

Tsukiji Social Club









Summer is here so it is time to get the latest news out to the Tsukiji Social Club members. As you can see on the following page news from the members is short but the big news is the 720th Military Police Battalion 2018 reunion that was held May 25-29, 2018 in Arlington, VA. There was a good attendance as about 70 members and families were in attendance. It was great seeing everyone. Attending from the Tsukiji Social Club were Charley Godfrey, 1949-1950 Co. B and his daughter Charlette Souza, Orville Bailey 1953-1954 Co. A and wife Barbara, Mac McArdle and son-in-law Robert McLaren. A good attendance of Vietnam veterans and got to see a lot of those vet's that we have become friends over the years attending the reunion.

Most of the tour or sight seeing was done by the veterans and their families. On Sunday evening some of the members attended the Memorial Day concert at the United States Capital and enjoy the show. Other members just stayed at the hotel and visited.

A business meeting was held and it was voted to keep the 720th Military Police Battalion Reunion Association going for another two years with a reunion to be held at that time some place in the center of the country. They may have a reunion in one year as members are getting older and have health problems. It will up to the new officers and director to decide. The new President of the 720th Military Police Battalion Reunion Association is Tracy E. Usry, 3851 Edwards Drive, King George, VA. 22485-5595 Cell 540-220-8839, Tusry@msn.com, 1970-1971 Co. C. (CW4 Retired). Other officers and director have not yet been named.

I enjoyed the trip and meeting old friends and even meeting a few new members. I was great visiting and seeing Charley and Orville. Charley always attended the Tsukiji Social Club reunion and Orville it has been awhile since I had see him and Barbara. On September 5, 2018, I along with my daughter and son-in-law will be attending the National Chosin Few 2018 Reunion in Norfolk, VA. One of the tours I will be going on is the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial and it should be interesting to visit and see about his time in Tokyo, Japan.

This is about all the news I have so will close for now. Let me know what and how you are doing. Enclosed is a couple of pictures from the reunion. Hope and pray that everyone it doing well and having a great year. Until the next time take care. God Bless.

1945 720th M.P. Bn. Occupied Tokyo, Japan 1955

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Raymond T. Ogle, 1949-1951 Co. A. February 12, 2018. Note from Pat Ogle informing us of the passing of Ray Ogle, on January 13, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray and Pat families. Pat send Ray obituary which I send on to the members who served with Ray and who knew him. On February 23, 2018 I received a thank you card from Ray's wife Jane, which is in this newsletter. Ray and Pat served together in Company A.

Regina Coulston, (Teddy) 1949-1951 Hdqs. Co. C. February 20, 2018. Note from Regina thanking me for sending the newsletter. Regina is unable to attend the 2018 reunion but hope the unit will continue and we have a wonderful reunion.

Aaron D. Cash, 1950 Co. A. February 27, 2018 Letter from Aaron and it was good to hear from him. It has been awhile since I had heard from him. Aaron is 89 years old and said his health isn't to good. Has had one stroke and his wife has had two stroke and is trying to take care of his wife and him self. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aaron and his wife.

Richard Heim, 1946-1947 Co. B. March 23, 2018. Note from Richards daughter informing us that Richard passed away on February 20, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Richard family. She said Richard always enjoyed getting the newsletter but was never able to attend any reunions. Richard wife passed away on July 13, 2016. That was all the information that she sent.

John A. Bennett, 1946-1950 Hdqs., Co. C. March29,2018. Telephone call from John Bennett nephew informing me that John passed away on March 27, 2018. He said he didn't know what cause John death. I talked with John on my birthday December 23, 2018 and he told me that he had hernia surgery a few month earlier and he couldn't eat certain foods and had lost a lot of weight. He said he weight 198 pounds at that time after weighting over 250 pounds. Over the years John attended 720th Military Police Battalion and Tsukiji Social Club reunions.

Betty Standridge, (Ralph) 1950 Co. C. April 6, 2018 Telephone call from Betty and had a nice visit. Betty and her family are all doing well. Betty was surprised to hear about John Bennett passing away. Betty hadn't heard from any one so didn't have much other news.

Dwayne D. Koehntopp, 1946-1947 Co. B. April 13, 2018. Letter from Dwayne and was good to hear from him. Dwayne has been having some health problems and last three months. Was in the hospital three times for passing out and dizziness. Doctor found his heart wasn't pumping enough blood on the lower part of his heart as the top part. Doctor gave Dwayne a new pill and he is feeling much better now. Dwayne was 93 years old in March. Zina is doing fine but a little slower like all of us.

Dwayne D. Kechntopp, 1946-1947 Co. B. May 4, 2018. Telephone call from Dwayne and wanted to know if the tornado that was in Oklahoma was close to me. It was not but did get a nice slow rain from the thunder storm. We were real dry all winter so the rain was welcome by the farmer and ranchers. Wanted to know if I heard from any one. Dwayne and Zina will be unable to attend the 720th Military Police Battalion Reunion because of his health. Dwayne sends his best to everyone.

John E. Stafford, 1954 May 26, 2018. John attend his first reunion of the 720th Military Police Battalion reunion in Arlington, VA. on May 25-29.2018. John never knew of the battalion reunions until this year. John said he was in the battalion in 1954 and was stationed at Camp Zama. John retired from the Army as a Sgt/1st Class after 22 years. If any one remember John he would like to heard from any one who served at that time or knew John. His address is 48 Judson St. Canton, NY. 13617-1150 Telephone 315-386-8415, Cell 315-212-0281, jestaf4d@msn.com

George P. Olexa, 1949-1950 Co. B. June 10, 2018. Telephone call from George and had a nice visit. George wanted to know how the 720th Military Police Battalion Reunion was that was held May 25-29, 2018 in Arlington, VA. I gave his all the news that there was from the reunion. George is have trouble with pain in his legs and feet. Doctor gave him some medication for the pain bur said it didn't help much. Can't go out in his boat fishing. Send his best to everyone.

Dwayne D. Koehntopp, 1946-1947 Co. B. June 20,2018. Telephone call from Dwayne and had a nice visit. Dwayne wanted to know how the 720th Military Police Battalion reunion was and what went on. Told him that I was getting a newsletter out with the latest information. Dwayne had been having trouble with his heart but said he has received a pace maker and is feeling much better and able to do things again around the house again. Sends his best to everyone.



720th Military Police Battalion Reunion 2018
May 25-29, 2018 Arlington, VA.
Charley Godfrey Co. B. 1949-50-Mac McArdle Co. C. Orville Bailey Co. A 1953-54