



Highway Patrol Communiqué

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Greetings Highway Patrol Friends & Colleagues,

ANNOUNCEMENTS, Messages, & TAPS

Very little to report except for sad news in this communiqué. Several days ago I received a message from Smitty regarding the passing of one of our former members.

Gerald Dwayne Hall, dob 11-30-1936, passed away on October 7, 2017. Gerald was a Specialist 4 (Sp/4), assigned to Detachment A in Darmstadt in 1957-1958. Gerald was my mentor when I arrived at Det. A in 1958 and was my partner on many patrols. He was a good person, a great Highway Patrolman. He knew the job, did it well, and was a patient mentor and teacher. We went on numerous Alpha Tango Tango (aid to traveler) calls together, patrolled the north and south segments of the Autobahn from the Kaiserslautern cutoff to Darmstadt and Darmstadt to Frankfurt areas, and I worked my first (and subsequent) accidents under Gerald's tutelage.

We had an opportunity to reminisce at the 2002 (6th annual) reunion meeting held at the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, October 6-8, 2002. (God, I really miss those reunion meetings!)

After I started building the 62nd HP website, and in the subsequent years as the webmaster, I became aware that Gerald had submitted four of the HP stories that Smitty had published in our original White Mice newsletter (another missed item of bygone years). Those four stories portrayed some of the incidents, duties, and assignments that were typical for the Highway Patrol.

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Gerald had been in the Army Reserves in KY and requested active duty, thus his assignment to Germany and the 62nd HP.

As I started assembling the many photos that are portrayed in our various HP Photo Albums, it also became evident that Gerald had taken many of the photos that portray many of the men shown from Detachment A, circa 1957-1958. Gerald's contributions to our archives have added significantly to our collection of memories. Rest in Peace my friend, you are missed.

Note: Smitty received the belated news regarding Gerald's passing in a recent letter from Gerald's son, Darrell. Gerald had several other children: Billy, Vivian, Keith, and Dean.

***BITS n PIECES* from our members & Webmasters notes:**

Please keep Smitty in your thoughts and prayers. In his message, Smitty stated that he was in constant pain with his back (a long reoccurring problem). He went on to say that life was not presently much fun due to the pain, and that the good memories of times past helped to make things somewhat bearable (my paraphrasing) Our President emeritus, news editor, historian and all-around association administrator devoted so many years of service to our organization. We would never have had our reunions, Weiss Maus newsletter, and our organization without those thousands of hours of his devotion to the Highway Patrol. As a career Army man, he served in a variety of other units besides the HP, however the 62nd was his true military unit that he took pride in. We all know why, as those of us that served in other units know that it was the best.

Let Smitty hear from you.

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Until the next time – Stay Safe!

Larry Linville



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