



Highway Patrol Communiqué - 27 September 2017

Greetings Highway Patrol Friends & Colleagues

Following my recent last communication of September 8, I have received missives from several of our comrades which I wanted to share with you.

Robert F. Parretti, Worcester, MA; (Cpl, Det. C & I-Augsburg, Chiemsee, 53-54) and I conversed regarding pictures. Bob also sent another photo (uploaded to website – HP album 1) which identified Sgt. O'DONNELL, William J. Detachments C & G – Augsburg & Chiemsee, 19 52-55, and two other unidentified individuals.

Roger McDonald, Lewiston, ID; (Cpl, Det. C-Stuttgart, 1957-58) sent his greetings.

Paul Elmstrom, Delray Beach, FL; (Pfc, Det. C-Stuttgart, 1956-58) had advised that they were ok in Florida and were hunkering out the hurricane. A later message forwarded from Smitty, (Smith, Edward F. "Smitty". Cpl, Det B-Seckenheim, 1956-59) revised the information that forecasts and high winds had caused them to leave their home, taking secondary highways to avoid fleeing Floridians. Drove to daughters' in Tenn. They sustained no substantial damage. I certainly hope that is the case for the rest of our group that reside in Florida as we have more members listed as residing there than in any other state. In addition to Paul, these include:

- **Atwill, Jack A., South Miami Lakes; (Sp3, Det. B-Seckenheim, 1956-58)**
- **Clark, Jesse F., Pensacola; (Sp4, Det. C-Augsburg, 1958)**
- **Ford, Joseph L., Alford, FL; (Cpl, Det. B-Seckenheim, 54-55)**
- **Grober, Roy R., West Palm Beach; (Pvt, Det A–Darmstadt, 1955)**
- **Hermanns, Martin J., Cape Coral; (Cpl, Det. A-Alsfeld, 1955)**
- **Hoewischer, Norman L., Jacksonville; (Pfc, Det. D-Vogelweh & Det. B Seckenheim, 56-58.)**
- **Hofman, John R., Homosassa; (Cpl, Det. C-Augsburg & Stuttgart, 56-58)**
- **Kanter, Max J., Englewood; (Cpl, Hq.-Heidelberg, 51-53)**
- **Leviska, Wayne P., Elkton; (Cpl, Det. A-Augsburg & Ulm, 1951-53)**
- **Marino, A. Michael, Lake Worth; (Sp4, Det. A-Darmstadt, 1957-58)**
- **Sadowski, Raymond W., Fort Myers; (Pfc, Det. I-Stuttgart, 1952)**
- **Scott, William C., Floral City; (Cpl, Det. C, Augsburg & Garmisch, 1956-58)**
- **Singer, Henry, Orlando; (SSgt, Det. C-Augsburg, 1951-54)**
- **Sugalski, Vincent J. "Sarge", Hernando ; Sgt, No Further Information)**

Ronald A. Harp, of Wolcottville, IN has wintered in Florida for years, and is included as a 50% resident. Ron, a Pfc, Det. D-Frankfurt, in 1952; wrote advising that he would be going on the *HONOR FLIGHT* out of Fort Wayne in October. He stated that he "also hopes that some of our members sign up for this activity" which honors veterans. Please see the [article](#) on Gene (Eugene R., Cpl, Det. C-Augsburg, 1955-56) Klompus for his experience with the Honor Flight [[GENE KLOMPUS' HONOR FLIGHT](#)].

I also received an email from James Furey who had moved to Florida a couple of years ago. Jim (Sgt, Det. D-Vogelweh, 1954-56) stated that "sadly after a few years in Florida my wife Gwen and I are returning to Mississippi. The hassle of hurricanes has been just too much." He is now located in Brookhaven, MS.

James also advised that his buddy, Charlie (Charles C.) Walker had passed this year (06-02-2017) after a battle with cancer. Charles, (Cpl, Det. D-Vogelweh, 1954-56) had lived in Conyers, GA. Hearing about his demise was a surprise as I had not known he was ailing. We had communicated numerous times over the years by email and phone. While looking for further information, I found out several things about Charles that he had never mentioned during any of our conversations, i.e., he had served 20 years as the mayor of Conyers, then took a very active role with the Chamber of Commerce, and that he had been honored numerous times for his civic and community work. Several locations in and around Conyers bear his name. See the links: [Charles Carlton Walker](#) and [The Legacy of Charles Walker](#).

Marvin J. "Sonny" Griffin, Chattanooga, TN; (Sp4, Det. B-Seckenheim, 55-56) has advised that John L. "Jack" Denk (Cpl, Det. B-Seckenheim, 1955-56) of Waukesha, WI, passed away on September 13, 2017. John had been in ill health for some time. [Link to obituary](#).

I fully expect that a significant number of the individuals listed on my Membership Roster (presently containing 126 names) may be deceased as there has been no contact with a number of them for some time. Even if all are still with us (as I hope) this list now represents only 11.75 % of the original 1072 known members of the Highway Patrol in Germany from 1948-1958. There are only 39 valid email addresses for the 126 names and addresses, thus we only reach less than 31 % of those thought to be possibly living. That is a sobering thought.

I salute my fellow surviving comrades. Stay safe.

Larry



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