



Highway Patrol Communiqué - 20 November 2017

Greetings Highway Patrol Friends & Colleagues

No news is good news. This idiom is supposedly according to an often-used proverb. I can only hope that it is true for each of you and your families as we rapidly approach the end of yet another year.

I miss the *White Mice* and the occasional updates about our former members and friends. In earlier communiques, I have tried to provide information regarding moves, email addresses and such other tid-bits that I have been privy to. Unfortunately, keeping former colleagues informed is not a high priority item for many of us – and perhaps rightly so – as there are so many more necessary things to do in our daily lives. Over the years I find that my calendar becomes more frequently marked up with reminders about various medical check-ups (with far too many different doctors and specialists) and so many other mundane things and events,

I expect that many of you are involved with preparations for family get-togethers and other seasonal events. This is a time of Thanksgiving and as well as a time to celebrate our blessings and think about our religious heritage. It does not matter what religious affiliation you associate with (or ignore -if you choose to do so). I know that I have been blessed and have had someone looking out for me over my years and activities.

I have heard very little from our group and while the web page is there, I expect that it only now receives a small amount of perusal. I am sure that far too many of our former members have departed our company and that we know of only a small portion of the actual statistics of our former organization. There are many stories, too many of which will never be told; however, I expect that you, like I, have many fond remembrances of those long-ago Highway Patrol days. Others may have memories of former gatherings at some of the HP reunions and meetings.

On November 12, I received an email from our colleague, Donald Skaggs, ddskaggs@aol.com. Donald's message stated: "Hello Larry, I hope you and all our Highway patrol buddies are well. I hope to travel back East in y Motor home next year around June. Love to visit some of my friends from company C, 1956-1958. (In) December I will be 81. Sent from my iPad.:

Don was a Cpl, assigned to Det. C in Augsburg, 1956-58. He presently resides in Porter Ranch, CA. According to Wikipedia, *Porter Ranch* is an affluent neighborhood in the northwest region of the San Fernando Valley region of the city of Los Angeles, California. (Yes, I had to look it up.)

I seldom drive across town at age 78, and Don is planning a cross-country trip. I imagine Donald would love to hear from any of you, and perhaps you might make arrangements to see him while he is on his odyssey next summer.

We all shared many similar, yet quite varied experiences while assigned to the Highway Patrol in our various detachments and sub stations. From large cities to rural areas, on various kasernes, quartered in billets along the autobahn, small houses in various stadts and dorfs, and driving a wide variety of models and makes of vehicles; we were the Highway Patrol! I was never stationed in Augsburg; I visited there in 1959 with my then German bride (now deceased).

After my retirement from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Bomb Unit, I found myself back in Germany in 1982 employed by the European Division of the University of Maryland and the U.S. Army, Europe. I taught a number of specialized courses to MJP units throughout Germany. One mission had me in Augsburg for several classes, and a visit to the Augsburg PX (then supposedly the largest one in Germany). My last visit to Augsburg was in 1987, when my family and I stayed in the Holiday Inn there for a couple of days while traveling throughout a number of European countries; and also pending time with my American/German Daughter that lives in Bad Hersfeld. Still, I expect that like many of our members that were stationed in the various locations, I would have much in common with Don – or with any other former

member of the 62nd HP. Our reunions and various get-togethers have proven that we are not strangers to each other when we meet.

May each of you experience happiness and joy, and have many blessed events during this holiday season and in the coming years. Stay safe.

Larry



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