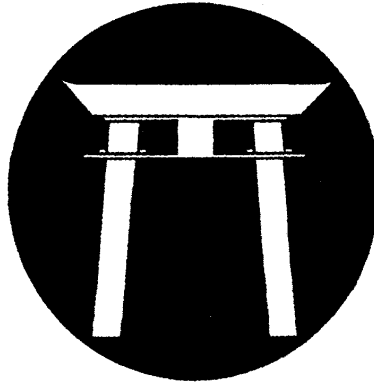


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Special Points of Interest

- *You are urged to attend the 2009 reunion in St. Louis be your President, Vice President and ML&RS, Inc President, Larry Eckard. See their articles on the first two pages.*
- *Eight new names have been added to the roster since the last newsletter. See who they are under Welcome Mat on page three.*
- *A picture of six former ASA Okinawa members is on page four.*
- *The ASA Flag order form is on page five.*
- *Order your ASA shirt from the order form on page six.*

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE, LOUIE

By Larry Eckard

Well, well, well, here it is July and the St Louis reunion is just around the corner. Everyone who reads this should have received your reservation packet, or an e-mail telling you where to find it on the internet. Anyone who did not receive some sort of notification, please let us know right away, call me at 828-256-6008 or e-mail larry@mrsinc.com and we'll get you fixed right up. You have the itinerary, etc in the packets so I won't bore you by repeating everything here; however, if you do have questions, please call.

Speaking of the reunion, this is going to be a good one! Well, Eckard, isn't that what you say about all of them? And I say to you, "Yes it is, because anytime you get together with old

friends you are going to have a good time. The location and activities are secondary to the friendships and memory sharing. If I could just get one point across to those who are saying, "I won't know anyone", I'd make you understand, "It doesn't matter!" You will be welcomed, made to feel right at home, and before you know it it'll be like old home week. You'll probably counter with, "Well, my wife won't know anyone, even if I find someone." Maybe not, but she will be amazed at how well received she will be and how quickly she will fit in. I challenge you, ask any wife how she enjoys the reunions and most of them will tell you, "As much as my husband."

I looked at our mailing roster and there are nearly

a hundred located members living in the Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Iowa, areas. Donnie Vunesky, you are one of them, you live pretty close and a whole bunch of us would like to see you; get your butt in gear and come to see us, and we might even let you sing a little bit of "Tequila". Gerry Schneberger, you crusty old W4, it ain't too far from Florida to St Louis, get in you limo and head sort of northwest.

There are 2,302 names on the mailing list, including deceased and incorrect addresses. Every person (minus the decease and incorrect addresses) is sent the reunion information. I guess this is like "preaching to the choir" (Chaplain Ross Lee's pearl of wisdom), but if you have a change of ad-

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dress and want to continue receiving reunion information and the newsletter, please let us know your new address. If you do not want to receive information, tell us that also so you can be removed from the mailing list and save us a few cents postage and printing.

As we mentioned briefly in the registration packet, we're going to try something new this year with the raffle. The biggest noise we hear about the raffle is that everyone who brings a gift does not go home with one. There are two possible solutions to that dilemma, and chances are, neither of them is going to happen. Number one, every single or couple could bring a gift, or second, only those who bring a gift will be eligible to receive a gift. Enforcing the latter is not a good idea, because those who do not remember to bring a gift buy tickets to compensate, tickets that would not be sold if we cut them off. The raffle is our major fund raiser, and it seems foolish to deliberately cut off a source of funds.

We'd like to see everyone bring a gift representative of their hometown, or expanding that a bit, a gift from anywhere – buy it in St Louis if you leave home without one. The thing to remember is you are bringing a gift to donate to the organization to help with the fund raising; if you take one home, that is super, if not try again next year. We do have a one gift per couple limit (unless a couple brings two gifts, then they are eligible to win twice).

In an effort to allow more people to win, and *perhaps* win something you choose instead of a gift randomly selected by Lonnie or whoever is doling out the gifts, we'll do things a bit different this year. Follow me through on this. First, forget how we did it in previous years. In addition to your gift, bring a paper bag, preferable a plain brown lunch bag, and get a "sticker" from the registration desk (or bring your own). As soon as possible after registering take your unwrapped gift and the bag to the hospitality room. Write your name (donated by Smith

and Jones) and a description of the gift on the sticker and stick it on the bag. We want the gifts to be on display so everyone will have a chance to see them. Then, when you purchase your tickets from your friendly ole raffle ticket seller, go look at the gifts again. Choose one or more gifts that you would like to win. Place one of your tickets in the bag corresponding to the gift you want. You can put all of your tickets in a single bag, or you can put one ticket in several bags. One ticket will be drawn from each bag and the winner gets the gift. In the event there are any gifts with no tickets, all undrawn tickets from the other bags will be put into a single container and the drawing will continue until the last gift has been presented. In this case, gifts will be distributed randomly as we have done in the past. If a couple each brings a gift, then each is eligible to win a gift, otherwise the one gift rule still applies.

See you in St Louie!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lonnie Frampton

Here we are preparing for the annual ASA Okinawa reunion. Time has a way of flying when you are having fun. I am getting anxious to travel to St. Louis and see all of my ASA Okinawa friends and their sweethearts and to make new friendships. To serve in the ASA was special for me because of the uniqueness of the ASA and the fact it was really small when you compare it to the Infantry, Armor etc. Once I had served my first three years, I never went to a new assignment that I didn't meet someone I knew from a previous assignment. ASA was akin to one large family. I really missed it when I retired, much the same way I miss each of you

after the reunion is over. ASA had a special kinship that is hard to explain to someone who never had that experience. I do not like to think that someday I may not be able to attend the reunions and that would be a huge disappointment. I wish that those who don't come to the reunions because, "I won't know anyone there," would come and find out what they are missing. Anyway, Gang, Faye and I will SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIE, LOUIE.

Lonnie Frampton
CW3, USA, Ret
Commander, Sobe Camp

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Sevits

By the time you read this, summer will be in full swing. That means hot weather and thunderstorms, ball games, picnics, and family outings - and the ASA Okinawa reunion in St. Louis!

I am assuming most of you have already read the information concerning the schedule of events for the reunion. I am excited about the itinerary!

Also, as noted in the events information, and I am sure elsewhere in this newsletter, for the raffle to be fair and successful, we need EVERYONE TO BRING A GIFT FROM YOUR STATE/HOMETOWN TO SHARE AT THE RAFFLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO TAKE HOME SOMETHING! It doesn't have to be anything big. If you are flying to St. Louis, you can ship your

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MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION REMINDER

Please check the membership expiration date on the outside of this newsletter envelope. If the date is 12/31/08, you will need to send in your membership dues of \$10.00 to continue receiving The Torri Typhoon beyond that date. Dues are to be sent to Treasurer Tom Sturgeon, 12 Cherry Lane, Olmstead TWP, OH 44138-2916.

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gift directly to you at the hotel. I have done that, and it saves time and trouble.

Once again, we are offering ASA Okinawa flags for sale. Along with the garden flags and the 3' X 5' flags, we are offering a 2' X 3' flag. Prices are listed on the order form included in this newsletter. Unfortunately, there is a minimum order needed to get the prices listed. If I can't get the minimum, I will have to check with each individual to see if they are willing to pay a higher price. I will take orders through September 19th. No money is needed at the time of the order.

Talk to your fellow ASA'ers and get them to the reunion! We will have another great time! See you there!

Tom Sevits VP



WELCOME MAT

The following members have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome to the Association. We hope to see you at the next reunion and hear from you about your memories of your time spent in Okinawa.

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TAPS

The Typhoon learned of the following deaths since the last newsletter was published. The deaths are not necessarily recent, but they were just learned of. The entire membership extends our deepest sympathy to the widows, families and friends of the deceased.

Willie Adams
Died December 18, 2008

Robert Baker (1952-55) Sgt
Died October 25, 2008

Thomas Baker
Died October 20, 2006

Robert Breen
Died October 12, 2001

Capt Forrest Clark
(1955-57 & 1966-69)

Died August 1, 2006

Thomas Covey, Jr.
Died May 21, 2007

Tracy Dumphy
Died January 11, 2006

Archie Kirby
Died November 19, 2007

John Laroque-Turgeon
Died March 18, 1999

David Schmier
Died April 14, 2005

Edward Snider
Died March 2, 2000

Arthur Wehrman
Died February 28, 2008

James Boaz (1950-52)
Cpl 111th & 8603rd
Died March 6, 2005

Thomas Breslin, Jr.
Died January 6, 2009

Joseph Gable
Died March 6, 2009

Dale Haller
Died October 3, 2007

Joe Sanders
Died December 19, 2004

John Sites
Died May 13, 2003

Robert Bettinger
Died

William Salmon (1957-58) SPC-2 Hdq
Died December 10, 2005

Marliss Hawkinson
Died October 27, 2007

Lester Moznik
Died January 14, 2009

Mitchell Lembas
Died June 4, 2009

Norbert Meyer
Died November 2007



Going home day on the Naha docks, October 3, 1957. Of the six in this picture, only two are still alive. Myself (Paul Watson) and Stanley Nesky from Texas. The first to die was Cottrill (1987) on extreme right. Joe Sanders is third from left. Heisler, fourth from left, died in 1996 with lung cancer from smoking. Francis Wood, far left, one of our cooks, died in 1993.

Paul Watson

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Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another member will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations.

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"Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To"

TREASURER'S REPORT—ASA OKINAWA ASSOCIATION—JUNE 18, 2009

By Thomas A Sturgeon

Beginning Check Book Balance Feb 9, 2009.....	\$7250.98	Total Disbursements....	\$390.48
Income from dues, and postage	\$287.00	Check Book Balance June 18, 2009.....	\$7147.50
Miscellaneous			
Total Income from Oct, 24, 2008 to June 18, 2009.....	\$287.00	Reserve Change Fund.....	+\$50.00
Disbursements			
Fund for memorial cards..... --\$100.00		Adjusted Balance June 18, 2009.....	+\$7197.50
March 2009 Torii Typhoon... —\$290.48		Respectfully submitted, Thomas A. Sturgeon, Treasurer	

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ASA OKINAWA FLAG AND GARDEN FLAG ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

3' X 5' ASA Okinawa Flag Quantity _____

Cost is 70.00 each plus 5.00 shipping = 75.00. I need at least 12 orders to get this price. Do not send money at this time!

2' X 3' ASA Okinawa Flag Quantity _____

Cost is 60.00 each plus 5.00 shipping = 65.00. I need at least 12 orders to get this price. Do not send money at this time!

ASA Okinawa Garden Flag Quantity _____

Size is 10" X 17"

Cost is 17.00 each plus 3.00 shipping = \$20.00. I need at least 12 orders to get this price. Do not send money at this time!

I will take orders for these flags through September 19th 2009. You can e-mail me your order or I will take orders at the reunion.

Please do not send any money. I will bill you after I place the order with the flag maker!

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME: 419-874-7680; e-mail tom.judy@wcnet.org.

**Tom Sevits
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Association Offers Shirts, White & Light Blue With or Without Collars

(Picture of collared shirt not available)



DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS AUGUST 10, 2009

To go along with the hat you ordered last this year, the association is offering shirts with and without collars. Shirts are available in two colors, white and light blue, with and without a pocket and the logo shown above will be above the pocket. For those attending the reunion, the shirts will be available for pick-up there; for those ordering a shirt but not able to attend the reunion, the shirt will be mailed to you. Please use the order form below.

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Mail your order to:</p> <p>ASA Okinawa Association Gary Duenow 6090 Indian Dr NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52411</p>	<p>Size: Small ____; Med ____; Large ____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">XL ____; XXL ____; XXXL ____</p> <p>Color: White ____ Blue ____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">With collar ____ without/collar ____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">With pocket ____ without pocket ____</p> <p>Cost w/collar: S thru XL \$18.00; XXL \$19.50 XXXL \$21.00</p> <p>Cost w/o collar: S thru XL \$15.00; XXL \$16.50 XXXL \$18.00</p> <p>Postage and handling (if not attending reunion) \$5.00</p> <p>Total Enclosed: \$ _____</p> <p>Make checks out to: ASA Okinawa Association</p> <p><u>Dead line for ordering is Aug 10, 2009</u></p>
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