

# Torii Typhoon

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ASA OKINAWA



### Special Points of Interest

- *Larry Eckard gives a preview of the 2007 reunion in the cover story. Please plan to join the reunion in Tucson.*
- *Messages from your president and vice president are on page two.*
- *Would you like to be an Honor Guard? See the "Wanted" notice on page four.*
- *Welcome Mat on page four has four new members listed. If you recognize anyone, drop them a note.*
- *Mail Call beginning on page five has some sad news about regular reunion attendees.*

### OUR VIEW

Ahhh! Reunion time is drawing near and I hope all of you are looking forward to it as much as I am. Things have pretty much gone the way we expected, but with a few changes. Many of you know that Major General Barbara Fast, commanding General of the Intelligence Center and School and Ft Huachuca had been invited to be our guest at the Saturday night banquet. Then we got a big "el crap". General Fast has been reassigned and a new General has replaced her. Now we've started the process all over again. The invitation has been extended but no response yet. Otherwise, everything else on the itinerary is a go. We are surprised at the number of people already signed up for tours. For Thursday

night's dinner trip, Friday's trip to Ft Huachuca, and Saturday's trip to Tombstone. We already are working on the second bus, and the cut off date isn't until mid August. Let's fill up the second one! Thursday's trip to the Missions is almost full – plenty for the trip to go, and Thursday's Saguaro Museum has enough to go, but we have plenty of space to accommodate others. Please make your tour reservations in advance or run the risk or not getting a seat.

Sightseeing and tours are not the main reason for reunions, keeping in touch with old friends and making new ones are the major reasons, but there is another underlying reason – we need to keep the heri-

tage of ASA Okinawa alive. It's sad but true, we from the 50's and 60's are the "old generation" – and the bulk of our members and reunion attendees are from that time frame. We need to make a big-time effort to find and recruit more members from the mid/late 60's to the mid 80's when the station closed. At the next business meeting, I am going to propose that we find a volunteer from that era to take over the search for members from those years, and give him/her whatever assistance, including financial, that they need. I know, we've asked before and we've always depended on Paul Watson to do it. He has done a magnificent job but he concentrated on the 50's and 60's and had his

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hands full doing those years. He has several times offered to advise the new person on the techniques and methods – but he’s had no takers. Let’s find him a protégé! If any one from the late 60’s, 70’s and 80’s are listening – step up and volunteer. In the meantime I am going to run some ads in newspapers and veterans’ publications seeking people from 51st USASA Special Operations Command, USASA FS Sobe, and US Army Field Station, Okinawa. We may not get these men and women this year, but they are going to be the future – let’s find them and bring them on board. Are you with me?

On the subject of old friends, let’s explore that for a few minutes. Back in the olden days we all had our circle of friends for our trick, or some other duty sections –and naturally those are the people we wanted to see most at the reunions. But something else happened too, we found that in addition to having many of the same memories the guys we didn’t know were pretty good guys as well, even the “straight day beggars” as they were called. Now, you are just as apt to see people who were virtual strangers or only casually acquainted a couple of years ago, running hard as best friends. Reunions do that to you. If you are one of the reluctant ones (“I won’t know anyone” is the most frequent excuse) get over it and get yourself to Tucson. An hour after you arrive, you’ll have met someone who has a shared experience, a mutual friend, someone you disliked, or something in common. By Sunday you’ll find it hard to believe that you’re saying good-bye to this old friend that you’ve known three days. You owe it to yourself. Make your plans and enjoy yourself.

Larry Eckard  
President, ML&RS, Inc

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Jim Norrbom

Hey, everyone,

It looks like our Reunion in Tucson, AZ is going to be a busy one, with lots of things to do and places to visit. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you in Tucson starting Wednesday, Sept 12th to Sunday, Sept. 16th. Make sure and get your reservations into ML&RS group as soon as possible. Let’s make this reunion one of the biggest that we have had. We will be handing over the Presidency to Lonnie Frampton at the end of the Reunion this year. Hey, make sure and think about where you would like to have our 2009 reunion. We will need to pick a reunion place for the next open year also. Hope to see as many of you as possible in Tucson.

Jim Norrbom  
President ASA Okinawa

## VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Lonnie Frampton

Sobe Camp Veterans,

It won’t be long until it will be time to go to Tucson. Please send your reservations in. It would be nice to see some of my old friends that haven’t attended any reunions or haven’t been to one in awhile. Why not make this reunion a vacation for you and the wife? You will have a lot more fun than you anticipate. And if you feel that you won’t know anyone there, you will, because I’ll be there to greet you. So come on, sign up and come on out to Tucson and have a good time.

Lonnie Frampton  
Sobe Camp 1955-57, 1958-61 and 1968-70

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your stories and suggestions.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Arizona has more parks and national monuments than any other state, more mountains than Switzerland, and more golf courses than Scotland?

### NEWSLETTER EXPENDITURES FOR

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**TREASURER'S REPORT ASA OKINAWA JUNE 26, 2007**

Beginning Check Book Balance as of March 1 2007.....\$8993.13  
 Dues Received .....\$ 110.00

**Disbursements**

March 2007 Newsletter.....-\$232.52  
 Purchase of Torri Shoulder Patches.....-\$156.98  
 Flag Stand and Poles.....-\$188.30  
 Guidon Flag and Poles.....-\$204.32  
 Total Disbursements.....-\$782.12

Check Book Balance as of June 26, 2007.....\$8321.01

**Miscellaneous**

Reserve Change Fund.....\$50.00

**Adjusted Balance.....\$8371.01**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Thomas Sturgeon, Treasurer

**ASSOCIATION OFFERS HATS**



One of our members who just happens to live in Tucson found some excellent hats at a really good price at one of the local Tucson shops. He brought several of them to the Harrisburg reunion and was quickly relieved of them (people bought them). So many other people wanted one that Hobie Crawford volunteered to have more caps made. Mind you, he isn't buying them, just ordering them for the association. You've got to buy your own!

The bottom line is the Association will accept orders for hats and they will be waiting on you at the next reunion in Tucson.

Here is the deal. Hats are \$12.00 and will look like the one pictured here. Due to an oversight, the order form was left out of the registration packet, so use the one printed below to order your hat. When you place your order, your hat will be waiting on you at the reunion. If you cannot attend the reunion, you can still order a hat which will be mailed to you after the reunion; however, there will be an additional \$5.00 charge for postage and handling. May we suggest you keep a copy of this newsletter to remind you of how good the hat will look perched on your head.

**ASA OKINAWA HAT ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hats ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00= \_\_\_\_\_

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

Postage & Handling (if not attending reunion) + \$5.00

**TOTAL** enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: ML&RS, Inc., PO Drawer 11399, Hickory, NC 28603**

## “WANTED”:

Five or six members (or more) who are willing to volunteer to form our own Honor Guard. We know you know all about never volunteering for anything, but this is different. As a minimum we need two Color bearers (and if we can find an Army flag, we'll need three), two guards, and a Color Commander (no, we don't need road guards). Everyone will need to be able to march in step. The Color bearers will carry the American Flag, the guideon, and if we get one, the Army flag. You will need to know, or be willing to learn, the protocol for marching with a flag and posting and retiring the Colors. We are not sure about finding weapons, but if we do the weapons bearers will need to remember a couple of the manual of arms movements; if no weapons, all you'll need to do is render the hand salute. The Color Commander will need to be able to call cadence and give the necessary commands. Everyone of our members can do this, we just need you to volunteer. We anticipate a great rush of volunteers, so the quicker you respond, the more likely you will be chosen. By the way, if you volunteer, we really need you to be at the reunion. There are no qualifications in terms of former rank, experience, just a willingness to help us out. If you can/will help, get in touch with Jim Norrbom or Larry Eckard (their addresses are found elsewhere in the Typhoon.)



## 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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## NOTE FOR THOSE DRIVING TO TUCSON REUNION

An article in the Tucson paper advised motorists that from July 1 through Spring of 2010 all ramps on and off of Interstate 10 between Prince Rd and 29th St will be closed due to construction. All local traffic must use the frontage roads. The off ramp to Congress St which should be used to get to the Hotel Arizona is in this closed area. See you in September.

Hobie Crawford



## 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.

**Spencer Adams**  
Died April 20, 2007

**James Windle**  
Died April 29, 2007

**Billy Paul**  
Died August 30, 2006

**Daniel Maus**  
Died November 1, 2000

**Charles Cornelison**  
Died January 29, 2007

**Maurice Abell**  
Died March 6, 2007

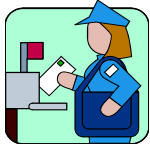
**William Dowd**  
(1950-52) S/Sgt  
Died May 2, 2007

**Harvey Tebbetts**  
Died February 1979

**George Irving Smith**  
Died December 24, 2006

**2007  
ASA OKINAWA  
REUNION  
SEPT 12-16  
TUCSON, AZ  
HOTEL ARIZONA**





## MAIL CALL

Torri Typhoon,

Reading the article about Ike's visit to Okinawa back in the 50s brought back some memories for me as well. I had the privilege of being picked as one of the Honor Guard members for Ike.

Those of you who were there at the time will remember that a call went out all over the island for volunteers to serve in the Honor Guard. You had to be a certain height, waist size, etc. I fit the picture and thought it would be an OK thing to be an Honor Guard member for the President of the United States. As it turned out, I was selected and we spent a lot of time doing close order drill, facing movements, manual of arms, etc—all the things we learned in boot camp—but hadn't done for a while.

I remember that in addition to the spit and polish, we could not have anything in our pockets, except an ID card in the left breast pocket. But the strangest thing was we could not wear a belt & buckle (could be used as a weapon I guess). So, no gig line of smudged brass belt buckle to worry about.

Because of our relative isolation I don't know too much about Ike's trip to Naha where troops lined the entire route, but I have read and heard some stories.

I had not thought of that incident in years until the story in the last Typhoon, so thanks for the reminder.

Larry Eckard

Dear Larry & Brenda,

I was hoping to be writing about our reservation, but I have sad news.

First Mike attended G.I.'s (memorial) service in Jan. 07. Mike and G.I. had been special friends. George Irving Smith, Born Los Angeles, CA Nov. 21, 1937; Died Dec. 24, 2006. Married May 14, 1960 to Judy

for 46 years. Children: Susan, Julie, Michael and Karen. Served in the U.S. Army for 3 years 1956-59. Served as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy for 31 years.

Next of course is Mike. Enclosed is the information.

*Michael A. Maki was born March 1, 1937 to Jack and Oretha Maki in Astoria, OR. His mom said he was born without much hair, long fingers and was just perfect. Early elementary education was spent in Seattle, WA during WWII. His family moved to Seaside and helped form Our Saviors Lutheran Church that met in the Strand Theater on Broadway. His two brothers and he made up the entire first Sunday school class. At Seaside High School, Mike was a letterman in football, basketball and track. He worked before school each morning at Harrison's Bakery. Mike graduated in 1955.*

*He went to Pacific University for a short time, where he was recruited into the Army for his high IQ; and became one of the first cryptologists with what is now the National Security Agency. He rose quickly through the ranks and was accommodated for his assistance with ending the Korean War and the escape of the Dahli Lama out of Tibet. Mike returned home to continue his studies as a history major and play football and basketball for Southern Oregon State College.*

*Mike moved back to Seattle to work for Streim Insurance Agency which quickly became Maki Insurance. He joined Rotary International, the Jaycees and became active with the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant. Mike volunteered for 30 years, serving periods as the Executive Director of Miss Oregon and the President of the National Association of Miss America State Pageants.*

*While in Seaside, Mike co-founded Serenity by the Sea. He spent his time loving the kids of Seaside. As an avid sports booster, he co-founded Seaside Basketball Tournament of Champions. He was the "dad advisor" of Seaside DeMolay and a member of the Masonic Ever-*

*green Lodge #137 AF & AM. Mike retired to Portland, OR and began Epic International.*

*Mike's time and devotion were given to his family, reading, golf, theater, entertainment, travel, and movies. He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen; daughter, Kimberly and husband, Steve Herder; sons, Neal and wife Teresa Maki; Michael Maki II, Terry and wife Melanie Bassett; brothers, Bob and Dennis Maki; and nephew, Brian. He delighted in his grandchildren, Daniel, David, Sarah, Nikole, Violet, Jane, Sophia, Ashley, Jake and Jackson.*

Please send me the Torri Typhoon. I was looking forward to our Sept Reunion trip and visiting with friends.

Thank you for all the work you do.

Sincerely,  
Helen Maki

Torri Typhoon,

Some of you have already seen this, but here's Bill Dowd's obituary sent by one of his friends.

*William C. (Bill) Dowd, 79, Pleasant Hill, MO, was born March 8, 1928 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Lawrence and Mary (Firth) Dowd. He passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at Research Medical Center, Kansas City. Bill enlisted in the Army in July 1948. After training in radio school he spent most of his tour in Okinawa. Following discharge in 1952, he was employed by the CIA in January 1954. During his career with the CIA he was assigned to Nicotia, Cyprus; Panama City, Panama; Saigon, Vietnam; Rangoon, Burma; Khartoum, Sudan; Lagos, Nigeria and back to Saigon in 1973. He married Shirley, who was also an employee of the CIA, on May 14, 1965; she then accompanied him on the latter 5 overseas assignments. He retired from the*

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CIA in July 1975 and settled in Lee's Summit, MO, where he and Shirley raised horses. In 1984, they bought a farm in southeastern Jackson County and raised Angus cattle until 2002, after which the property was rented. Bill and Shirley moved to Pleasant Hill in 2005. He is survived by his wife Shirley of the home; 2 daughters, Deborah Canuso, of Philadelphia, PA; and Kathleen Hughes of Horsham, PA; a sister Mary Gounder, of Mohnton, PA; and 1 granddaughter.

Published in the Kansas City Star on 5/6/2007

Regards,  
Randy Gilmore

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## 2008 REUNION IN CHARLESTON

Plans for the **2008 reunion in Charleston, SC** have already begun. The dates for the reunion have been confirmed for **September 10—13, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel**. This hotel is a very nice facility, with free airport shuttle and all the amenities you would expect from a quality hotel. The next issue of the newsletter will preview the sites and activities available in the Charleston area. Charleston is always a favorite spot with military reunions, so keep these dates in mind as you plan your activities for 2008. We hope to have a large turnout and a great time as usual.

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

## YOUR REUNION MEMORIES WANTED

Your annual reunions have been going on now for many years, and just like your shipboard days each reunion has created its own memories. Those memories need to be shared with everyone. Think back, what are some of your favorite reunion memories?

Before the 2008 reunion, we would like to publish a book of ASA OKI-NAWA reunion history and memories. We'll take care of the history part, but we need your help with the memories. Please take the time to think a little while and write down some of your favorite memories and send them to us. They don't have to be humorous, they can be nostalgic, sentimental, or whatever you remember best. If you can remember which reunion the memory occurred in, that would be great. To get you started, here are a couple memories (not necessarily from your ship) that we feel someone (if they are still living) will remember.

A Crewmember had borrowed \$20.00 from a shipmate, and one or the other left the ship before the money was repaid. When they saw each other at the reunion, the debt was paid (in public at the banquet no less).

Two former WW II POW's escaped from a POW Camp in Germany, became separated in the night and never knew what happened to the other – until the first reunion. Both survived and attended the first reunion – what a greeting when they first recognized each other.

A reservation got messed up and

when a couple arrived at the reunion they had no room. The hotel was sold out so the hotel manager put up a bed in the "board room" to get them thru the night. (Hint, think Omaha)

A lady married to a shipmate discovered she and another shipmate had dated years ago. Then it gets complicated.

Two former Officers nearly got into a fight because they remembered the same incident so differently.

These kinds of memories are treasures – don't let them die. For this book we're not interested in what happened while you were in the military – just things you remember from the reunions. Each one of you that has ever attended a reunion has a memory. Please share it with us. Sending us the memory will also give your permission for us to use it in the book.

Again, please take a little time and think about the good times (or if you were unhappy about something) write them down and if you have e-mail send it to:

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If no e-mail you can either fax it to 828-256-6559 or mail it to:

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Photo by Frank Nocerito

## MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION REMINDER

Please check the membership expiration date on the outside of this newsletter envelope. If the date is 12/31/06, 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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