



Greetings Highway Patrol Friends & Colleagues,

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Last reminder.* Previous communiqués may be found on our website, www.62HP.org. Select the "[stories](#)" link, scroll down through the listings. Near the bottom of the list; you will find the Communiqués list.

BITS n PIECES from our members Hello again. It has been a while since the last HP communiqué. Only a few contacts from our far flung and widely dispersed group so there has been little to report. Communications have been exchanged with several of our colleagues. Relevant updates and necessary changes have been made in our records and rosters.

- ▼ Last month, Ed Smith advised that James and Carol Dinkelman have moved into a retirement community. They are still located in Catonsville, MD 21228, at 715 Maiden Choice Ln., Apt. CR107. Phone: 410-314-9600.
- ▼ Also last month, Walter White (Cpl, Det. A-Darmstadt, 1956), sent contact information and details regarding his military and law enforcement history after his HP assignment.
- ▼ A few new photos have been added to our HP photo albums. Gene Klompus sent a few pictures that his son recently located.
From our website photo page <http://www.62hp.org/pictures.htm>, select [HP Album 1](#), and look for:
 - 53e.jpg Eugene Klompus, January 1955. Picture taken during Gene's last week of assignment with the 540th MP Battalion (Railway Guards) in Munich before being assigned to the 62nd Highway Patrol.
 - 53f.jpg Eugene Klompus, 1955, standing in front of the apartment he lived in *off base* with his wife (Patricia) in Augsburg. They lived on the 3rd flr, landlord was on 1st flr, with landlord's parents on 2nd floor.
 - 53g.jpg Eugene Klompus (I) with Gordon K. Yates. Yates lived directly across the street from Gene. Det. C, Augsburg, 1955.
 - 123.jpg Gordon K. Yates, wife Diane, & child. Det. C, Augsburg, 1955.
- ▼ Walter White also provided a couple of photos. They may be found in the following albums: From our website photo page <http://www.62hp.org/pictures.htm>, select [HP Album 1](#), and look for:
 - 120a.jpg 19 year old Cpl. Walter White, Det. A-Darmstadt, being congratulated by the Provost Marshal General, Brig. Gen. H.M. Hopson, at reenlistment ceremony, 1956
 - In [HP Album 2](#), Unidentified Individuals, look for: u187.jpg unidentified trooper with HP 126, NEO run in France, circa 1956.
 - In [HP Album 4](#), Vehicles, look for: w41.jpg End of tour, HP 16.

- ▼ Also heard from Smitty when he forwarded the photos from Walter White. Smitty says "All is well here or as usual".
- ▼ It is much the same in my part of the country. Just getting older and slower. The pollen is playing havoc with the sinuses, while the Washington, D.C. politicians keep yakking and doing nothing to help us. Nothing seems to change or get better for the working class or those that are retired. I keep flying the flag, respecting all vets, and pray for the future.

I have participated in several recorded TV interviews in the past months. First, for a documentary done for PBS regarding Dr. King's March on Washington. The interviewers were seeking insight from police that had worked the event and also wanted info regarding training of the Special Operations Division and the PD's Civil Disturbance Unit. I had served as an instructor in that unit prior to forming the bomb unit for my department. That March was very peaceful.

Funny, how much our individual perspectives change over the years. What is not so funny, is to realize that as I age I often find that it is sometimes way more difficult to remember some of the events of yesteryear, that were once so prevalent in my memory. The most recent interview was more recollections for a local TV station that wanted details for yet another anniversary documentary on the 1968 riots in Washington, DC following the assassination of Dr. King.

Thinking about those events and my involvement with them, as well as the many other demonstrations, details, and special events such as JFK's funeral; Gen. McArthur's funeral; the May Day demonstrations; all of the anti-war, and anti-government demonstrations; and the Watergate break-in make me realize just how much historical events have taken place in this area.

I was actively involved with the Watergate situation from the initial early hours when the "burglars" were first discovered, all the way through discovering and identifying the first found electronic "bugs", subsequent investigation which continued all the way through the long federal trial where I had to testify. Now-a-days, I can really realize just how much an individual forgets, or "files away" many remembrances of past events. That is just one of the many reasons that I hope that our HP web site will help to keep memories of the 62nd HP in some minds for a while longer.

Webmasters notes:

- ▼ Story 86, [62nd Highway Patrolmen employed by Criminal Justice agencies](#) has been amended and updated to include the law enforcement bio's of Richard D. Kateley, Det. B- Seckenheim/Karlsruhe, 56-59, and Walter White, Det. A-

Darmstadt, 1956. See the story for the added bios. Walter's name has been added to our roster of members.

- ▼ Regarding our photo albums. Let me first say that I do NOT like the way our photos display! I would like to be able to place the photos in an orderly manner, and have them remain that way without suddenly changing. It would also be great to be able to add new photos into the same order. Obviously, the names, caption, or other photo info *should* display properly all the time. I have received several inquiries from our members and friends asking questions about these matters, so I am including this info for clarification.

We are forced by necessity to do things on the *cheap*. We have to save money, so we have had to utilize the most cost-effective means to host our web site. For a while, we had free hosting, now we pay a small fee for the main web-site hosting; and host the majority of the photos on a free photo web site that we can link to. This puts us at the mercy of that photo site and their often changing rules and end user agreements.

Those of you that may *on occasion*, peruse some of the HP photo albums from the links provided on the [Pictures page](#) may recall that we moved to flicker™ a few years ago when Google™ changed their photo hosting site, and did away with their long-term (and easy to use) photo provider, and more importantly, changed their user agreements. We had made the transition to Google™ only after our first hosting site had changed their rules and hosting policy. So, over the years, we have used several different sites to try to achieve a cost-saving place for our pages and the many photos that we have in our archives.

Confused yet? Or, perhaps too much information? I am trying to give a satisfactory answer to legitimate questions. Here is more food for thought. I am not sure what is coming next. I recently received a very confusing explanation from flicker™, stating that they have recently been acquired by SmugMug™, yet another photo hosting site – and policies may be changing! I am afraid it will get worse and may become a fee based service.

We will have to wait and see what will be happening. I am sure that this is of little interest to most of our group and it takes away from the important things like the well being of our group and things that interest all. Suffice to say, at present, our web site is still current, and I have just paid the fees for the web site, domain registration, web hosting, and domain forwarding fees. We are current and paid through August 2020. Photo hosting is still subject to change, I will keep you updated.

TAPS Thankfully, No new names have been reported for inclusion on the list of deceased members.

Until the next time – Stay Safe!

Larry Linville



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