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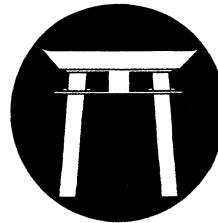
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start by greeting each and every one of you a very cordial hello from our abode in my home town of Blytheville, Arkansas. Linda and I have had a very busy and hectic two months—all the preparations of prepping our house and yard. We finally got most everything prepared and made the big move three weeks ago. This will be our primary residence now. We still have the house in Nesbit and will spend part of our time there. Our son John and his family are living there now. Linda dearly loves the house here. She has met several neighbors, which we did not have in Nesbit, for we lived out in the country. The neighbors have been very helpful to us in our transition. Linda likes the small town atmosphere. Population 15,000. All the shopping, library, restaurants, post office and all govt. bldgs. within 5 to 10 mins. driving time. In Nesbit it took 30 to 45 mins to reach these same environs. She also has no

stairs to climb. Our new address: 125 S. Crescent Cir, Blytheville, Arkansas 32715.

We are looking forward to our next reunion of ASA Okinawa in Chattanooga, TN. We hope to see all of you there for another great reunion. Larry, Brenda, Karen and Dina have been working tirelessly to show us a good time with the greatest of ease and comfort. We are anticipating a smooth ride on the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Hope all of you will join us for fun and fellowship. At this year's reunion we will have two distinguished guests. One is the decorated Wounded Warrior, Andrew Smith. Andrew will attend with his wife and parents. We are looking forward to meeting Andrew and his family. The next guest of honor is Andrea D. Lawrence. Andrea is president of Tennessee Fisher House Foundation, Inc. Fisher House is nearing completion of their new facility in Nashville, TN. They are planning a

grand opening in November this year. Andrea will make a small talk and give us an update on the happenings of Fisher House. On behalf of ASA Okinawa, I would like to give a very special thank you to Andrew and Andrea for attending our reunion in Chattanooga. Let's all give our guests, Andrew and Andrea, a very nice welcome. We, ASA Okinawa, are seeking candidates to fill the job of treasurer of our organization. Jim Norrbom is retiring as treasurer at this year's meeting in Chattanooga. Anyone interested in fulfilling this position, please contact me or any of the board of directors.

Well, this is my last year as serving as your president. I want you to know that I have enjoyed each and every minute of serving this great organization. At this year's reunion our good friend and cohort, Gary Duenow, will be installed as president at our Saturday night

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banquet. I am looking forward to Gary taking over the reins and leading us to a higher level. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support and encouragement the last two years. All of you made the job of president a nice experience, and made the job much easier for me. I would like to thank you for that from the bottom of my heart.

In closing, am looking forward to seeing all of you in Chattanooga.

Thanks again and God Bless.

Dallas May

## From the Vice President

We are just 2 months away from reunion time (9/11-9/15/13) in Chattanooga, TN. We certainly would like to see all of you in attendance to enjoy the events that have been planned by the Premier Reunion group. I thank them in advance for their hard work.

It certainly has been a very wet late spring and early summer here in the Midwest. We have had record rainfall totals for May and June. Some of the Iowa farmers are still waiting for a dry week to be able to get their soybeans planted. Never know here in Iowa - one year a drought and the next an overabundance of moisture.

Good news - a "thanks for your help" to our friend and fellow member Gerry Mueller from Wisconsin we now have a cap maker for our ASA Okinawa. Thanks for helping me find this company. We will have either blue or black caps with gold sewn/stitched insignia and lettering. The final cost will be established once we get the shipping cost, etc. figured in, but we know we will be under \$15. So check with me and let me know what your needs will be. Then I can get the order made and have them ready by reunion time. I still have a few shirts left (limited sizes). I can still get new ones made to your specifics if I receive your request by 8/05/13 and I can bring them along to the reunion (free delivery).

Remember we will be electing a new vice president this year as well as seeking a replacement candidate for Jim as Treasurer. Jim has done an excellent job, but he wishes to pass the opportunity on to another that would like to be a board member. If you are interested or know someone that is interested let us know - thanks.

Also start thinking about potential reunion sites for 2015. We will be in Albuquerque in 2014. If you have a place you would like us to go, do some research as to why, things to see and do, and potential costs, etc.

We four (Sandy, Lou, Rusty and myself) will be heading for Chattanooga in about 2 months and very much looking forward to seeing all of our friends. Please make your plans now and get your response into Premier Reunion soon. See you soon

Thanks and may God bless you all,

**Gary Duenow (Phone: 319-393-2234 or thedue60@yahoo.com)**

## PHOTOS FROM JOHN HORENGIC

These photos were sent from **John Horengic** (deceased in April 2013) to Paul Watson for scanning into a video. Paul says this first photo looks like John is getting some OJT in DF at Fort Devens.



John Horengic is at lower right. The person at upper right can be seen in the next photograph erecting antenna masts with a crane. Then oops! A mast buckled—too bad. From John's pictures, it shows he was involved in erection of the antenna field at Sobe Camp. There is a mix of pictures taken at Futenma too.



## Treasurer's Report ASA Okinawa Association June 30, 2013

**Beginning Check Book Balance**  
**APRIL 1, 2013 ----- \$ 4,176.97**

Income from ASA Dues	\$300.00
Income from sale of ASA History	
History Book Sales	\$30.00
Flag Sales	\$108.00
Total Income -----	\$438.00

**Disbursements**

March issue Torii Typhoon	\$351.57
STEPS 2 HOPE Andrew Smith	\$1,000.00
Total Disbursements -----	\$1,351.57

**Final Check Book Balance as of JUNE 30, 2013**  
**\$ 3,263.40**

**Total Membership is as follows:**

- 10 Life Time Members/Includes Dorothy(Dotty) Turner who made most of our stitchery for us at our reunions, and 1 NON-Member
- 10 Life Time Deceased Members Wives
- 133 Paid Members for 2013, still 39\* off from last year.
- 57 for 2014, 18 for 2015 and 4 for 2016

**James Norrbom, Treasurer**

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION REMINDER**

Membership dues are down by 39 members this year. Please check the membership expiration date on the outside of this newsletter envelope. Dues are \$10.00 and are to be sent to **Jim Norrbom**, 11409 Christensen Ct, Burnsville, MN 55337.

**NEWSLETTER EXPENDITURES**

July 2013 \$1925.31 (Premier Reunion Services is splitting the cost for this issue only, making the ASA Okinawa cost **\$962.66.**)



**Photo 1-Okinawa 1947 from Edward Moreno's Story Pages 6-7**

## Former ASA Vet Has New Book Published

**Submitted by William Thayer:**

I wanted to make you aware of a newly published book by a couple of former ASA and U.S. SAFSS veterans who served in Okinawa, Taiwan and Vietnam. They were there when I served on the islands of Okinawa and Taiwan and I was not with the ASA during my tours in Vietnam. Anyway, to answer the obvious question: I am not getting a cut, but just passing on the availability of this book, which might interest some of you. If you don't want to purchase it now, go to your public library and request they add it to their collection, or put it on your Christmas wish list.

One of the reasons I do want to read this book is because I do remember when I was in personnel/UPO in both Okinawa and Taiwan, getting civilian clothing allowances,phony passports and civilian ID and orders for those guys who are described in the excerpt below, including James S. Davis from Tennessee.

The book:

<http://www.amazon.com/Unlikely-Warriors-Security-Agency's-1961-1973/dp/147599057X>

### **Unlikely Warriors: The Army Security Agency's Secret War in Vietnam 1961-1973**

**About the Authors**

**Lonnie M. Long** was born in North Carolina and served with the Army Security Agency from August 1962 to November 1965. After completing ASA training at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, Lonnie served with the 76th Special Operations Unit, Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan. In 1964, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and began a fifteen-month tour with the 3rd Radio Research Unit, Aviation Section, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon.

**Gary B. Blackburn** is a nativeowan and served with the U.S. Air Force Security Service from April 1961 to November 1964. Gary studied Mandarin Chinese at the Institute of Far Eastern Languages, Yale University, followed by assignments to the Joint Soble Processing Center, Torii Station, Okinawa, working for NSA, and the 6987th Security Group, Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan.

Excerpt from the book:

In early May 1961, a U.S. military aircraft taxied toward a well-guarded terminal building. The plane slowed to a halt; steps were maneuvered up to its side, and the door was pulled open. The tropical night air was heavy and dank, and the moon shone dimly through high thin

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clouds. On board the aircraft were ninety-two members of a specially selected team. The men were dressed in indistinguishable dark suits with white shirts and dark ties, and each man carried a new red U.S. diplomatic passport inside his breast pocket. The men held copies of their orders and records in identical brown Manila envelopes, and each man's medical records were stamped "If injured or killed in combat, report as training accident in the Philippines." In such clandestine fashion, the first fully operational U.S. military unit arrived at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in South Vietnam. The unit was so highly classified even its name was top-secret. It was given a codename, a cover identity to hide the true nature of its mission. The unit's operation was housed in a heavily-guarded compound near Saigon, and within two days of its arrival, Phase I was implemented. Its operatives were intercepting Viet Cong manual Morse communications, analyzing it for the intelligence it contained and passing the information to the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group-Vietnam. The Army Security Agency was on duty.

## Thank You Note to Dorothy Turner

*Editor's Note: This is a copy of the letter sent to Dorothy Turner by President Dallas May for her donation to ASA Okinawa.*

Ms Dorothy Turner,

Dot, I am writing on behalf of Army Security Agency Okinawa. We would like to thank you very much for your most generous and gracious donation to ASA Okinawa. You are too much!!! You have gone over and beyond the call of duty, with the time and effort you have put in over the last few years. Your arts and crafts have been the highlight of our annual raffle for several years now. We, ASA Okinawa, cannot thank you enough for making our annual raffle a huge success. We want you to know that we missed you and your friends, Bill and Elaine Overholt, at last year's reunion in Nashville. We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's reunion in Chattanooga, TN.

Thank you again on behalf of ASA Okinawa.

Sincerely,  
Dallas May, President

***Editor's Note: If you sent in material for this newsletter and do not see it printed, it is because we had so much for this newsletter that we had to leave some things out. We will get to it next time. Thank you so much for all you contribute for inclusion in the newsletter. It is greatly appreciated.***

## COL. WILLIAM ROSCHER



**Col. William Roscher was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame on May 10, 2013**

**By Bill Roscher:**

Many of you know that my adult life started just before the end of WWII. I was a radio officer in the Merchant Marines and made one trip to Guam (they were still fighting there) before the end of the war. I stayed in and sailed from Alaska to Australia and around the world in the next three years. The reason I mention this is that due to my Morse code training I maxed the test when I enlisted in the Army and was contacted by an Army Security Agency Sergeant who wanted me to sign up with the ASA. I did so as I did not know any better. That led to my assignment to the 111th on Okinawa in December 1949. I had a good tour there as I was able to use my Morse code sending and receiving abilities and therefore got out of operations. As some of you know I then built a Ham radio station. During this time I applied for OCS. I left Okinawa in February 1952 to head for Fort Monmouth, NJ, to attend the Signal Corps OCS training. During OCS I met JoAnn, the love of my life. Graduation was in August 1952 with assignment to the National Security Agency (then known as the Armed Force Security Agency).

After three years in the DC area I attended the company officer's course at Devens and was assigned to ASAEUR for three years. Worked in ComSec and then went to Rothwesten to work in operations. Had several jobs there.

Returned to the US to attend the Army Language School to study Russian. Followed this by being assigned to Oberammergau, Germany, to continue my Russian studies. Then returned to Rothwesten ending up as the S3.

Returned to Devens for the advanced course and was then assigned to the MI Branch, OPO. Worked as the Personnel Actions officer for a couple of years.

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Then attended the Armed Forces Staff College followed by assignment to Vietnam.

First job was the Group S4 and during this time I was sent to be the acting commander of the 313th RR Bn, then back to the S4 job. Then was assigned as the commander of the 303d RR Bn. During that time the battalion increased in size to something over 2000 personnel.

Returned to the states assigned to the Russian Division of the ACSI, DA for a three year period. Following this I was assigned to Combat Developments which led to being assigned to Fort Leavenworth, KS. At Ft. Leavenworth I was promoted to Colonel and then retired from the Army in 1974, I retired to Scottsdale, AZ, to help create a very successful financial planning firm.

There is a reason for this overview of my life. During my Army career I met many of you and learned a great deal from a lot of you. The association and learning experience led to me being inducted into the National OCS Hall of Fame on 10 April, 2013. A great honor for me and I thank those of you who worked with me over the years as that is what made it possible for me to achieve this high honor.

Sincerely,  
Bill Roscher



## 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 entire membership extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

**Harold Graber**  
Died February 10, 2013

**Nicholas Saum**  
Died May 23, 2013

**Anthony Wiederle, Jr.**  
Died May 18, 2013

**Gary Fox**  
Died July 8, 2012

**Eugene Seese (Early 50s)**  
Died January 30, 2013

**Arlen Glenn (1954-56)**  
Died January 8, 2013

**John Horengic, Jr.**  
(1952-55) S/Sgt  
Died April 5, 2013

**Earl Dells**  
Died July 25, 2007

**Ruben Hoyle**

Died February 9, 2011

**Lt Robert Koslow**  
Died June 25, 1993

**Gelon Galbreath**  
(1953-55) Sgt Trick 2  
Died February 28, 2013

**Ronald Phillips**  
Died January 11, 2008

**Harold Tardola**  
Died November 29, 2006

**J.E. Desmond**  
Died August 15, 1993

**David Moss**  
Died December 11, 2002

**George Mills, Jr**  
Died December 1, 2000

**Arthur Riley**  
Died December 31, 2010

**Kenneth Wray**  
Died April 27, 2002

**Gerald Foreman**  
(1957-59) SP4 Operations T/A  
Died March 12, 2013

**Roger Dean Olson**  
Died September 29, 2012

**Harold Tucker (1957-59)**  
Died November 2, 2011

**Thomas Roberts**  
Died July 27, 1990

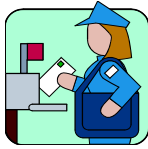
**Louis Lefrancis**  
Died January 19, 2007

**Thurmond Chaffin**  
Died April 29, 2012

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



## MAIL CALL

Dear ASA Okinawa Association,

"Friends, (members), countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury (financial strife), not to (circumvent) it...I speak not to disapprove what (the ASA Okinawa Associate Officers) spoke, but here I am to speak to what I do know," as Shakespeare's Mark Antony once proclaimed.

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity," Patton once instructed. So, I fall upon my sword. I, Bill Overholt, acquiesce to the following restitution: I agree to pay to the aforementioned association officers, in accordance with aforesaid economic discord, the fiscal amount of \$1 per year for the rest of my natural life.

Sincerely yours,

**William F. Overholt**

When interviewed about recent events, a close family member, Bill's daughter-in-law of seventeen years stated, "Well, it's about time! He's been charging me \$.25 per visit since I joined this family," she proffered. "And by the way, don't even try to collect via his progeny, as we're already indebted to him for life!"

Jim,

I have not been a member of your organization before. A few months ago, I started searching for some of the guys I knew at Torii, and encountered your web site. I was on Okinawa at Torii Station from January, 1962- July, 1963. I was an E-4 (Army) when I left.

As far as personal background, after a few years at Illinois Bell, I returned to school, earned a doctorate in sociology, and spent the next 25 or so years as a university teacher. I am currently writing books for a more "general" audience. My wife and I divide our time between the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Asheville, North Carolina. I'm looking forward to receiving your newsletters.

Thanks for your response.

**Dan Krause**

Hi all,

I found your names and emails on the "asalive.org" website, and can see where (at least, a few years back) there were some reunions going on for ASAers that were stationed on Okinawa.

I was curious if you still did these from time to time; if so, I would like to participate.

I was an 05D at the USASAFS SOBE from September 1976-August 1978 (and met my future wife there, a Chinese linguist named Dana Beconovich), and some of my E6 and E7 comrades were Jim Gleason and

(E7 at the time), Gene Antwine (E6 at the time), Rodney Bruce ("Skip Creech") there in Okinawa.

Some of my Ft Devens buddies were Jim Malato, Stan Lake, and 05H's Brad Hall and Mark Micalizzi (Hall and Micalizzi were on Okinawa, too, about the same time as I was-- Malato went to Vint Hill Farms and then Germany, I think, and then kept serving as a civilian in the USG somewhere). On Okinawa, when I was there, our Section NCOIC was SFC Gary Bausch, and our 05D section Warrant Officer (formerly an E6), was WO1 Lester Dean.

During my 'tenure' on Okinawa, Creech and I made a trip to Camp Humphries Korea and met most of the 05Ds there at the time, but I won't bore you with a bunch of their names.

Anyway, my nickname was "Spike" back in the day, and would like to catch up with old friends.....

Best rgds,

**Tom/Spike**

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## ASA Okinawa—1947 By Edward V. Moreno

It was the last week of January 1947 with eight to twelve inches of snow outside the code school when I was told to pack my duffle bag. The company commander told us, "The seven of you will replace seven GIs on Okinawa." I was very happy learning to become a radio operator at the 1st Radio Station Mobile at the 5th Air Force base at Irmagawa, Japan. What will our new assignment be like?

On a weary rainy day with not cheers of joy, but utterances of "Lots of luck!" "Suckers!" "You'll love it here. Ha, ha, ha!" The seven we replaced left within a week.

**(photo 1 page 3)** We were now part of the 126th Signal Service Company.

Lt Edward Day soon gave us our assignments. Nari-matsu from California was charged with maintaining the few vehicles allowed to the 126th. Deardorff from York, PA was the radio operator. Eckerle from Missouri became the company clerk. The oldest, at 26 years of age, Sanford, became the company's sergeant. Daniels from Texas was the cryptographer.

Above our set of Quonset huts was the Armed Forces Radio Station. Once a week a Dear John letter was read to all the listeners on the island. Finally Lt. Day gave me my assignment as "acting supply sergeant." Because I could type 45 words per minute, he asked me to invent-

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tory all the radio equipment, radio parts, tubes capacitors, condensers, etc. in the back two Quonset huts.

During February a team of five from HQ in Tokyo spent several days in the rice paddies near a small village. I guessed they were surveyors. Soon an officer from HQ in Tokyo came. No one knew why. He left. On Saturday, the company was inspected by yet another officer from Tokyo. We were only seven doing the tasks for a TO&E of 154 men. In March just before my 19th birthday, Lt. Day interviewed me again. He asked, "What did you do before you enlisted?" and "Can you read blue prints?" I answered. By dinner he announced to us that "the acting supply sergeant" would be in charge of building two monitoring stations.

For the next six months, I had to bribe, persuade, and negotiate with other Army units—transportation, engineers, etc, plus the Sergeants Rocker Club, and Post Engineers, to help build the monitoring stations. When one station was completed in December before I was sent back to the states, none of us learned who was going to use it. Is it still used by ASA? Did it become a grocery store for the village?

At the same time span, the 126th became the 111th and moved to another site. Visualize a Y. The 111th was situated on a knoll at the right side of the Y. The right leg of the Y was a road that led to the Red Cross Service Center, the community mess hall, the open-air theatre, the PX, and a recreation bar that sold beer or hot or cold toddies. The left leg of the Y was the road to Naha about 15 miles away. The base leg of the Y led to Kadena.

Why do Okinawans speak perfect Spanish? Why their ancient burial practices?

## Times Are Changing And like it or not, we must change with them By Larry Eckard

For reasons known only to God and the individual, our membership has declined over the past couple of years, to the point there is some concern regarding funding for the association. There has been much discussion between the board members on this issue and how to best address it and it appears that a consensus has been reached and will be explained here, so please read carefully.

Our first concern is declining membership. We can't force former Torii Station soldiers – from any era to join the association, or renew their membership. We can only encourage them. Look at the address label on this issue of the Tribune and take note of your expiration date. If you are due to renew soon, or if your membership has lapsed please take a few minutes and renew. Cost cannot be an issue, the membership fees are only \$10.00 a year. Use the membership application found elsewhere in this issue to renew or join.

Now to the meat of the subject. The association is more than just a bunch of intercept operators or analysts, or maintenance men, or commo men, or DFers, radio fingerprinters, or linguists, or cooks, or bakers, or admin specialists, or whatever else you may have been. We do good things for today's veterans; we've sent phone cards to active duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan (several times), we've donated to Fisher House (several times), we have assisted a wounded warrior, veterans helping other veterans. We send condolences and a donation to our deceased member's favorite charity, we welcome to our reunions widows and families of our deceased friends, and funds are needed for all of these activities. We need funds for the newsletter. The association can be proud of our accomplishments, but if we are to continue these projects help is needed. How to cut expenses and save money is one of the ways that has been discussed and here is the plan.

The biggest annual expenditure is the newsletter, especially when it is sent to every single person on the mailing list. Enter the electronic age. Please read very carefully the item on page 8 dealing with e-mail subscriptions. You have the opportunity to subscribe to the e-mail service (no cost to do this). The service will get you the newsletter, reunion registration material as well as other selected correspondences throughout the year. Once you subscribe to the service that is how you will receive all communications. It is simple, but if you feel you can't do it, have your granddaughter do it for you. If you do not subscribe, that tells us you are not interested in receiving the newsletter and registration packets by e-mail. If you still prefer a paper copy, there will be an additional \$5.00 per year fee over and above your membership dues.

Of course there is going to be some grumbling; that happens with every change. To those who disagree with the policy, we respect your feelings and apologize for any inconvenience it causes you.

### ASA OKINAWA HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE

There are ASA Okinawa History Books available for sale. These books were compiled by Larry Eckard. It contains the history of ASA on Okinawa

plus a recounting of past reunions. The books are priced at \$13.00 each. This includes shipping. If interested, **make checks out to ASA Okinawa Association**. Please contact:

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## IMPORTANT INFO FROM PREMIER REUNION SERVICES

If we have a valid email address on file for you, you have received an invitation to subscribe to the ASA Okinawa e-mailers' list. In an effort to reduce the amount of junk email that is being sent, there have been standards established to control the way emails are sent to groups of people. The server that hosts our web site has adopted these standards, and we must abide by them. This means that we can no longer just copy a list of email addresses out of our database, and paste that list into the "To:" or "BCC:" fields of an email. We can now only send group emails to recipients who have subscribed to a particular email list. This process involves sending out an invitation to group members.

When you received the invitation you were asked to click on a link within the email that takes you to the subscription page.

On the subscription page, you fill out your email address, and then submit it.

You will then receive another email from the DADA Mailing Service confirming that you are the actual owner of the email address you provided.

When you click on the link in the confirmation email, you will then be "subscribed".

This process is called a "double opt-in" subscription. It is designed so that a computer robot can't just go in and fill out random email addresses in forms – they want to know a real person is submitting the email address, and that same person really has access to that email account.

This subscription list is totally independent of the database we maintain for your group. If you change your email address, you will still need to let us know, and you will need to re-subscribe with your new address. If you have not ever submitted your email address and would like to, there is a link to the subscription process on the reunion web site. You will also need to send us an email with your email address in order to get it added to the database.

I experimented with several different email programs before selecting this particular one. It is the least complicated of the ones I tried. Thank you for your patience as we implement this new procedure. I, for one, get a ton of junk mail, and would not mind at all if standards like this reduced the amount I have to weed through every day!

Respectfully,

Dina Coffey

General Manager

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### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

**If Premier Reunion Services has an email address for you, and you have not subscribed, you will no longer receive notification when the *Torii Typhoon* is available to download at [mlrsinc.com/asaokinawa](http://mlrsinc.com/asaokinawa). Paper copies of the *Torii Typhoon* will only be mailed to those who have paid the additional \$5.00 as described above.**



### WOODEN ASA LOGO AND SIGN AVAILABLE

Contact Tom Sevits if you would like one of the oak ASA logos or signs seen below. The logo is \$30.00 (including postage and handling). The sign is \$25.00 (also includes postage and handling). If delivered at the reunion, costs would be \$25.00 and \$20.00 respectively.



To order contact:

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This edition of the Torii Tribune is being sent to everyone on the mailing list—not just to Association members. For those of you who are members of the Association, please look at your address label to see when your membership expires and send in your dues before the expiration date. Renewals are the lifeblood of our membership, so please be aware of your expiration date and renew accordingly.

To the large numbers of you who are not association members, please consider joining. Dues are only \$10.00 a year. Any former soldier who served in the 111th Sig Svc Company 327th Comm Recon Co, the 8603rd AAU, 3rd ASA Field Station, ASA Field Station Sobe, Army Field Station Okinawa, or any of the other units that fell under the Torii Station designation between 1945 and 1985 are cordially invited to become members.

Now, why should you join the Association? First, we were all elite soldiers that served without much recognition because of the nature of our work. We are part of a brotherhood and an organization that needs to be remembered. The Association is the vehicle to carry on the memory and tradition of the Signal Intelligence organizations that served on Okinawa. In order to do this, the help of every former member is needed. Membership gives you that opportunity! You will be able to participate in the management of the Association by attending the business meetings and voting on the matters brought up by the membership. The most important thing is comradeship that you will find by becoming a member and attending our reunions. This is something you will not find anywhere else, in any other walk of life. So often we hear the excuse, "Well, I won't know anyone." So what? It would be great to find that old friend that you ran around with, but an hour after you arrive, you'll feel like you've belonged there all your life. Ask anyone who has attended a reunion, they'll tell you the same thing. Give it a try: it'll only cost you ten bucks and it may possibly be the best \$10.00 you ever spent. Come on, we need you as a member!

Membership will also allow you to attend the business meeting, to bring business before the assembly, and to vote on issues brought up at the meeting. Among the recurring issues will be election of officers and selecting reunion sites. Every voice and vote is important and we'd like to have yours.

Our excellent newsletter, The Torii Tribune is also available to be mailed by USPS for an additional \$5 per year. That is a bargain for three issues. If you are comfortable on the computer and able to subscribe to the ASA Okinawa E-mailers list, you can receive the newsletter by email and save the \$5.00. (Information on subscribing is on the reunion web site at www.mlrsinc.com/asaokinawa)

The Association needs your support, please join and be a party of keeping the memory of ASA Okinawa alive.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Membership expires on July 31, 2014.

I wish to join the ASA Okinawa for: one year @\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ two years: @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer a paper copy of the Torii Tribune. In addition to my dues I have:

Enclosed is \$5.00 for the 11/2013, 03/2014 and 07/2014 issues \_\_\_\_\_

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