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President's Corner *Dave Sealock*



Summer is coming to an end, which means there will be a number a children walking or running to school. Please watch out for our young people. There also will be a number of School Buses out on the streets and highways, so be on the look out for them.

MEMBERSHIP: We are still looking for members for our Association. Please wear

your BUSMVA shirts and caps out in public: It may create some interest. Don't forget your new BUSMVA license plate holder. Anything you can do to create new members will be greatly appreciated.

DUESAREDUE: If you have not paid your dues as of this date, please do so at this time. Thank You!

REUNION: Plans are in the process for a great 2016 reunion in Colorado Springs. This Association has some really great members; Come to our reunions and meet these outstanding people.

BERLIN WIVES: We are trying to obtain stories from these women as to what it was like growing up in those difficult times and put them in book form. Not only Berlin wives, but wives that grew up in Germany in those trying times. I have two stories as of this date. I would like to have your stories by December.

ELECTIONS: Lets get some outstanding people to run for these offices. I know that becoming an Office/Director comes a responsibility and hard work, but the rewards are very satisfactory. This is a chance for you to see how the inter workings of the Association occur and a chance for your input. Things just do not happen by them selves. (Prior planning).

Secretary's Desk

Don Stanley

I hope everyone has had a super Summer and looking forward to a cool Fall. I spent most of my summer moving into a new home overlooking Canyon Ferry Lake, close to Helena, Montana. Fishing is good.

We will have an election next year to elect a President, Membership Director, Sales Director and a Reunion Coordinator Director. The terms will run for 3 years. There is an announcement on page 10 to let you know how to submit your nomination for a post. I will be including nominees starting in the December Observer.

Bärbel and I will be in Great Britain celebrating our fiftieth Anniversary when this Observer is supposed to be published so it's coming to you a few weeks early.

I wish that you and every member would write up your memories of Berlin to be included in the Observer. All of your stories are needed to keep the memories alive. I thank all of you that have already submitted your stories, keep'm coming!

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BUSMVA Reunion 2016
Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 20 to June 23, 2016



Come to the Rocky Mountains and enjoy meeting with old friends and make some new ones!

We Will be staying at the "Academy Hotel" in Colorado Springs very close to the U.S. Air Force Academy. The room rates are \$89.00 for a Leisure King or 2 Queens or you can upgrade to an Executive tower king or 2 queens for \$99.00. This includes a free breakfast, including a waffle bar and made to order omelets along with eggs, fruit and pastries. There is also a restaurant located in the hotel. www.theacademyhotel.com

In the planning are a trip to the Air Force Academy with our Memorial Service in their Chapel. A canyon tour and a cogwheel train ride up Pikes Peak.

There is air service by all three major airlines into Colorado Springs (COS) and free shuttle service to and from the hotel. Also free parking at the hotel. We will have more information, prices and a Registration form in the December Observer.

If you missed the reunion this year, you owe it to yourself to attend this one.



June 2, 2015 Chattanooga, Tennessee

By Lydia Brady

About 180 members attended, we met new and old 'Kamerads', among them 16 former foreign brides, mostly from Berlin (North Germany) and me, the only Southerner from Munich (South Germany.) The weather was pleasant, no summer humidity yet. Although, as we flew from LAX via U.S. Air to Charlotte, North Carolina, we were delayed a bit due to weather conditions and landing; the stewardess assured us that she will arrange some transportation to get us 'On time' to our transfer plane to Chattanooga. I figured a golf-cart type, but there was only "one" wheel-chair and attendant waiting for us! Jerry had to use this chair as he is not in shape to 'run' in a hurry and I took a chance. The attendant, a young man took off, before I could put my 'stuff' on Jerry's lap and 'flew' to the Chattanooga gate. I'm 'good' (for my age), but not that good! I did my best, the guy slowed down at times as not to lose me at a very crowded airport, I felt my heart jumping out of my body, but determined to make it to the destination and not make an ambulance trip, we made it! BUT missed our connective flight to Chattanooga by 8 minutes.... Luckily, there were hourly flights to there.

We stayed at the DOWN TOWN MARRIOTT HOTEL with all kinds of accommodations, even an in-door and out-door swimming pool and unbelievable 'free' transportation! Besides the hotel's free shuttle service there was also the city's 'FREE SHUTTLE' TO EVERYWHERE within the city! Unbelievable! Not to the airport, only in the city. Of course, we took advantage and visited their great museum and aquarium, the famed MOON PIE store where these sandwich cookies are actually baked in this typical old country store that also sells all kinds of things. We had to see the famed CHATTANOOGA Choo Choo station, with a little history museum, a restaurant and a hotel where the rooms are in rail cars parked at several platforms surrounded by a beautiful flower garden-park with fountains and small station stores. For a 'good price' one can book for a stay...

Being a military veterans group, we bus-toured with a tour-guide to various military connected sights and places. LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, a very historical battle spot of the Civil War in September and November, 1863. An incline railway brought us to the top which offered a marvelous view of the city and battle areas. A military museum there informed us of the various battles, strategies, failures and losses on LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN in movies and photos. There was a lecture given in a hall in front of a huge painting by Rick Reeves, of the last battle on this mountain where the 'Union' won over the 'Confederate' forces by attacking from the mountain fighting downward. This painting started at the bottom showing men arriving, getting organized for battle. Many men, each revealing in their faces, the various emotions of fears and anxieties. There were horses pictured among the men, ready to be mounted, some to be hitched to caissons, with excitement and fright shown in their wild-looking eyes, extended with a mere speck of the artist's paint brush. Next line up displayed men smaller in vision, indicating a distance up the mountain, all ready for the advance with the lead commander riding the galloping horses, battle-ready soldiers following and canon-pulling-horses. Line after line revealing distance and point of combat, depicted with a cloud of gunfire. What a painting! So real, I felt it and yet marveled that the artist did accomplish such a feeling in me; I could not get this painting out of my mind for a long time. Then we viewed the once-upon-a-time battle field, which is now the National Cemetery. How fitting! The end of the battle, all fallen heroes rest in the FRIEDHOF which translates 'COURT OF PEACE' cemetery in German. Over 17,000 veterans grave markers surround the bottom of this LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Not only from the Civil War, but of following wars: WWII, Korea, Vietnam etc and I saw a few markers of German POW's...What was this war all about? End slavery? States Rights? My mind wandered in many directions. It was June 3, 2015 and I celebrated that day my 67th year coming to the USA; learning Citizenship about 'Slaves', 'President Lincoln' etc 'The South' and tasting the traditional southern 'Grits'!

There was a dinner-dance at the end of this BUSMVA (Berlin US Military Veterans Association) Convention with food, drinks, speeches and socializing, And AUF WIEDERSEHEN until next year...



Incident at Checkpoint Charlie by Robert Hass

When the Soviet-East German regime erected the wall separating East Berlin from West Berlin many East Berliners were prevented from freely crossing into West Berlin. Many ingenious ways were adopted for smuggling East Berliners into West Berlin, but the United States Command in Berlin considered ex-filtration or smuggling East Berliners into West Berlin by US military personnel illegal and punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). However, on a mild September evening in 1974 that was all about to change as I became involved in an ex-filtration attempt that failed.

After completing the Russian basic language course at the Presidio of Monterey, California in October 1973 I arrived in Berlin in November and assumed my duties as the Special Operations Officer in the Provost Marshal Office. I was responsible for operations involving travel on the Berlin-Helmstedt autobahn and the officer in charge of Checkpoint Charlie. At the time, tensions at Checkpoint Charlie were very high as a result of a recent incident in which an East German guard fired a shot that hit the side of the Checkpoint building. Fortunately, no one was injured.

When the East Germans started to seal the border between East and West Berlin on 13 August 1961, Friedrichstrasse, where Checkpoint Charlie was located, was the only crossing point open to foreign visitors, including the members of the Allied forces in Berlin. It was not until a few days later that U.S. Military Police began checkpoint operations in a small structure in the middle of Friedrichstrasse. By agreement, US, French and British military personnel in uniform were allowed to enter East Berlin without having to show any documentation. Their dependents could also enter East Berlin in vehicles just by holding up their official passport to the window to allow the East German soldier to view it and wave them through. I staffed Checkpoint Charlie with a Sergeant and two to three Military Policemen to process visitors and U. S. military personnel who traveled to East Berlin. In an effort to assist and provide safety to all travelers, the Military Police would ask how long the travelers planned to stay in East Berlin. If the travelers said they would be there for 2 to 3 hours and did not return after one hour past the stated time we would send a vehicle into East Berlin to look for the travelers. It was also our procedure that when visitors and US military personnel and their dependents returned from East Berlin we would have them drive their vehicle behind a building out of sight of the East German soldiers and conduct a search of the vehicle for excessive purchases and also check the trunk of the vehicle.

It was very seldom that I was called to respond to Checkpoint Charlie for any serious violations. However, at about 0200 hours on September 10, 1974 I received a call from my Sergeant at the Checkpoint saying that a vehicle with a US Forces license plate was being detained on the East Berlin side of the checkpoint. I was also told that the driver of the vehicle was one of my Sergeants who was assigned to Checkpoint Charlie, but was off duty. When I arrived at the checkpoint I immediately went up to the 3rd floor of the building adjacent to Checkpoint Charlie where we had an observation post and I could see the detained vehicle. It was surrounded by several East German guards. I walked into the East German checkpoint and under the barrier arm that was in the road. The East German soldier ordered me to stop. I informed him that since I was in uniform I had free access into East Berlin so I continued on. He did not attempt to physically stop me so I went to the vehicle and ask my Sergeant why he was being detained. He said he didn't know but that he had demanded to see a Russian officer. Since we didn't have diplomatic relations with the GDR (German Democratic Republic) this was the proper thing to do. I told him to stay in the vehicle and I walked back to Checkpoint Charlie to call my headquarters to ask for further instructions. I was told to return to the East Berlin side and demand to speak to a Russian officer and to allow the vehicle to return to Checkpoint Charlie. As I was walking back through the East German checkpoint I saw a black sedan drive up and saw my Sergeant being escorted into the vehicle and driven away. Two East Berliners were taken from the trunk of the Sergeants vehicle and I never saw them again. I later learned that my Sergeant had met a West German man in a Gasthaus in West Berlin and after several meetings was offered \$1,000 to smuggle people out of East Berlin. Life in East Berlin was so bad that some people would pay up to \$20,000 to get out of East Berlin.

Several days after the incident I was contacted by a US State Department official who asked me to accompany him to a meeting with Russian officials and to see my Sergeant. The Russians wanted the Sergeant to admit that he was a part of a United States conspiracy to smuggle East Berliners out on a routine basis. He refused to do so and was held for several more days. About a week after this first visit a State Department official and I were called by the Russians and told that we could come and they would release the Sergeant. The Sergeant was punished under the UCMJ and immediately left West Berlin and returned to the United States.

When I think back about walking under the barrier into the East Berlin checkpoint I didn't realize that this could have provoked the East German soldier to shoot me. Especially now that I know that Major Nicholson from the USMLM in Berlin was shot by a Soviet soldier in 1985 for no apparent reason.



Checkpoint Charlie Mini Reunion

Save the date, **November 14, 2015**, for it's time for our third annual Checkpoint Charlie Mini Reunion. All members of the Berlin United States Military Veterans Association (BUSMVA) who have participated in the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation's Welcome Home Tour (2008-2015), or anyone who would like to learn more about the tour from our members who have participated in it, are welcome to attend. All Army and Air Force veterans of duty in West Berlin (1945-1994) are invited. Bring your spouse or significant other, or both.

We will gather at 12 PM (noon) On Saturday November 14, 2015 at Mastoris Diner (phone # 609-298-4650), 144 Highway 130, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505. It is an easy place to find. Get off the New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 7 and head north on US Highway 206. Make a left on US Highway 130 toward Trenton, NJ and you are there. Dress is casual. The food is delicious and plentiful. The Diner will remind you of Little Italy. Huge with a bakery for take-out. The bent-nose bambino management frowns on people removing their clothes when discussing the exploits in Berlin.

If you are coming from a distance and need a place to stay there is a Hampton Inn located at 2004 Highway 206 in Bordentown, NJ (phone # 844-240-5184) right down the street from Mastoris Diner. If you are planning on attending please RSVP to Dennis Dougherty (2010 Tour participant and Reunion Guru) at doughertydj@comcast.net by November 12, 2015. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Attached is a picture of five of us who were on the 2013 Welcome Home Tour of Berlin and attended the Chattanooga Reunion.

From left to right were John Wachter, Duane Burmeister, Greg Yakobian, Jerry Sola & Bob Giordano.



Remember this guy?



Berlin Rubble Women

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The women who raised the rubble

What we owe to Berlin's rubble women, or Trümmerfrauen, is easily forgotten, yet we stride through it everyday. In the aftermath of the Second World War, they took on the gruelling task of clearing the debris that once choked the city.

Hidden away in Volkspark Hasenheide, the seated stone *Trümmerfrau* by sculptor Katharina Szelinski-Singer might be one of the capital's less ostentatious monuments. But it is one stone that no-one will tidy away, unlike the estimated 16 square km of rubble that defined central Berlin in 1945, the 400 million cubic metres of debris that blanketed Germany. The statue quietly, immovably testifies to the toil of those women who cleared it all brick by brick, nurturing the green shoots of Berlin's recovery within a barren landscape.

The capital had been pounded by Allied bombing raids since August 1940 and suffered further devastation during the Red Army's final push towards the Reichstag and the *Führerbunker*. Concrete stumps protruded from the ground, bodies lay everywhere, the remaining civilian population covered in bunkers below ground. The *Trümmerfrauen* emerged "like grey cellar mice", says 77-year-old Liselotte Kubitza, to discover an "inferno". She had spent almost the entire final three weeks of the conflict cowering in a rank Friedrichshain cellar with her twin sister and mother (her father had died in 1938) as the Red Army rumbled overhead towards their target. At the cessation of hostilities, her family's tiny fourth-floor room was a wreck and the 11-year-old was confronted with her first glimpse of the rubble.

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“One whole wall between us and the neighbouring flat had collapsed, parts of the ceiling had come down and all the windows were gone.” Spontaneously, her family began the painful task of clearing the destruction around them. Across the city in Kreuzberg, near Anhalter Bahnhof, Dora Naß was confronting a similar spectacle. Having escaped flooded S-Bahn tunnels with her mother and 85-year-old grandfather, the then 19-year-old Naß surfaced, “to a silence from the grave”. Their house had been heavily shelled and gutted by fire. Stumbling through the ruins in the spring heat, they sought refuge with a friend who provided them with a roof over their head. From there, a daily struggle to eat and drink took hold – and that meant clearing space amongst the rubble to reach hastily arranged water points. In that respect the *Trümmerfrauen* began their work spontaneously, out of necessity, but as the days after Germany’s surrender on May 8, 1945 progressed, their activity gained a new focus. Some 15 million German men were missing, and for the women left behind, an ache for them to safely return took over. “We had to do something,” says Naß. “First and foremost because at the back of the mind you had that thought, ‘When my brother comes home, or when my husband gets home, it can’t be like this.’ And who else would do it? So the women did it together.” An Allied work order lasting until 1946 required women between the age of 15 and 50 to report for work, and the process of salvaging a city from the ashes became more formalised. Companies could recruit these women (who earned better rations for their labour) in the rebuilding process and Naß worked until November 1945 at a construction company called Karl Möbis Bauausführungen. It was a period of intense, gruelling work where she was sent to assist at key sites around the city. At 6am she would set out, with a carrot and a lump of dry bread, trekking through the carnage to her designated site. “I took my bread with me, but I had no time to eat,” she says. “At lunchtime, we would collect every single little piece of wood we could get our hands on to take home for the stove. I don’t understand how we survived on so little food. It was the same with sleeping during the war – you virtually didn’t sleep at all from the bombing. But you didn’t feel tired. Somehow, you just overcame it.” Physical hardship was the norm for Naß and her peers and they carried out their exhausting work with bare hands alone. “We had no hammers, no shovels, no buckets, no gloves,” she says. “I wonder sometimes today how my hands are still even working. I look at them and can’t believe there is skin still on them at all.”

The work though was a distraction from the bitter disappointment and emotional turmoil Berlin’s survivors felt. As a young woman who had grown up almost exclusively under the Third Reich, Frau Naß admits the end of the war threw all her beliefs into question: “We were totally disillusioned, because as girls we had gone through the Hitler Youth,” she says. “You have to imagine how you would react if the whole system you had been brought up in simply didn’t exist anymore. People just couldn’t grasp it.” For the younger Frau Kubitza meanwhile, life in the Soviet sector unfolded slightly differently, but in no less onerous conditions. Kubitza’s aunt and her three grandchildren had joined the twin sisters and their mother in the damaged room in Friedrichshain. A wardrobe and a makeshift curtain separated the seven of them from their neighbours. But nothing could spare them the rain coming through the roof, the drafts through the pane-less windows, the bed bugs or hunger pangs. (continued on page 8)

It was not until 1947 that the brood took a significant step out of their misery and that Kubitzka, by then 14, got properly to grips with the rubble. "Mutti found a builder who could rebuild the flat wall for us," she says. "But we had to find 700 bricks for him to be able to do it." Because the family's flat was on the fourth floor, hollow bricks with holes through the middle were required – precisely those that had shattered most easily during the battle for Berlin. For several weeks Kubitzka and her sister foraged in the debris, diligently collecting bricks and bringing them back to the apartment block where neighbours helped clean them for the builder. The young sisters then lugged them upstairs, despite being too weak to carry more than half a bucketful at a time. It was punishing work, but the completed wall changed the complexion of the post-war period for the Kubitzkas and the following year the sisters happily began three-year apprenticeships. The formation of the German Democratic Republic in 1949 meant the divergence of reconstruction efforts in the city. While *Trümmerfrauen* in the West continued to work for pay, in the East, a mixture of full-time and weekend volunteers chipped away at the mountains of bricks that still dotted the landscape. Roads were cleared first, then pavements, then the ruined buildings that pockmarked the city's terrain. As a member of the Freie Deutsche Jugend (Free German Youth), Kubitzka contributed eagerly to the weekend efforts on the numerous Subbotniks that were organised. For these young women coming of age after the war, the outlook was more optimistic than Naß' generation, and the hours cleaning and stacking bricks passed by amidst teenage joking and flirtation with boys who had been too young to fight. Meanwhile, a song played over loudspeakers exhorting them to great efforts in the name of Germany's future. "*Bau auf! bau auf! bau auf! bau auf! Freie Deutsche Jugend Bau auf! Für eine bessere Zukunft bauen wir die Heimat auf!*" went the refrain: "Build up, build up, build up, build up! Free German Youth build up! For a better future, we are building the homeland up..." The effort to build Berlin back up was a long one. It was estimated at one point that the rubble would take 42,000 women working continuously for 25 years to clear. Kubitzka personally remembers helping clear rubble until 1959, and even today somewhere like squattened- tourist-trap Tacheles on Oranienburger Straße is essentially a Second World War bombsite. When Kubitzka and Naß walk down the streets they cleared, they see the ghosts of Berlin past and buildings that once stood, like the shadows of those that stand today. "That will stay with me until the day I die," says Kubitzka. Those who walk past them perhaps see simply two old German ladies. Naß is extremely modest about the contribution she made to Berlin's reconstruction effort: "Words like 'proud' and 'hero' get misused. I just did what I could do. I managed to do something with my own hands, and I hope the people who look at me and see only an old woman understand what we accomplished."

The *Trümmerfrauen* accomplished more than their physical deeds too, helping to shift expectations of what women could achieve (manual labour had previously been a man's unique preserve). Significantly, their exploits were also a marked break from the role designated women by National-Socialism, that of chief baby-maker and *Hausfrau*. They became instead the women who cleared a path to modern Berlin and cradled a nascent new German order in their chafed and blistered hands. In his 1960 poem "Die große Trümmerfrau spricht," Günter Grass wrote, "Berlin lies strewn about, Dust blows up, then a lull again...The great rubble woman will be canonised." Saints of the cinder block, they walk amongst us still.

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Official Notice of BUSMVA Election

In accordance with Article VII and Article IX of the By-Laws of the Berlin U.S. Military Veterans Association, an election of officers will take place during the annual business meeting of the Association in June, 2016 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The offices of President, Membership Director, Sales Director and Reunion Coordinator will be determined at that time. Elected officers will take office at the conclusion of the reunion in June, 2016.

Any member in good standing desiring to be placed on the ballot must submit a biography of 100 words or less, indicating which office they desire to seek. A member may only be placed on the ballot for one office. Biography and signed application to be placed on the ballot must be submitted to the Association Secretary, Donald Stanley, no later than 16 February, 2016. No member can be placed on the ballot without his knowledge and consent.

Any proposed changes to the current By-Laws must be submitted to the Secretary by 16 February, 2016. Proposed changes will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval. If approved for a vote, the proposed changes will be placed on the ballot.

Absentee ballots will be furnished to all members of record by 19 April, 2016. Absentee ballots must be marked, signed and returned to the Secretary as soon as possible. Ballots without signatures will be determined to be invalid. Submit applications, biographies and proposed By-Law changes to:

Donald Stanley
 BUSMVA Secretary or dstanley@busmva.com
 45 Grandview Loop
 Townsend, Montana 59644

Membership Notes:

As we are ending up our third quarter of 2015 our active numbers are just a few shy of 800 and the web site continues to produce inquiries about BUSMVA, and becoming a member. Your individual efforts to find new members and refer them are also very much appreciated and needed.

Coming up will soon be our annual campaign for 2016 membership renewals. Normally reminders will hit the mail around the end of October and on into the first of November. As in the past, reminders will be in the form of a postcard. So, when you get that post card, don't "file 13" and forget. If payment is not convenient at the moment, put it aside where it can be located and taken care of soon. We do want and need you to stay on the rolls as an active member.

Also, it bears repeating that dues are \$25 annually (Jan-Dec) and those checks do need to be made payable to BUSMVA and not to me personally.

The checks go through me to the treasurer, who deposits them in the association's bank account, and my name is not on the account.

Remember, that any time you want a new membership roster I can provide one to your email address. It helps keep expenses down if I do not have to mail one of those (toner, paper, envelopes and stamps).

Thanks for your assistance, phone calls, notes with renewals and email. I solicit those comments, requests and suggestions at any time.

Jerry Bryson, Membership Director
membership@busmva.com

Our New Members—WELCOME!

Knight	Douglass R.	PO Box 955	Salem	NH	10/82-7/84	CSC & Co. A, 4th Bn, 6th Inf.
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Ramirez	Angel A.	1207 Turtle Creek Blvd	Austin	TX	January 1984	HHC, 4th Bn, 6th Inf
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**BUSMVA has merchandise for sale which can be purchased directly from
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 - Check Point Charlie
 - Berlin Bear
 - 6th Infantry Regiment
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 - 3rd Battle Group/6th
 - Berlin Special Troops
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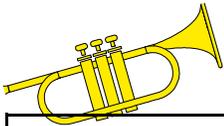
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Members For Whom Taps Has Sounded

Name	Date of Death	Berlin Service	
Robert Herolt	26 March 2015	1961-1963	USAF 6912th Radio Squadron Mobile
Edwin Reed Jr	27 June 2015	1965-1968	Allied Staff/Signal Officer
William F. Rexroth	7 July 2015	1959-1961	HHC/3rd/6th Commo
David A. Kildow	17 July 2015	1951-1953	HHC/6th Cammo
Harold J. Vietz	31 July 2015	1956-1957	287th MP Co.