew back to England. A fitting end to a tour on the Hill. A paid vacation without having to use any leave time and in the company of very attractive English speaking women each evening,..... one thing I remember in particular, after months on the Hill with no women around at all (except AFEX Annie), the allure of subtle perfume, and sitting next to and dancing with someone who knew how to have a good time was downright intoxicating, irrespective of the booze, and no, I wish.....but wasn't that lucky..... Tim

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Hi Elder – I can't thank you enough for your wonderful phone call today, the 7th of December, a day that will be forever remembered by those WWII Vet's! I got nostalgic!! You brought back many memories of the 18 months I served at Manzarali Station from April 1963 to September 1964. In thinking about all we talked about during the phone interview, several more names slithered from my memory bank which I will share with you shortly.

THE PROUD RIFLES

I graduated from Dundalk High School in Baltimore, MD in 1962 and enlisted for duty in the ASA on 13 July 1962 at Fort Holabird, MD. Two years prior to enlisting, my stepfather took our Boy Scout troop to Fort Holabird for a night of learning Morse code. I seemed to have a real knack for taking code and I really enjoyed it. That is why I thought the ASA would be the best bet for me during my stint in the Army. I took basic training with the 4th platoon, 2nd Training Regiment at Fort Dix, NJ. The unit was known as the Proud Rifles.

DITTY BOPPER

After basic I was sent to Fort Devens on 30 September, 1962, and spent 23 weeks in Morse code schooling where I finished 3rd or 4th in my class. My first choice was Germany as I had lived in Regensburg and later Berlin as a dependent child with my stepfather during the early 50's. Even though I didn't get Germany, I was not unhappy with my assignment to TURKEY and Det 27 at Manzarali Station. After graduation my mother came to Fort Devens for a short visit and then I flew from Logan Airport in Boston in April 1963 to Turkey.

MERHABA TO ESENBAGA AND TURKEY

My first impression of Turkey was – gee, I've stepped back 20 years. The people dressed rather shabbily and some were walking around with donkeys (ashaks?). The smells of Turkish tobacco and coal (Sulfur) heat really made me wonder what I was getting into!!!

Most guys I hung around with received their TOP SECRET CRYTO clearance in several months, but because of my living all over the world prior to my army years, I didn't receive my clearance until the end of my tour at Manzarali. After several days of orientation, I was assigned to Trick 4 where Lt Dave Tavernetti was the Watch Officer and Sgt John Hagaman was the senior NCO in charge. I arrived as a PFC and left as a SP4. I considered myself a pretty good 058 and for the last 2 months of my TOUR was chosen to sit at the head console position and assist the other 058's search for their targets.

YENNI PRANKS

Yes, I did get involved in pranks with yenni's by hooking up a key and sending signals to their receivers and enjoyed seeing their reactions when I started sending clear text to

them with various texts that I've now forgotten. I also carboned my share of headsets for those new men as well. Of course I learned this trick when it happened to me during my first week at Operations!!!

At Manzarali I utilized the Craft Shop on occasion, attended movies on post, and hung out at the gym when I could. I participated in Trick 4 softball as a catcher and in football as the center for our talented quarterback, Bob Dinas (sp?) who had attended Dartmouth College back home. Trick 4 won the football title in 1963 and I still have my trophy as a fond reminder of those great times.

My two best buddies on Trick 4 were Lloyd Criddlebaugh from Kansas City, MO and Larry Burgess from Dearborn, MI. My two fondest memories were of trick 4 trips that we took to Antalya on the Mediterranean Sea to the south (we all got a good sunburn on a sailboat we rented from the local Turks) and to Bursa in the northwest corner of Turkey where we downhill skied for several days.

These were great trips with trick 4 buddies and they gave all of us a good time away from the dits and dahs for a few days. Thanks to Lt. Tavernetti and Sgt. Hagaman for organizing these great trips. I also participated in a spring 1964 track meet in Ankara where I threw the javelin and ran the 440. Clark Andridge from California was an 058 on Trick 4 and was a big, muscular, and exceptional athlete. He, too, participated in that track meet as a sprinter. Clark later got into serious trouble while intoxicated at the Yenni Bar in downtown Ankara. He was accused of making fun of two Turk conscripts who happened to be in the area. The incident got reported to the Turkish authorities and Clark Andridge was shipped from Turkey early and the incident was forgotten. I certainly would like to make contact with Clark again.

TRICK DIRT FRIENDS THAT I REMEMBER

Clark Andridge, Dennis F. Baran, Det 27 @61, 2319 Greenlawn Ave., Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 248-334-5292, Bill Parton (sp?), Don Bowen, a farmer from 6815 Public Landing Rd, Snow Hill, MD 21863, 410-632-1927, Larry Burgess from Dearborn, MI., Roland Carter a rough neck, Frank Garner, Dick Hart from Fort Wayne, IN 260-744-2727 or 260-456-6056, Walt Las, Det 27, 63-64, 2 Vincent Dr., Parsippany, NJ 07054, 973-263-0911, Gene Littler from Grand Island, NB. Before he entered the Army he was a Golden Glove Boxer, Bob (Moon) Mullins, Tk#4 Det 27, 63-64, 723 Prospect St., Fort Morgan, CO, Gerry Redd from Alabama, Dave Schultz from Utah who was an excellent photographer, Tony Schumpf from NJ, Edward (Froggy) Smith, possibly a 988 Russian Linguist. He was a very naive person, Keith Stevers, 058 from Baltimore, MD

I'm sure more names will come back to me as I focus on those days in Turkey.

TRICK 4 MEMORIES

Both Tavernetti and Hagaman were excellent leaders. I remember the 1963 Christmas party that was organized by Tavernetti and Hagaman and held for Trick 4 after a swing

shift in the dayroom of our barracks. There were a lot of spirits available and MANY got bloated and pie-eyed drunk and feisty. A vivid memory about that party and the worse incident that I witnessed during my tour at Manzarali involved a rowdy fellow Trick 4 member named Roland Carter. This Carter roughneck always had a chip on his shoulder and many on our trick feared him because he was known to slug people who he thought looked at him the wrong way. I think he was an 058 and was from Michigan.

Once I saw Carter drop a big guy at the NCO Club one evening, then calmly sat down and finish his drink. I have no clue what the altercation was about. On another occasion in 1963, Roland Carter was the pitcher in a softball game and there was one guy in the stands heckling him throughout the game, calling him things like rag arm, etc. During the game I mentioned to a friend who was watching the game with me that Carter would take care of him after the game. Sure enough, immediately following the game Carter walked up to him (a big guy) and sucker punched him. The guy did not go down but called Carter a "real poor sport." Nothing further happened. My buddy was amazed that I had predicted what Carter would do.

At the 1963 Christmas party bad blood had been brewing for sometime between a tall guy 6'4", named Dye and Carter. Most of us were three sheets to the wind and feeling pretty happy and tried to talk Carter out of fighting this guy. Carter insisted the two of them go outside to settle whatever it was between them. Outside we all went. Carter and Dye danced around for half a minute, sizing each other up, when Carter landed a full roundhouse right into Dye's left eye. It was a sickening sound when he made contact. I will never forget it. Dye was done and his eye injury was very serious, He had to be sent somewhere for specialized eye treatment.

WORLD CLASS SPRINTER – TED NELSON

Another friend who participated in the Det 30 sponsored track meet was a world class sprinter named Ted Nelson who also participated in the Ankara track meet that was sponsored by Det 30. Nelson was always running with Ed Edwards when he was not working as an 058. Nelson later was the third person to break the 4 minute mile barrier; he also ran the 400 or 440.

MY LAST ASA ASSIGNMENT

During my out processing I received a Letter of Commendation from the Det 27 Operations Officer, Major David Lynch, Jr. which I still have. After Turkey I was assigned to the 6th Seminole USASA Field Station, Homestead AFB, FL for the last eight months of my enlistment. The FS was not located on Homestead AFB, but about 15 miles south of the AFB on the Naval Security Group site. It was on the edge of the Everglades. The AFB was once a SAC base that housed B47's, B52's, and KC97 tankers. I was told that Seminole Station was one of the more agreeable stateside duty stations in the ASA. While there I worked as an 058, but the mission was not exciting like it was at Det 27. I played catcher on the ASA intramural team and did a lot of swimming. While there I took several courses at Florida State University which later

were transferred to Millersville Univ. I visited Biscayne Bay which was a favorite spot for sunbathing, water skiing, and deep sea fishing. I was sent to Fort Gordon, GA three days early and was discharged on 12 July 1965. I spent those three days swimming and simply enjoying life.

I never thought I'd say it at the time, but ASA was good for me. I got most of the wild oats out of my system, and what's left hasn't killed me yet! I still miss those good old days at Manzarali. As a former 058 ditty bopper, let me say – ASA ALL THE WAY!!!

LIFE AFTER ASA AND THE US ARMY

In 1967 I graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with an AS Degree in Secondary Education. I transferred to Millersville Univ and graduated in 1969 with a BS Degree in Industrial Arts. I became an industrial engineer at NCR and then entered education. I became an industrial arts teacher in several school districts. I retired from the School District of Lancaster in 1999. In 1994 I was named to Who's Who among America's Teachers. I am a woodworker where I build many different projects but my passion is woodturning. I am a juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and am president of the local chapter, Lancaster Designer Craftsmen. I am also a member of the Susquehanna Woodturners Club. I also work as support staff in several funeral homes. I enjoy playing the piano and presently take lessons. I still weight lift, bike, cross country ski, fish, and golf. I ran until I injured my knee. I enjoy my wife and 2 children. I am active in my church where I am a choir member and a youth advisor. I live life

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I was reviewing the August 1962 Manzarali Station, Cerkezhoyuk Mauler newspaper and found the name Walter H. Renfroe – I found him and ask him about his tour at Det 27. He said that he couldn't remember any names and for me to send him the items with his name on it. It was under "TROOPING THE NEWS LINE" HEADQUARTERS by Ouimet: "Well, here we are with the latest facts, friends, and farewells from Hqs Co., Det 27. First, we'll start off with a few facts on the promotions for this month. George F. Baugh, Robert M. Chambers, Elmer R. Everett, Alan R. Martin, Brian W. McCarthy, Alfred Ortiz, Llewelyn W, Smallwood, Eugene A. Smith and Harold H. Young all made Pfc - Patrick Baker, Charles L. Barbre, Robert V. Brown, Michael L. Brubaker, David M. Eadens and Billie R. Poe made SP/4, - Richard Sherrington (Turk linguist transferred in from Det 4), Ralph C. Stevens and Faustino Garza made Sp/5 - J.D. Ferguson made Sgt E-5. Last but not least, William Cain made E-7. - As far as friends go, we have some new ones. Kaisar Wesley, James L, Kozee, Robert D. Phillips, Ronald W, Ostrofsky, Robbin J. Robbins and Walter H. Renfroe are the new additions to our company. I hope this helps you to remember names- - -gH

That's all