

# DAYS OF OUR LIVES #309

MAIL-call - PRESERVING FORGOTTEN MEMORIES Your memoirs are most welcome to the DAYS OF OUR LIVES and is an effort on my part to preserve the stories and memories of ASA veterans who served in Turkey. Whether you choose to share your memories is a personal choice. However, information not shared is the same as information lost. Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. LET ME KNOW,,,, When a BIO or remembrance is issued and it stimulates your interest, let me hear from you.. - Just a few simple words will do. Take just a couple minutes to jot down those memories. I've spent an incredible amount of time trying to locate ASA Turkey veteran's and then get them to relate those experiences. My how time flies – Newsletters come and go, but the DOOL has been in publication since 2001 meaning that the DOOL has achieved and survived for 18 years. Why? Chalk it up to you loyal ASA Turkey veteran's. Now, then here is the 200th issue and without fanfare there's no prizes to mete out. To mark this milestone – I should have compiled the hi- lites and listed the names of those veteran's who took time to prepare a BIO or one done by me. I bring up that point specifically because without them there would be no DOOL. There are many people to thank and without the assistance of Chuck Bergmann there would be no DOOL as everytime I ran into trouble I consulted Chuck. Amid many others to thank is Bill Simons, the Det 4 webmaster. Over the years I've 'tried' to improve the DOOL by adding tidbits whenever I found them and nudged veteran's to participate. And finally – my least favorite entry is entering the names into the TAPS section. All in all it has been worth the time spent in preparing each issue and I thank Patty for her TLC and understanding of my efforts- - -gH



**ELDER GREEN**  
Getting ready to sail to JAPAN in May 1955

**PLEASE NOTE:** That I fell this morning while preparing this DOOL and it took a LONG time to get me up. I have NEUROPATHY in both legs and their in no cure of it. I've been to Pittsburgh three time and to the local doctor's MANY times. Other than the NEUROPATHY PROBLEM – I am in pretty good health for a 82 year old. Also – my computer is OLD too & needs a tune up, but better yet a new one.

**ABOUT THE 2019 REUNION.** My days of organizing ASA Turkey days are over and now will rely on Chuck Bergmann, Dean Lapp & Luther Jones to handle that task which Patty and I did for 17 years.

## 2019 & 2020 Reunion Location Search

Updated Info for the September DOOL

### Information on the Reunion Committee:

The committee is made up of the four individuals who volunteered to take over the planning, negotiations, marketing and the location site setup while Elder Green is recuperating from his health problems. When Elder is healthy again he will once again resume the responsibilities of the reunions and the volunteers will step back. There are only four members because no one else volunteered to assist. There is definitely room for more members, so anyone who wants to join the team will be welcomed. Just notify one of the members. The members are as follows:

**Bergmann, Chuck**

**Comroe, Mike**

**Jones, Luther**

**Lapp, Dean**

**Elder Green** is the Senior Adviser for the committee.

### Reunion Location Update:

The **first phase** (location Questionnaire) is now completed. A questionnaire was sent to all the members asking for them to complete it and then to send it back to us. We have had 67 different Vets who have attended at least one of our last three reunions (Dayton, OH – Gatlinburg, TN – Savannah, GA). We have had so far 54 responses to our questionnaire. That's an 80% return based on the last three years attendees' totals.

**First question** was “do you want to continue having our reunions”?

52 voted to continue having them.

2 voted to stop having reunions

**Third question** was “if your schedule will allow you, will you be attending the next reunion”?

48 said they will attend

6 said they can't attend

**Second question** was “pick your top three location choices” based on the sites that were nominated at the Savannah Reunion in May of this year.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice Votes</u>	
Virginia Beach, VA	13
Nashville, TN	12
DC	5
Niagara Falls (Buffalo), NY	4
Myrtle Beach, SC	3

Ft. Lauderdale, FL	3
Milwaukee, WI	3
Ft. Meade, MD	2
Other	1
Akron, OH	0

We are now in the **Second Phase** (choosing a reunion site). That involves one of us to visit and scout the top chosen sites. One member will visit the areas hotels, restaurants, sites, events and entertainment spots. We will visit with the local CVB representative also. While visiting with them we will begin the long and difficult negotiation period with each establishment that we visit.

Luther Jones has already visited Nashville, TN and Myrtle Beach, SC and is halfway done with the negotiation and planning. Dean Lapp is scheduled to visit Virginia Beach, VA in September and has some of the negotiation and planning started. Mike Comroe is scheduled to visit Buffalo, NY and both sides of Niagara Falls in September and he too has some of the negotiation and planning started. Currently no one is scheduled to visit DC (is there a volunteer).

Please note that the **expenses occurred** to visit these locations **do not come from the Reunions Treasury**. The cost of visiting these locations come out of the pocket of the person that is visiting the area. All the committee members have no qualms in spending their own funds. They do it from their heart and for the reunion group.

**Phase Three** will be picking the final location for 2019 and 2020 reunions. It will be chosen based on the location voting results, the areas events / entertainment and the cost of the reunions in each location (Hotel, Banquet, Restaurants, Events and Entertainment) as well as the members input. We are still hoping for a decision by November of this year.

We hope that the above information answers most of the questions that you have asked us.

We thank you for all your cooperation and your many suggestions. It makes our job a lot easier with your input and help.

*Dean, Luther, Chuck & Mike*

# TAPS

Dale, John, Det. 27, Tk. 4, 058, 1963-64 died Sat., Aug. 25 from complications of a stroke. He worked for TWA and retired from American Airlines. Lived in Kansas City Mo. and Miami Ok.

The above is all that I have on the passing of John Dale. I could not find his obituary. The following is what I received from Lloyd Cridlebaugh

John Dale passed away in a nursing home in Liberty, MO on 25 August 2018 from complications of a stroke. He worked for TWA and retired from American Airlines. Lived in Kansas City MO. and Miami. Here is what I know about SP4 John Dale. He was on Trick #4, was a 058 and served at Det 27 in 1963-64.

DOES ANYONE WHO SERVED ON TRICK #4 IN 63 & 64 REMEMBER THIS John Dale? IF SO PLEASE SEND ME THAT INFO – Tks- - -gH

DOOL: 162: **FLEMING**, Harold (Hal) YOB 1928 DOD: 27JL2014 1LT Det 4, MR57-MY58, (Elaine), 2613 Newfound Harbor Dr, Merritt Island, FL 32952 321-453-1612, [hfleming3@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hfleming3@cfl.rr.com) - Days of our Lives sure sounds like a teary soap opera. My phone number is 321 453 1612. I'll try to make the reunion but I have some health problems which might preclude it. We shall see!

Thanks to Jim Mulholland for the photo's taken 47 years ago. It brings back a lot of old memories and it seems that I haven't aged a bit; I'll decide about you when I next see you! I've not had contact with anyone from the Sinop days for decades. What I do know about some of them is:

Walt Garrett: When I was working at Harris and was assigned to a new project for Iran (during the last years of the Shah) I got him a job with us. All was well until he got struck by lightning on a local nude golf course. He is now residing at Arlington National Cemetery. Bob Rettiger, died in the Dallas area several years ago from some sort of vascular problem in his legs. Major Clark: died in Hawaii as a full colonel. John Stevens: Lost contact with him; last heard he was working for some defense contractor in the Washington, DC area. He was still the typical Joe College kid. I believe that John Stevens was Jim Mulholland's replacement and missed Sputnik's launch.

Arnie Taylor is living in a nursing home in Seattle and separated from his wife who is in New Mexico. He had quite a career after he left Sinop: an Army member on a Air Force spy plane which was shot down by the Russkies on a flight he missed because of a medical problem; discharged, he went to work in the Pentagon in an office that had some measure of control over ASA; quit that job after a number of years; and bought a shrimp boat and fished in the Gulf of Mexico and later off San Diego. Wound up in Seattle

where he did volunteer work in a VA clinic. He is wheel-chair bound and will not attend the reunion. Jack Dunlap: Perhaps the most famous or infamous utility sergeant the world has ever seen was offered a job as driver for the Deputy Director, NSA when the visiting General to Sinop was impressed by his soldierly appearance. When the general retired sometime later Dunlap was given the job, still at NSA, of internal courier of all sorts of classified documents. Shortly after that his very expensive life style came to the attention of the security guys and soon Dunlap was found dead at his home, a suicide and defunct Russian spy.

**In the fall of 1957 the US Army District Engineers let a contract to have a water well drilled to supply water to the hill. It was located at the narrow neck of the peninsula in Sinop proper. I recall that the well came in with a good artesian flow of water but with a lot of sand in it. The solution was to let the water flow over several months and each day to replace the sand with gravel. Eventually a large gravel pocket would be created which would filter out the sand. So the contractor located a source of gravel and arranged to have it delivered to the well head. Then someone hired a local man to shovel the gravel into the well. After several months the water started clearing up and the local man, who had never been paid and now concerned that he might never be paid, came up to the hill and demanded his pay. Of course Det 4 had no money, the contractor denied that he had hired the man, and the District**

You Jim Mulholland], Bill Stuckert and Bob Posner and your wives say that you've not seen anyone since you flew out of Turkey 47 years ago and that it was Elder Green who got the ASA Turkey group hooked up in 2001. I will make sure that I will be at the 2006 reunion. My problem is a medical one. In late March I had a total knee replacement and the operation went well, but I had an unrelated problem, a tearing of the spot where the esophagus joins the stomach and lost a lot of blood. The end result was that they had to stop the heparin therapy they had started to forestall the generation of a venous blood clot. (Because I had a history of a pulmonary embolism after an earlier leg operation they thought this was a prudent thing to do.) So until that therapy is resumed I am supposed to avoid long air or car trips, where I am forced to remain seated for long periods of time. Meanwhile I spend a lot of time at a fitness center.

Thanks, for thinking about me, and I hope you all have a good time in Huntsville!

REGISTER, Ed, YOB: 1929 DOD: May 2006, 77y, E6-E7, Spook, Det 27, MY62-DE64, (Inez), 3509 Mineral Springs Road., Lexington, SC

Denise Shugerman, ([dregister4@hotmail.com](mailto:dregister4@hotmail.com)) a daughter of Ed Register, informs that Ed Register crossed over and passed away in May 2006. She wrote that in a way it was a blessing as he could not get comfortable in his last days and that he went very peacefully and willingly. The cause of Ed Register's death was liver cancer.

Ed Register was a native of Mississippi. He was a lifer who retired as a Master Sergeant E8 in 1969 with 20.5 years active duty. He then worked for 15 years as Director of Security in fraud cases for a bank. He thoroughly enjoyed his TOUR of DUTY at Manzarali. He mentioned the gay problem and one in particular from Det 4 who ratted on the other gays as he remembers it. He remembers investigating the Det 4 commander (LtCol Fleming) who was subsequently relieved of duty for unbecoming conduct. He remembers the Det 4 MP Corporal who was suspected of setting fires at Sinop. The USAF polygraph cleared the Corporal, but Ed relates that he was able to get a confession from the corporal after he was transferred to Det 27. It was discovered that the CPL had set several fires at Arlington Hall while he was stationed there.

In 2000 Ed fell and broke a hip. He's also had both hands operated on for carpel tunnel syndrom.

YEO, Robert P., DOB: 7SE1935 DOD: 16JL2016, 80y, Det 4, 18JL1958-59,

### Obituary

Robert Pickering Yeo, age 80, of Calumet passed away on 16 July 2016 at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital in Laurium, MI

Robert was born to William & Jane (Pickering) Yeo on 7 September 1935 in St. Paul, MN. Robert served in the United States Army Security Agency (ASA) and in the Army Reserve.

Robert was well educated, earning four different bachelor's degrees. One degree from Macalester College, one from Brown Univ and two from Michigan Tech.

Bob and his wife moved from Minnesota in the 60's to come to the Copper Country to find teaching positions. Robert was very involved in Michigan Tech. He enjoyed telling stories with the Michigan Tech SciFi club, and helping out in Tech's computer labs.

Robert was also very involved with the Humane Society, and for a while with the Democratic Party. He also hosted a quasi-dog shelter at his home. He made his garage into a place for raising his collies and would also take in stray dogs as well.

Preceding him in death are his parents, and two half-brothers William and Ralph Yeo. Surviving are: His Ex-wife Dale (Gripp) Yeo - Son: William Yeo of Clarkston, Michigan Grandson: Brennan Yeo, Nieces: Grace Koebnick and Leslie Bohlig

A memorial service was held at the Erickson Crowley Peterson Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM until the time of service.

Burial was in the Lake View Cemetery in Calumet,

THE LEBANON OPERATION - 14 July 1958 thru 25 OCTOBER 1958 - A Brief History Lesson Tension in the Middle East began to increase in 1957, when Syria was about to fall to communism. President Eisenhower acting on his commitment to the region, and in order to protect neighboring Turkey, Iraq, and Jordan approved the deployment of USAF combat aircraft from Germany to Incirlik AFB in Adana, Turkey. The crisis quickly abated, but set the stage for the 1958 upheaval in Lebanon. On 14 July 1958 Lebanese Moslems rebelled in Beirut, Lebanon and rioted over fears that the delicate balance between Christianity and Islam in the Lebanese government was in peril. Adding to the regional tension, and on the very same day (14 July 1958) leftist Iraqi officers assassinated their nation's king (King Faisal II) and prime minister (Crown Prince Abdul-Illah, the King's uncle) in a swift revolutionary coup that ended the monarchy and brought to power a military junta headed by Abdul Karim Kassim. Kassim reversed the monarchy's pro-Western policies, attempted to rectify the economic disparities between rich and poor, and began to form alliances with Communist countries. This prompted the Lebanese President Chamoun and the King of Jordan to request military assistance from the US. The US participation was conducted by USAREUR

and the plan was to occupy and secure the Beirut International Airport, a few miles south of the city, then to secure the port of Beirut and approaches to the city. By 5 August, all of the assigned forces had reached Beirut and the bulk of their equipment and initial resupply had arrived or was en route. The Navy's Sixth Fleet conducted air operations and the USAF Tactical Air Command consisting of F-100's, B-57's, RF-101's, RB-66's, and WB-66's were deployed from the US to Incirlik AFB. These aircraft and supporting personnel over-whelmed the facilities at Incirlik. Since no ground fighting involving Americans broke out, the strike force flew missions to cover troop movements, show-of-force missions over Beirut, aerial reconnaissance sorties, and leaflet drops. Stable conditions were maintained until a new government was installed in Lebanon. American troops left Lebanon in October 1958, after the tension diminished.

To keep an eye on the Soviet Union's intention and possible deployments during the Lebanon Crisis - the USASA command in Frankfurt was tasked with sending 058 Intercept Operators to Sinop, Turkey to keep a SIGINT watch on Soviet military units located near the Black Sea and in particular the 104th Guards Airborne Division. Quickly over thirty 058 teenagers (listed below) who were in-processing at the 251st ASA Processing Company at Gutleut Kaserne were told on the afternoon of 18 July 1958 to get shots and draw FULL FIELD gear and that they would be departing Rhein/Main Airport that evening. I guess it is safe to say that things were really jumping for those involved. They were not told where they were going, but most had read the Stars and Stripes reports on the Lebanon situation and thought that they were going to Beirut. Their EASY army life was about to be changed overnight and each had inner feelings that was known only to them. Some regretted that they did not have time to exploit the nightlife and gasthouse adventures near the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof, the Fisherstube or fraternize with the ladies of the street during their short stay in Frankfurt. They landed at Esenboga Airport - 21 miles from Ankara, Turkey and were met by First Sergeant Freddy Helton and the next day they were on two Turk buses for the 10-12 hour trip to Sinop. I'm in the process of contacting those involved and the results will be included in a future

gH Comments: Robert Yeo and 31 others from Germany were part of Operation Blue Bat in July 1958 where a Lebanese political crisis caused by political and religious tensions in Lebanon that threatened a civil war between Maronite Christians and Muslims.

The intervention lasted about three months until President Camille Chamoun, who had requested the assistance, completed his term as president of Lebanon.

American Marines & Lebanese government forces successfully occupied the port and international airport of Beirut. With the crisis over, the United States withdrew, but the 32 058's stayed in Sinop until their DERO dates sent them stateside.

In July 1958, Lebanon was threatened by a civil war between Maronite Christians and Muslims.

Tensions with Egypt had escalated earlier in 1956 when pro-western Christian President Camille Chamoun did not break diplomatic relations with the Western powers that attacked Egypt during the Suez Crisis, angering Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. These tensions were further increased when Chamoun showed closeness to the Baghdad Pact. Nasser felt that the pro-western Baghdad Pact posed a threat to Arab nationalism. As a response, Egypt and Syria united into

the United Arab Republic (UAR). Lebanese Sunni Prime Minister Rashid Karami supported Nasser in 1956 and 1958.

Lebanese Muslims pushed the government to join the newly created United Arab Republic, while the Christians wanted to keep Lebanon aligned with Western powers. A Muslim rebellion that was allegedly supplied with arms by the UAR through Syria caused President Chamoun to complain to the United Nations Security Council. The United Nations sent a group of inspectors that reported that it didn't find any evidence of significant intervention from the UAR.

The toppling of a pro-Western government in Iraq's 14 July Revolution, along with the internal instability, caused President Chamoun to call for American assistance.

US Marines on patrol in Beirut, summer of 1958

President Eisenhower responded by authorizing Operation Blue Bat on July 15, 1958. This was the first application of the Eisenhower Doctrine under which the U.S. announced that it would intervene to protect regimes it considered threatened by international communism. The goal of the operation was to bolster the pro-Western Lebanese government of President Camille Chamoun against internal opposition and threats from Syria and Egypt. The plan was to occupy and secure the Beirut International Airport, a few miles south of the city, then to secure the port of Beirut and approaches to the city.

The chain of command for Operation Blue Bat was as follows: the Eisenhower administration at the strategic level; Specified Command, Middle East (SPECCOMME, a 'double-hat' for Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean) at the operational level; the Sixth Fleet, with aircraft carriers USS Saratoga, USS Essex, and USS Wasp, cruisers USS Des Moines and USS Boston, and two destroyer squadrons. At the end of June Essex and Boston were anchored at Piraeus, Greece, while Des Moines, from which Vice Admiral Charles R. Brown was flying his flag, was at Villefranche-sur-Mer.<sup>[1]</sup> Land forces included the 2nd Provisional Marine Force (Task Force 62) and the Army Task Force 201 at the tactical level.<sup>[2]</sup> Each of these three components influenced Operations Plan 215-58 and its execution.

The operation involved more than 14,000 men, including 8,509 United States Army personnel, a contingent from the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry from the 24th Infantry Division (based in West Germany) and 5,670 officers and men of the United States Marine Corps (the 2nd Provisional Marine Force, of Battalion Landing Teams 1/8 and 2/2 under Brigadier General Sidney S. Wade). The 2nd Battalion 8th Marines arrived on July 16 after a 54-hour airlift from Cherry Point, North Carolina.<sup>[3]</sup> They were supported by a fleet of 70 ships and 40,000 sailors.<sup>[4]</sup> On July 16, 1958, Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., CINCNELM and CINCSPECCOMME, flew in from London to Beirut airport and boarded USS Taconic, from which he commanded the remainder of the operation.<sup>[5]</sup> The U.S. withdrew its forces on October 25, 1958.

President Eisenhower sent diplomat [Robert D. Murphy](#) to Lebanon as his personal representative. Murphy played a significant role in convincing both sides of the conflict to reach a compromise by electing moderate Christian general [Fuad Chehab](#) as incoming President, while allowing Chamoun to continue in power until the end of his term on [September](#) 22.

[Prime Minister Rashid Karami](#) formed a national reconciliation government after the 1958 crisis ended.

## MAIL call

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Merhaba Elder Green,

Not to sound like a chronic complainer but when I tried the link you provided in the last DOOL for the ASA Turkey webpage with the list of the DOOL's it did not work on my MAC computer using Firefox.

I went to the original link for Bill Simon's TUSLOG DET-4 website at:

[http://simons\\_a.tripod.com/sinop/](http://simons_a.tripod.com/sinop/) and clicking on the The Days Of Our Lives Newsletter link worked fine. I was glad to read in the DOOL that you are keeping the site going even if my personal page doesn't work anymore. I must admit I get a bit misty when I go to the site. Bill did such a great job on it.

I was an 056 and worked at the Point Site so I will peruse the older DOOL's you mentioned in the last DOOL and let you know what little I can add. I don't know if you are aware that the Point Site was actually part of the European RDF net so we worked for TUSLOG DET 4 and BA. I don't

know if I ever sent you any pictures I had taken at the Point Site. I know I Bill Simon posted some unfortunately as I mentioned already my personal page doesn't work on the site anymore.



Brian Alpert



Satoko & Brian Alpert

BEGUE, Joe, YOB: 1942 RA14869802, 98J, SP4, Det 4, 65-66, (Judy), 3028 Via Conquistadores, Navarre, FL 32566, 850-936-4150, [jsbeque@aol.com](mailto:jsbeque@aol.com) CW3 Ret Elder,

First, would like to offer you a happy 8nd Birthday! Well done.

Second, I would like to thank you for the great job you do on the DOOL. We all really appreciate your effort.

You once asked me for a BIO. Well, that was several years ago so please forgive me for my less than prompt response.

As we all remember Uncle Sugar kept a close eye on us single guys back in the early 60s and if you in any way appeared to be fit to serve you were subject to get that draft notice. Well ,in the fall of 64 I got that dreaded letter. After considering my options I was gently persuaded by the recruiter to try for ASA. So in late 64 I found myself at Ft. Jackson for basic training.

After Ft. Jackson I reported to Ft. Devens in early 1965 for 993 (98J) training and after ~6 months completed the course and received orders for Det. 4 in Sinop. Flew Pan Am out of JFK to Istanbul and then THY (DC3) on to Ankara. There I reported in to Det. 4-1 and waited for a couple of days for transport. Finally, I caught an U21 flight to Sinop.

We buzzed the site to let everyone know we had mail on board and then landed. We had a 2&1/2 ton waiting for us and took the scenic route through the town and up the hill to the base. We checked in and were assigned temp. billets in a Quonset hut. As I recall I stayed in Quonset only a few weeks and was then provided a room in one of the new barracks near the mess hall. After a few days our clearances were sorted-out and I was assigned to main ops. building and worked the ELINT and TELINT mission in rooms 1 and 2 and some in one of the vans. I really enjoyed the work but we were always short on cleared personnel and for several months we were working straight 12 hour shifts with only an occasional day off. I did find time to play on the trick flag football team and basketball. Also, did a couple boar hunts but never got a shot.

Some of the guys I remember were Jim Pierce, Arle Seasholtz (sp?), Angelo Tetti, Ron Crawford and John Phillips. I believe the COs were Col. Lewis and Owens?

Overall I enjoyed my stay on the hill but never volunteered to return. June 1966 I got on that same Pan Am bird and returned to the "world".

My next assignment was instructor duty at Devens where I taught most all the different classes until I got an early out for college in August 1968. At the time I had been promoted to SSG.

Went back to college but some personal things did not work out so reenlisted in 1970 and was able to keep my SSG rank. I was assigned to the 358th ASA Co. at Ft. Bragg. We supported the 82nd Abn. Division. In 1971 I was accepted to the Boot Strap Program at Campbell University and received my BS degree in pre-law and social science. I was also given a direct commission as a 1st Lt. in the reserves but without concurrent call to active duty so, in fact, I was still a SSG.

From there I was assigned to Field Station Berlin from 1973-76. Elder, I believe you were there during that same time frame? I was fortunate to earn a MS degree from Wayne State in Berlin.

Promoted to SFC in late 1976 and assigned to the 265th ASA Co. at Ft. Campbell with the 101st Abn. Div. There, in early 1977 I was appointed a WO1 and stayed on for Reforger 77.

Next it was on to Hawaii and the 372nd ASA Co. as part of the 25th Inf. Div. During that assignment I spent a lot of time in Korea and Japan as those were our (25th) primary contingencies in case of hostilities. During that tour I was promoted to CW2. My company commander at the 372nd was Cpt. Bob Noonan. This is the same Bob Noonan who was the ASCI (LTG) in the early 2000s.

In June 1980 back to CONUS with an assignment with the MI Bn. in support of the 24th Mech. Div. at Ft. Stewart, GA. In 1983 was promoted to CW3. My S3 was Major Chuck Thomas who retired as a MG.

Attended the MI WO Advance Course at Ft. Huachuca winter/spring of 83.

June of 83 assigned back to FS Berlin as OIC of ELINT operations to include Project LFC. Col. Mike Pfister was the CO.

Next assignment in 1986 was CENTCOM at MacDill AFB, FL working in the J2 Directorate. The J2 was BG Pfister who later retired as a MG. Many TDYs to the Middle East and South West Asia. Great assignment. As I had several great job offers in the civilian sector I retired late July 1988.

For the next 22 years I worked for 2 defense contractors in International Business Development and covered Europe, the Middle East, and the Pacific Rim. One of my colleagues was BG Jim Teal. After retiring from Rockwell Collins I continued on as a consultant for another 4 years. Finally hung it up in 2012. Now I work at fishing, golf and hunting.

How time flies!



Joe & Judy Begue

I'm looking for photos from Sinop and will forward them asap.

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Hi Al - I saw on one of the DOOL's that someone was trying to locate one of the old abi's from Det 27 in the 63-64 era by the last name of Lewis. His first name was Roma and he either worked or lived (I can't remember which) in the Pocono's of PA.. He was a nice fellow, a little older than most of us. I hope this helps in locating him. Some of the names that I remember from my tour at Det 27 include, LT Dave Tavernetti, Edward F (Froggy) Smith, Walt Las, Troy Knowlton, a draftee from Dallas, Bob Mullins, Roland Carter, Dan Danko, Ben Haagenson, Ed Rathbun who sat the 058 position behind me; Sgt Bozo – remember the time someone hooked up a key and sent him a hmmm message in cleartext, Bill Uebersetzig who was our quarterback in the Fall of 1963; Sid Levitt from Connecticut; Bill Revis, a 059

from Kansas City; John (Spermy) Seamen, ? Anderson; John Dale from Kansas City; Bill Parton from Kentucky;

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Elder,

Got #308 today. Would you ask any ASA'ers at Det 27 if they have a photo of the 1964 softball team? That's when I played. Thanks! Roger Glubka (SFC ret) Feb. '64-Aug. '65.

ANYONE FM DET 27 IN 64-65 know Roger Glubka and have a photo of the Det 27, 64-65 All-Star softball team. If so, send it to me and I'll include it in the DOOL and send a copy to Roger.

Below is the 1967 Det 27 ALL-STAR softball team.



1967 Manzarali ALL-STAR softball team. That's the gH, 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left, kneeling

JEFFREYS Clarence., (Sonny), YOB: 1944, RA18663827, E4, 72B, Tk#4, Det 27, JL630-NO64,  
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My name is Clarence (Sonny), Jeffreys, YOB: 1944, RA18663827, E-4, 72B, Det 27, TK#4, 7-63 to 11-64

I ran onto your site and have been reading several of the newsletters and have to get involved as I have been trying to find some of the guys I was with in Turkey.

Well there was Lt Dave Tavernetti, Sgt Neill, and others. I have stories to tell on both of them. ha ha. I would like to hear from anyone who remembers me so that I can exchange info after all of the long gone and old days. Thanks Sonny Jeffreys

MAYES, Bobby T., DOB: 11AU 1934 RA14565163 E3-SP3, 980, Det 4, 56-57, (Kathleen), 1999 Tall Pine Cir., Santa Rosa, CA 95403, 707-575-3536, [mayesbk@gmail.com](mailto:mayesbk@gmail.com)

Elder, I am Bob Mayes wife and need a favor from you if at all possible. Bob was one of the first Traffic Analyst (980) to be assigned to Det 4 in 1955-56 We lost our home in the California fire last October 2017 and have no pictures now. I am looking for one that he may have sent to you by email of Bob in his uniform that was taken in Germany or France. I am sorry to say that at this point I don't even remember the year you first contacted Bob. It may be more than 20 years ago. Bob turned 84 two days ago.

Bob always looks forward to the "DOOL". Thank you so much for all your work. Cheers, Kathleen Mayes

On Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM, ELDER GREEN <[asagreenhornet@comcast.net](mailto:asagreenhornet@comcast.net)> wrote:  
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Bobby T & Kathleen Mayes



BROTHER BUDDY TEAM -- These two Raleigh, NC brothers, Bobby T. and Paul R. Mayes (L to R), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. Mayes of 808 E. Pineland Drive, became the first brothers to enlist in the Army here yesterday under the "buddy system," whereby they will remain together. The youths, both graduates of Hugh Morrison High, will complete their training at Fort Jackson, SC and later attend a Signal Corps Specialized School at Fort Devens, MA. Recruiting Sergeant Hayes above briefs the youths just prior to departing from Raleigh. (Army Photo by Sgt. Ed Chabot.)

These 2 Raleigh, NC brothers, L-R: are  
Bobby T & Paul R. Mayes & their recruiter  
Sgt Hayes

I found the above 2 photo's in DOOL #200 and now I would like for Bobby to write a BIO about his time spent in the Army and especially about his days on the HILL called Det 4 and SINOP. I'M SURE BOBBY'S TIME ON THE HILL HOLDS MANY FOND MEMORIES FOR HIM AS DOES HIS OLD ARMY STYLE OF BASIC TRAINING AND HIS DAYS AT FORT DEVENS. After I wrote this - Bobby called and this is the notes that I jotted down: Bobby T. Mayes & his brother Paul enlisted in Raleigh, NC on the "Buddy System" for duty in the ASA and completed their basic training at Camp Gordon outside Augusta, GA. Those were the days of the BROWN SHOE and IKE olive drab brown uniform that few now wearing the Green uniform know anything about.

Please try & remember old Det 4 friends and INCLUDE ANY OLD PIX'S THAT exist along with a recent or wedding pix of U2, if one still exist's.

Please add info about your loss to the WILD FIRES that took your late home, Please include his RA number, MOS, dates at Det 4, & what occupation that Bob entered after he left the ASA and please include your present address and Tel number so I can call U and anything else about his days in the ASA--gH

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On Weds Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:12 pm Bobby Mayes<mayesbk@gmail.com wrote

Hello Elder,

Thank you for looking back for the photo. I know Bob wrote a BIO when you first contacted him. We now have no old ASA pictures or information. I'll talk to him and see if it is possible to put anything new together. You can always call him 707-575-3536. I sent some before and after pictures from the fire. I also sent a picture of Bob's old Jag (before & after) which he has owned since 1969. This fire was really very difficult for him. We are very lucky to be alive.

Thank you again for all your work on the " DOOL" and our best to you and your wife and family.

Kathleen Mayes

RIDGWAY, Larry L., E5, Det 4, 73-74 & NCOIC S4, 82-83, (Linda), 113 Railroad St., Stockdale, PA 15483, 724-938-2197, larylin@zoominternet.net A little BIO of myself: Larry Ridgway Entered the Army in 1966 for assignment in ASA. I did not specify an MOS. I went to Fort Dix, NJ for Basic and AIT. (Supply). I then went to Fort Gordon, GA for advance training in Signal Supply. It is there I met my best friend, Jim Powell. We got orders for Korea to the 508th GP. Once there I was assigned to the 226 USASA Opns Co C and he to B North. I t8th RRFS, Phu Bai (67-68) and he came 6 months later.. From there I went Fort Devens, MA and was a hand receipt holder for one of the school divisions. While I was at Devens I won the Devens Championship Boxing Feather Weight Crown. After Devens I went to Warrant Officer Flight School at Fort Walters, TX. After my fifth week they gave me a hearing test and I failed to the point that I could not fly. I went back to Fort Devens with the 10th Special Forces Group. In late 1972 I was assigned to TUSLOG Det 4. (73 -74). I worked at Hippodrome electronic supply. Returned to Fort Devens and then assigned to USASAFS, MISAWA, Japan. (1976 -1979). Reassigned to USAG Fort Campbell, KY then to transform the 265th ASA and 101st MI to the 311<sup>th</sup> MI BN. (1979-1982). Reassigned to USASAFS Sinop and worked at S-4 in Headquarters. (1982-1983). With not very many openings with E-7 supply types in ASA I was assigned to Depot Systems Command in Chambersburg, PA

and traveled the world and US to reconcile Property Books with the units. In 1985 I was reassigned to the 94th Air Defense Artillery Bde in Kaiserslautern, West Germany. In 1987 I went to the 724th Support Bn (Main), 24th Inf Div (Rapid Deployment Force) as the Operations NCO. I retired in March of 1989 after receiving a letter to attend or not years so I retired. There were plenty of TDY's in between these but not mentioned. If there is need for any more detail or experiences I can send later as there many. Larry

SOBAY, Atakan,

<https://bigleaguepolitics.com/palestinian-congressional-candidate-assaults-jewish-journalist-at-political-event/>

I just came back from an 18 day trip to Turkey. The cities I saw were very modern looking with 40-50+ story buildings, much better roads etc. But I was very sad to see that the crowds on the streets looked like those in downtown Baghdad. Thanks to the dictator-thieves in charge of the country, Islam had made an ugly comeback. People who are educated and see what's going on are complacent/scared to do anything. As far as I can see Turkey's condition is terminal barring a miracle. I am hoping that the Turkish economy, which in a very bad shape now, goes completely bankrupt and hunger sets in. Looks like that is the only thing that will change things moving one way or another.

That got me thinking about my country, The USA. Due to our past governments actions and our ignorance, Islam is here in force and we are even electing them to all levels of government positions! I have even heard them call for sharia laws to be enacted. We have stopped teaching our kids patriotism and freedom. Meanwhile the muslims are still pouring in and multiplying like rats. They do not assimilate.

If we don't wake up soon we may have to fight another very bloody civil war.  
God help us.....

STEWART, Robert, Det[bostewart47@gmail.com](mailto:bostewart47@gmail.com) 4-4,

**Living in a Military Town**Eglin Joint Base Command located near Ft. Walton, Florida, is presently the largest Military Complex in the world and encompasses a large contingent of Air Force units, Naval Warfare units, and the 7th Army Special Forces and 6th Army Rangers.

Most folks in the USA don't live in a Military Town, with lots of guys in uniform walking the streets and jets overhead daily. They go on with their lives unaware of what a Military Town is all about. And that's OK... but I want to share with you what it's like to live in a Military Town. We see guys in uniform all the time, we have state of the art, high-performance aircraft in the air nearby all day long. We hear the SOUND OF FREEDOM when an F-22 or F-35 streaks over the house... and we read in the local paper, some times daily, but at least weekly,

of the loss of one of our own in combat in the Middle East. And that is what brings me to the reason for this email. Staff Sgt Mark DeAlencar was 37 yrs old, had a family and was a Green Beret with the 7th Army Special Forces stationed here in the Fort Walton area. He was killed on April 8, 2018, while fighting Islamic State in eastern Afghanistan. In January of this year, he was deployed for the second time to Afghanistan. He promised his adopted daughter, Octavia, that he would be home for her High School Graduation. He didn't make it. But she went to graduation anyway. And in the audience were 80 US 7th Armed Special Forces soldiers from her dad's unit in full Parade Dress Uniform. Additionally, they brought THEIR FAMILIES to be with them, as well.

And as Octavia ascended the steps to the stage to receive her diploma THEY ALL SILENTLY STOOD UP. And when she was presented her diploma they ALL CHEERED, CLAPPED, WHISTLED... and YES, CRIED. Everyone in attendance then stood up and cried and cheered. Octavia had graduated and yes she had lost her Dad... but she had 80 other DADS to stand there with her and take his place. I just wanted to share this moment with you... and remind you that THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN A MILITARY TOWN. This is the real America we all love... and I'm proud to be part of it. May God bless our men in uniform and their families who give so much.

(Take a second to pass this along to someone you know. It's the least we can do for Octavia and SSgt Mark DeAlencar, 7th Special Forces, United States Army.)

And these do-nothing, accomplishment-less, shameless, punk sports figures who are so proud of their juvenile take-a-knee crap... WOW!

VAN TASSEL, Robert J., YOB: 1938, RA15598051, E4, MOS: 341. USASA HQS Frankfurt, Germany, MY59-MY61, robertvantassel@accesstoledo.com

Elder,  
I am Robert J. (Bob) Van Tassel. I am writing to inform you that my friend of 59 years, Ron Krief an occasional contributor to DOOL passed away July 1, 2018.

Ron and I met at Herzo Base in 1959 and soon became fast friends. Our friendship continued until he passed. We had many visits back and forth over the years. My wife Bobbie, and I drove from Toledo, Ohio to Bessemer, Mich. in the U.P. of Michigan and visited with him one last time 7 days before he died. Ron was the most intelligent man I ever met! And, a great friend!

My career in ASA is quite unremarkable. After training at Fort Gordon I was assigned to Herzo Dear. While there I volunteered 2 times to participate in war games. That broke up the monotony, and, was a lot like camping out in a motor home. The motor home Elmer Walker and I had was a shop van.

The installation team out of Frankfurt was making a major upgrade at Herzo to the OP's equipment at that time. They needed another hand so I worked with them on loan until that job was complete. The team was next going to do a big project at the 13<sup>th</sup> ASA Field Station, Menwith Hill, Harrogate, UK. Much to the chagrin of the WO who headed the repair shop at Herzo, Frankfurt plucked me right out of Herzo. So, I was off to a six month TDY at the 13<sup>th</sup> in Harrogate. Then back to Gutleut in Frankfurt (very good duty, lots of fun). We spent our days at an ASA warehouse in Mühlheim am Main we were installing equipment in expandable semi-trailers there. Mühlheim is about 19 clicks from Gutleut. We commuted to Mühlheim each day Jeeps, an ambulance or whatever we could "borrow" from an array of vehicles that were at Gutleut awaiting shipment out. We drove right through the center of Frankfurt to get to and from Mühlheim every day. Our route took us right past The Alte Oper, (the old opera house) it was still in ruins then, surrounded by a tall chain link fence. It was often described as the most beautiful ruin in Europe. Frankfurt was a great place to spend a few months waiting for DEROs. Regards, Bob

Thanks Bob. I never met Ron Krief, but had many chats with him thru emails

#### HERE IS AN ADDED BONUS TO THIS DOOL

DOOL #103, CRAM, Eugene C., (Gene), W2, W2215309, OIC T/A, Det 27, 66-67, (Phyllis), 5180 SW Gardenia Ct., Dunnellon, FL 34431, 352-489-9085, [superchief3@msn.com](mailto:superchief3@msn.com)

Phyllis informs that Gene was in the ICU ward, 1-5 February, with kidney trouble. He is now recuperating in a recovery ward. It is my request that those who know Gene and Phyllis send a get well card to the above address.



The CRAM family

**DOOL #104, 14FE2003, SIMONS, Bill, E3-E4 058 DE59-DE60, (Patricia Anne), 155 Newbolds Corner Rd., Southampton, NJ 08088, 609-859-9483, [billsimons@yahoo.com](mailto:billsimons@yahoo.com)**

- Elder RC Green. It was a pleasure to meet you at the 2002 reunion. Although I only attended a few hours of the reunion week-end, I was greatly impressed. The name tags and individual programs were especially well done and I'll be keeping mine as souvenirs of the occasion.

The 2001 85 page Memory Book CD is fantastic.

It would have been even better had you included Det 4 in 2001, but am pleased that all the ASA Turkey Detachments will be in your 2002-03 version. Using ACROBAT to produce and view the Memory Book-2001 was a great idea of Chuck Bergmann, who I understand relays most of the weekly DOOL's for you. The presentation has inspired me to look into using the program myself to record some of my own files that contain pictures.



1959-1963

I enlisted in the Army in the Spring of 1959 and was assigned to the Army Security Agency (ASA) as I had requested. I had been "promised" training for Russian at the language school in California, hoping to learn enough Russian to meet the second foreign language requirement for Graduate School after my enlistment was over. Apparently, I didn't do very well on the language test and was sent to Ft Devens (June-November 1959) to learn touch typing and Morse code. Got drunk, passed the code test and became a certified ditty-bopper, 058, for the entire of my ASA Tour of Duty.

Upon graduation, I was assigned to TUSLOG DET 4 in Sinop, Turkey. It was considered a hardship assignment and we were promised a choice of overseas assignments after our 12 month tour there was finished.

Five of us arrived at Ankara by a Turkish airline from Frankfurt in December of 1959. We were all fresh out of Devens and had all been in the Army less than a year at that time.

Our first few days in Turkey were spent in Ankara being "processed" and awaiting the next truck convoy to Sinop. We reported to a small office somewhere in the city where a portly Sergeant told us war stories about living in Turkey and dire warnings of what would happen if we offended the locals. The one warning that stuck in my mind was not to show a Turk the soles of your shoes because that would be considered an insult. We were housed at the International Hotel in downtown Ankara which was relatively modern and well kept. We had been warned not to drink anything that didn't come out of a sealed bottle and for most of that us that was interpreted as a clear military directive to drink lots of beer. We spent quite a few hours in the lobby of the hotel playing pinochle with one of the British residents who had learned the game from other Americans passing through on their way to Sinop.

What do I remember about SINOP? Lots of mud, and primitive conditions.

#### BOWLING

A buddy and I spent a pleasant but uneventful evening at a local night club buying "Champagne Cocktails" for two bar girls who came over to our table to keep us company. This social interaction was known locally as "Bowling". As our supply of Turkish Lira began to dwindle, the manager of the club was happy to exchange our Dollars for Lira in a dark corner of the club. His exchange rate of about 12 to 1, was higher than the official exchange rate that the banks would offer, about 8 to 1. I was now a "black marketeer".

### **IKI BACHUK ride to Sinop**

It was a long bumpy trip of 8-10 hours from Ankara to Sinop in the back of an Army 2 1/2 ton truck. There were several trucks in the convoy but only one of them was carrying personnel. The other trucks were loaded with the supplies that kept DET 4 up and running. The drivers made this trip on a regular basis and would spend one night at Sinop before happily returning to Ankara and the relative luxury of the hotel.

### **NEWKS AND SHORT-TIMERS**

We arrived at DET 4 after dark that evening and jumped out of the back of the truck into several inches of mud. We could hear catcalls of "New man, New man" and people telling us how "short" they were, enumerating the number of days that they had left until they left "The Hill".

### **DIOGENES STATION**

The official name of the site was TUSLOG DET 4, but the sign at the main gate also referred to it as "Diogenes Station" because the Greek philosopher Diogenes (412-323 BC) was supposed to have been born in Sinop. The "Diogenes Station" name may have been an unofficial one because I don't recall seeing it anywhere else except on that sign.

### **GUARD DUTY**

As new arrivals, we were assigned to guard duty until the next set of "Yenis" came in to relieve us. I especially remember pulling guard duty on Christmas Eve 1959. My guard post was located somewhere out on the edge of the base where I guarded 50 gallon drums of the diesel fuel that was used to power almost everything on the base. The perimeters beyond the barbed wire were guarded by Turkish soldiers. We were given an M1 carbine and informed that the Turkish word for "Halt" was "Dur" and sent along our way. Guard duty consisted of four hours on guard, four hours sleep, four hours on guard and so on, almost forever it seemed.

### **OUR BARRACKS**

Our barracks was of wood frame construction and consisted of one large room with a smaller private room in one corner for the resident NCO. All of the beds were metal frame double bunks such as the ones I had used in basic training. A single oil heater was located in the middle of the room and burned diesel fuel. It was the only source of heat.

### **MY ROOMIES**

My bunk mates and buddies included Ernie Armstrong, Bill Barbeau, Chuck Fisher, Bob Palm, Larry Rickard, Gary Teske, Charlie Trull, Walter Stanton, Pete Vladyka and Johnny Willemssen. My apologies to all those good friends whose names are missing from this list because they are locked away in some dark recess of my aging brain.

### **HOUSEBOYS**

Each barracks had a Turkish houseboy who mopped the floor, kept the fuel can filled and looked after the stove. The "houseboys", usually older men about 50 or so, would also take our laundry down to town for washing. Our fatigues came back stiff as a board with starch (as requested) and smelling of the strangely scented Turkish soap that was used throughout the country at that time.

### **WE WERE LUCKY – NO BOMB SIGHTS**

Outside each barracks was a fresh air 8 hole outhouse. They were set up with electricity but the light bulbs were often missing. There was one wash house on base for the EM where hot water for washing and shower facilities were usually available 24 hours a day.

Most of our goods, except the mail, came to us by truck from Ankara. During rainy periods, the roads would become so muddy that the trucks couldn't get through and we often ran short of some essential items. One time there was no liquor left to drink at the EM club except Brandy, and nothing to mix it with except Root Beer.

## WHAT.....NO BELLY DANCERS AT THE EM CLUB

There was a small theater on base where old movies were occasionally shown. Once a local Magician and his female assistant come in and put on a show. She was the only woman that I ever remember seeing on the base during my year there. She was without a doubt the most popular part of the magic show.

## PX

The PX consisted of a small building containing a single room but was pretty well stocked with cameras, typewriters, tobacco products, as well as presents for the folks at home. Chap-Stick was a popular item due to the drying effects of the cold and wind.

## CONTINUOUS MUSIC AT OPERATIONS

Music was played continuously outside the Operations building in an attempt to mask any sounds that might be coming from inside the building. The story was that Russian submarines would pop up at night out of the Black Sea and try to listen in on what was going on at the base. They played a lot of the Everly Brothers albums and the song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" must have been someone's favorite because it was heard so often.

## SINOP IN ANCIENT TIMES AND POSTCARDS

One of the GIs, Leslie Payne Delaney, wrote and published a rather scholarly booklet on the history and legends of Sinop and the DET 4 area called "Sinop in Ancient Times". Autographed copies were sold on base for \$2. The photography for the booklet was done by Edward H. Svoboda who was on base during at least part of my stay in 1960. There was also a set of comic postcards that were prepared and sold by another GI entrepreneur. The postcards can be seen on the Internet at Mike Moran's ASA Home Page at "<http://www.dfwmm.net/~maddog/asa.htm>". The page also contains a number of photos of the DET 4 base in 1960.

One of the fellows in my barracks was so upset about being sent to Turkey and being separated from his wife and child, that he went a little crazy. He was eventually flown out to civilization and it was rumored that he had been given a "Section 8" discharge. One of the guys who worked in the radio repair section protested his stay at Det 4 by shaving his head for the full year that he was stationed there.

The language barrier and religious differences with the local people forced most us to keep to ourselves on the base. Trips to town were infrequent and usually uneventful. A few of the guys made friends with some of the people in Sinop but they were the exception. Nearly all the women in this rural area of Turkey kept their faces covered with veils and actively avoided being photographed. The men did not seem to mind the camera nearly as much. Several of us went down into town to eat one day. The restaurant was a ground floor room in a private dwelling with a few tables that faced out onto the street. We had grape leaves stuffed with lamb and rice. When we asked for some beer to go along with the food, a boy was sent out to the local store to buy it. The food was quite good.

## SINOP WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE

Although conditions on the base were still quite primitive in 1960, permanent two story barracks were under construction and much better living conditions were only a year or two off into the future. The experience of meeting head-on an entirely different culture was certainly memorable and no doubt contributed to my broadening knowledge of the world that existed outside the USA.

After Sinop was assigned to the 13th USASAFS, Menwith Hill, Yorkshire, England, December 1960-April 1962. After a year in Turkey - England seemed as if I was stationed in Heaven. Only the KP duty reminded me that I was still in the Army and my ass still belonged to the military. I was personally extended by JFK for a couple of extra months because of some problem with the Russkies in Berlin. I spent a lot of time in Harrogate and Knaresborough where I met my wife to be, Patricia Anne Hart. We were married in the base chapel on 1 March 1962. By the end of April, I was back in the States trying to continue my education at the Main Campus at Penn State. After 14 months of frustrating study and part time jobs, I gave it up and went to Philadelphia to find a job. In desperation, I called the secret NSA phone

number and even went for an interview in a bare office downtown, but was turned down because my wife was not an American. After a few months, I eventually landed a job with a chemical publishing firm where I'm still somewhat tenuously employed. We currently live in an old house on a country acre, adjacent to cow pastures and other farmland, with a small wooded lot beyond our back-yard. I have been interested in computers since about 1985 having used them both for work and for fun. Finding the Internet and the WWW prompted me to try and look up some of my Army buddies and that's how I my SINOP website was started. We went back to England in 1997 for a two week vacation and enjoyed the visit very much.

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<http://www.pics.com/~bsimons/sinop/sinop.htm>

Hi Elder - Tripod has begun to shut down my free Internet sites (four down, six to go). They give no notice, no reason, no way to backup and no way to find out why. I've been resisting their pressure to pay for enlarging/upgrading the sites and that may be the reason. Perhaps they're just trying to get out of the free web site business. So...it's possible that when I upload the next DOOL file that they'll shut down the dool-1.tripod location. Luckily, I have back up files for the sites that have been lost and am in the process of setting up one new large commercial site where all my Internet sites can be located (NO ads either). The cost of these sites has come down dramatically as the cost of large hard drives has decreased over the past year or two. Hopefully, everything will be sorted out for the best in a few days. Just thought I'd let you know,