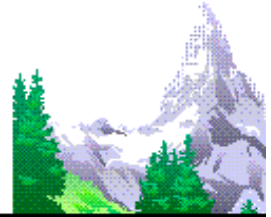




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<http://www.asa-alpiners.com> is back in business. Thanks to Marney E. Mason (Wobeck Gartow/Mt. Meissner/Rothwesten 66-69) our new webmaster is Shane Nicholson. Shane has brought our site up to date and we hope it meets with your approval.

You will notice that there are some format changes. The new format allows you to read the newsletters more easily on your computer screen. I would like your comments on this new format versus the old format. Compare the “Electronic Newsletter November 1, 2011” on the web site’s opening page to the archive’s newsletter “Volume 7 – Number 2 – March 1, 2011”. Which do you prefer?

Shane did a great job on fixing up Bill MacDonald’s Myrtle Beach 2010 reunion pictures. Click on the first pictures and you will be in the slideshow mode. The pictures are all titled and be sure you don’t miss Jim Natividad’s hair job.

Pfaffenhofen does it again. You guys that never had the pleasure of serving in ASA Germany’s Country Club station, better known as Scheyern, missed out on one of the better off-duty venues: Pfaffenhofen a. d. Ilm.

Every year the *International Awards for Livable Communities* (LivCom) gives awards to various cities. The LivCom Awards were launched in 1997 and are the world’s only awards competition focusing on International Best Practices regarding the management of the local environment. The objective of LivCom is to develop and share International Best Practices with the further objective of improving the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of “livable communities.”



This year Pfaffenhofen took first place in the category of cities with a population of 20,001 to 75,000.

As an aside, if you're interested in seeing how the Pfaffenhofen Volksfest has changed, there are about four or five videos on YouTube. Just go to the YouTube site and in the search box type in "Volksfest Pfaffenhofen 2011." One in particular "O zapft is" has some pretty good shots of good looking young Pfaff women.

Alan F. Donnelly (Bad Aibling 48-521/55-57) wrote "I too had wondered about the choice of the Matterhorn on the letterhead. I would have thought Wendelstein (which was in plain view out my barracks window at Bad Aibling) would have been quite appropriate."

Reading about the troops using the pool at Bad Tolz, I pulled together a swimming team at BA and, since we had no pool, we used the pool at Bad Tolz. Had several meets there with several German teams and did rather well. Bad Tolz was the home of the 10th Special Forces unit (Red Berets, as I recall). The swim meets were fun and the post-meet gatherings at local watering holes were even more so."

The following was forwarded to us by Dave Waldmann.

Jerry Frankenberger, who was an ASA Vietnamese linguist in the 175th Radio Research Unit, in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, circa 1966-1967, is trying to locate an original unit crest (distinguished unit insignia) for that unit that he can borrow or procure in order to have authentic-looking reproductions made of it. This particular unit crest was only authorized "in-country" by the "Radio Research" powers to be during the Vietnam War therefore it is not an authorized Department of the Army item. It was only locally manufactured during the Vietnam War. Crests such this are often referred to as "beer can crests" due to the fact that they were often crafted out of tin and thick aluminum metal from the old type of beer cans - the type that used to have the old detachable pull tabs. You can look at the particular crest that we are trying to locate by going to (www.oldsbooksandspies.org) and then selecting "Patches" from the list on the left side of the homepage there. Scroll down just a bit and it will be the third crest picture on the left, and it is plainly labeled as the crest of the 175th RR Co. ("Old Spooks and Spies" is the nickname for the United States Army Security Agency Southeast Asia Veterans Association.)

If anyone at all can help assist in this matter please reply to me in this e-mail (madpup49@comcast.net) or contact Jerry directly at (chieu@pennswoods.net).

Thank you very much, Paul Maidel

Most of you know Vern (Hey Vern) Greunke as the creator and maintainer of the ASA Locator. Vern is also a pretty good writer. Because of copyright restrictions we can't publish his last submission but if you Google "My day with a true American hero" you can read what he has been up to lately.

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