



# Lübeck - Association Newsletter



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## The Lübeck Association returns to the city of our youth for the last time

The 14th national reunion of the Lübeck association is now only 5 months away and the response has been fantastic. We currently have almost 100 folks signed up, all of whom are looking forward to seeing old friends while taking part in the activities listed below. Without getting to maudlin, for most of us this will probably be the last chance we're going to have to visit our fair city as a group.....I don't need to tell you we're not getting any younger.

### Sunday & Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Travel, arrive, and check into the **Excelsior Hotel** ([www.hotel-excelsior-luebeck.de](http://www.hotel-excelsior-luebeck.de)). At 6:30 P.M., gather in the lobby for a short walk (200m) to the Movenpick Hotel and the "kick off" cocktail party and buffet dinner (included). "Opening ceremonies," will include a moment of silence for those fellow Lübeckers that have passed, followed by the always entertaining "roll call" of Association reunion "Newks." Special guests will also be asked to stand.

### Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast we will all board our buses (2) for a guided motor tour of the city. During this approx. 2 hours we will pass by the historical Holstentor, Salzspeicher, Dom, St. Aegidian, Burgtor, Helligen-Geist, St. Jakobi, Willy Brant Haus, and the Schiffergesellschaft. We might even spot the old Riverboat if it hasn't sunk by then. The buses will then drop us off near the Markt Platz where an additional 2 hour walking tour will begin. We will split up into 4 smaller groups of 20 or so (just like Disneyland) and begin investigating on foot. **Note: The buses will return to the hotel at this time.** We will be guided through points of interest including the Buddenbrookhaus, St Marian, and the Rathaus (City Hall). Since we are in the neighborhood the last 20 minutes of the tour will stop at Niederegger's so some of you folks can buy that great Marzipan you've been bragging about all these years. We will then proceed (on foot for 2 blocks) to the Brauberger Restaurant for lunch (included). The remainder of the day is free time, you might want to check out the "new" Clemensstraße, it's just a couple of blocks away.....I recommend the Blauer Engel (Blue Angel)....."if those walls could talk." The distance from the Brauberger back to the hotel is approx. 800m.

### Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>

After breakfast it's onto the bus, (singular), for the short ride to the Wakenitz where we will board our chartered canal boat for a nautical look at the canals and waterways in and around Lübeck. We will float through some natural estuaries (Natureparks auf Deutsch) on our way to the Ratzeburger See and back. Lunch will be provided (included) along the way, as well as a stop to stretch the legs...don't get left behind, the next boat comes by in 2 hours. After a few hours to get over our "sea legs," all will be bused to the Schiffergesellschaft ([www.schiffergesellschaft.de](http://www.schiffergesellschaft.de)) for a fantastic meal at this historic restaurant, circa 1535. After dinner the bus will be available for those wanting a ride back to the hotel. **Note: We will be utilizing a single bus for both of the above activities to reduce costs.** So have patience, you might need to wait for the second run.

### Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

After breakfast, board the buses (2) for a trip to the Zwingli Straße, and Jurgen - Wullenwever Straße houses and a possible visit to the inside of one or both, we will also drive by the Stadtpark house between these two visits. Next we make a huge loop out towards Krummessa for a look at where the old DF Site was located, then on to Mutti's, the Ops Site, and the Blankensee "apartments." While at the Ops Site, not only will we be able visit the Site in the buses, but we will be given a brief history of the airstrip by an old Luftwaffe Pilot. Finally it's a fantastic three course lunch (dinner really) at the old hunting lodge, St. Hubertus (included), before heading back towards town. The remainder of the day is free time.

### Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

After a brief Association meeting, the entire morning and afternoon is free time. This will be a good chance to visit or re-visit the places that are of interest to you

Now for the closing night, where should we go? How about the one place that every "Ami" from 1954 to 1965 frequented, the one place that we all have stories about.... want a hint? It had a slide, the bouncer let us in for no "cover", and they sold contraceptives (gummies) in the men's room. Give up? It's **The Riverboat**....duh! The Riverboat [www.riverboat-luebeck.de](http://www.riverboat-luebeck.de) (German) has been moved two or three times since we were stationed in Lübeck, has been refurbished as late as 2006, has a third open air deck, and is in wonderful shape. Sadly, that "slide" is no longer in use.....thank God. An excellent buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. followed by music and dancing to DJ provided tunes from the 50's and 60's....."let's twist again like we did that summer." **Again, we will be using the "single bus" relay system,** to and from the restaurant.

### Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Sadly it's auf wiedersehen maybe for the last time. As you leave the city, take a good look at the wonderful skyline, the 7 steeples, the Holstentor, and pack it into your memory along with the thousands of other things that make this place so special to us.

Before you say no, read what "returning" meant to one of our most esteemed ambassadors, Jack "the Hulk" Weber.....have a box of Kleenex handy, and spelling doesn't count

## RETURN TO OUR LUBECK

THE YEAR WAS 1978. THE DAY WAS OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>. THE SCENARIO IS THAT OF YOURS TRULY MOTORING ALONG THE OLD REICHSBAHN (NORTHEAST FROM HAMBURG) TO MY DESTINATION SOME SIXTY OR SO KILOMETERS AWAY. LUBECK, THE FABLED CITY OF SEVEN CHURCH STEEPLES, WOULD SOON COME INTO VIEW. THE SUN WAS SHINING, THE OPEL RENT-A-CAR HAD A FULL TANK OF GAS, THERE WERE SIX LAGERS BY MY SIDE, MUSIC ON THE RADIO AND ALL WAS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD. DEUTSCHLAND, YOUR BABY BOY "HANSIE THE HULK" WAS A COMMUNIST HOME.

A WEE TEAR ROLLED DOWN MY CHUBBY LITTLE CHEEK AS I VIEWED THE SPLENDOR OF LUBECK AHEAD ON THE HORIZON. I KEPT ON TRUCKIN' AND DOWNED A COUPLE OF FROSTIES TO REGAIN MY COMPOSER. GOOD MEDICINE FOR THE HEART. I LEARNED THAT FROM OL' BADBACK SHAKY ROGERS BACK IN THE DAY.

WITH A MIXTURE OF JOY AND SADNESS, I HAD DEPARTED THAT DEAR OLD CITY ALONG THIS SAME HIGHWAY BACK IN APRIL OF 1960. HOWEVER, ON THIS FINE OCTOBER DAY I WOULD CELEBRATE MY HOMECOMING. PLEASE NOTE, I WOULD RETURN AGAIN IN JUNE OF 1984 ON HOLIDAY WITH MADAME QUEEN (KAREN # 1 - MY WIFE) AND IN AUGUST OF 1987 WITH KAREN TO ATTEND THE FIRST LUBECK ASSOCIATION REUNION HELD IN THIS WONDERFUL CITY RENOWNED AS THE "QUEEN OF THE HANSAS."

ALAS, MANY MEMORIES FROM THE PAST BEGAN TO RETURN TO MY MIND AS IF TIME HAD STOOD STILL. I COULD HEAR THE VOICES AND SEE THE FACES OF OLD COMRADES FROM LONG AGO. IT SEEMED THAT WE WERE TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN. THE OLD HULKSTER WAS IN A TRANCE. MY GENTEEL PERSONA HAD TAKEN OVER MY THOUGHTS. SLAP ME DOWN, I NEEDED ANOTHER COLD LAGER TO BRING ME BACK TO REALITY.

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF WHO CREATED THIS BEAUTIFUL PLANET OF OURS. (NO, IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT AL GORE!) INDEED, THIS WORLD WAS THE ALMIGHTY'S WONDROUS WORK AS IN THE BEGINNING HE CREATED THE HEAVENS AND EARTH. MILLENNIUMS LATER HE ALSO SAW FIT TO CREATE THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF LUBECK. OK, AT LEAST HE ALLOWED IT TO COME INTO EXISTENCE. THOSE EARLY LUBECK MENSCHEN CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MARVELOUSLY PRESERVED RELIC OF ANTIQUITY.

I, ALONG WITH ALL OF YOU, HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE OF SPENDING MANY HAPPY MONTHS BACK IN THE ERA OF THE "COLD WAR" WHILE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY. AS MY MEMORY SERVES ME, THOSE TIMES WERE DEVOTED TO THE CONTINUOUS MAKING OF MIRTH, MERRIMENT AND MAYHEM. I AM SURE THAT THIS WAS NOT EXACTLY WHAT OUR CREATOR HAD IN MIND.

MY DEAR COMRADES, WE ALL SHARE THE MEMORIES OF THOSE DAYS OF YORE WHICH ARE HAPPILY EMBLAZONED INTO OUR MINDS. THE NAMES, THE PLACES AND THE EVENTS WILL FOREVER BE ETCHED INTO OUR SCRAMBLED GRAY MATTER. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO JOG YOUR MEMORIES AND READ ON. I WILL ATTEMPT TO BRING BACK TO YOU A PICTURE OF THOSE DAYS OF LONG AGO.

CRAWLING DOWN MEMORY LANE, LET US BEGIN WITH THE ROLL CALL OF OUR FOUR LEGGED COMRADES – BECKS, SCHATZIE, SPORT, HORACE DEBUSSEY JONES, HARRAS, BLEETUS, MISS MOTOR POOL AND AJAX (OFFSPRING OF OLD BECKS AND SCHATZIE. INDEED, THERE WERE MANY OTHERS. SURELY, YOU CAN ADD TO THIS DOGGIE LIST.

NEXT, WE MUST NEVER FORGET OUR DEAR OLD CIVILIAN STYLE BARRACKS - ZWINGLIHAUS AND JERK HAUS, THE REUTERKRUG HOTEL, AND THE PRIVATE HOUSES FOR THE OFFICERS AND A COUPLE OF NCO BIGGIES. FOR A TIME SOME LIVED OUT AT MUTTI'S FLIEGERHORST GASTHAUS. FORTUNATELY, DURING MY TIME IN LUBECK, THERE WAS NOT AN ARMY BARRACKS IN SIGHT. THE ARMY WOULD LATER SEE FIT TO CHANGE THIS.

FORGING EVER ONWARD, HERE ARE A FEW OF THE HANGOUTS THAT WE FREQUENTED - THE STRASSE (PICK YOUR NUMBER), THE FUCHSBAU, THE HANSEATEN DIELE, MAXIM'S TANZBAR, THE RIVER BOAT, ST. PAULI BAR, JEDERMANS FOR THE BREAKFAST CLUB, DER INSEL, THE BLAU MAUS, MUTTI'S FOR SCHNITZEL, THE KUDDELDADDELDOO (YOU SPELL IT!), DER KAHN, THE BAHNHOF STUBE, THE REUTERKRUG HOTEL, OTHER VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS ALONG THE STRAND IN TRAVEMUNDE, NINDORF AND TIMMENDORF, THE WATERING HOLES IN BLANKENSEE, KRUMMESSEE, GROSSE GRONAU, BAD SCHWARTAU AND OTHER HIDDEN PLACES OUT AND ABOUT. OH YES, COPENHAGEN! AWAY WE GO!

YES, WE MUST REMEMBER THE LOCAL LADIES AND OTHER GOOD FRIENDS. DO YOU RECALL THE FOLLOWING: ANGEL, ANKA, USCHI, BRIGIT, UTA, ULA, MARGIT, WALTROUT, GERTURDE, CHRISTA, DORIS, LOTTE, EDELTRAUT, ERIKA, ELKA, HIKE, HEINKE AND THE MALCHOW FAMILY, HEIDE, HELGA, ILKA, ILSE, ILKA, INGE DINGA DOO, MAID MARION, MARLIES, MARLETT, HANNELORE, MARIANNE, GESELA, EDITH, GUNDELA WHO SLEPT UNDER THE BAR IN JERK HAUS, THE FAIR RENATA, SWAMP GIRL, THE POOPIE SISTERS FROM KRUMMESSE, BARBARA FROM ZWINGLI STRASSE, BABS FROM HAUS #3 ON THE STRASSE (MY GOOD FRIEND!), THE INFAMOUS GERTIE AND OTHER STRASSE MADCHENS AND THE NUMEROUS KARINS #1 TO #10. THE MAIDS AND COOKS – ELSIE, ANGEL, MARIA, BRIGITA, HERR BERNLEIN AND OTHERS, LOCALS SUCH AS THE POLICE CHIEF, KURT BUSHMANN - THE MEN'S STORE BIGGIE, BLACKIE AND LISA AT THE FUCHSBAU, VERA FROM JEDERMANS AND ST. PAULI, HANS FROM THE RIVERBOAT AND CHARLIE THE CHINK WHO SOLD THOSE CHEAP-ASS CLOTHES MADE IN HONG KONG! IF I HAVE NEGLECTED TO MENTION A NAME OR TWO, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. AGE TAKES A TOLL ON THE MIND YA KNOW! ONE YOUNG LASS WAS DUBBED "THE LUMBERJACK." WHY? BROAD SHOULDERS I GUESS?

THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS OF LUBECK AND SURROUNDING AREAS. THE HOLSTENTOR, THE SALT CELLARS, THE MANY CHURCHES AND MUSEUMS, THE WAKENITZ, THE OTHER RIVERS AND CANALS, THE COMPLETE ENVIRONS OF THE OLD CITY. THE NEIGHBORHOODS REACHING OUT FROM THE ZENTRUM, TRAVEMUNDE AND OTHER COASTAL AREAS, RATZEBURG, THE CITY OF HAMBURG AND THE LUNEBURG HEATH.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, **“THE AMI’S.”** YOUNG AMERICAN GENTLEMEN OFF ON A SPREE. WHAT A LIFE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ROLE CALL OF MANY OF WHOM I REMEMBER FROM LATE 1958 TO MID 1960. AFTER ALL, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED WHO WERE STATIONED IN LUBECK OVER THE PERIOD OF 1954 TO 1965. PLEASE NOTE – I SHALL TRY TO USE ONLY NICKNAMES AND ASSUMED NAMES.

LET US BEGIN! DENNY ZWINLISTRASSE (HE USED OTHERS SUCH AS THE ROCK, THE BABY DOCTOR, ARTOUR ZHAMAL-TRES CHIC, THE DICKER ONE (AND MANY MORE), FINGERS, DIXIE, REGGIE, THE BALTIMORE KID, TAB, TONY, BLONDIE, ROUTE STEP, PAPA ROY, FOOD, CHIPS, JOSE, OZZIE, OTT, SPARKY, DUKE, GRIFF, SSS-SSS, THE REBEL, THE WOP (AKA LIL’ GUINEA), TUG, LITTLE WILLY, PUSSYCAT, THE MAD RUSSIAN, PRETTY BOY, THE BEAR (#&@%/?), TODTMENSCH, SGT. H.H., SQUIRREL, BADBACK SHAKEY ROGERS, GOODBACK THE LOVER, JUGHEAD, DOOLEY, FIG, THE SADDLESHOOTER, MIGHTY MOUTH, ALFIE, SLIM JIMMY, BOBBY, RALPHIE, MR. MALLORY, MICKEY MAUS, SQUEAKY, THE BEVERAGE TWINS, OL’ RICK, MAD-DOG, THE ANIMAL, COOL BREEZE, THE BANKER, PIGPEN, BIG GUY, SLATTS, ALL OF THE MAC-EL WHOS AND MAC-IL WHATS, THAT F-IN ALGONQUIN INJUN NAMED BECKSIE (NOT THE DOG), LITTLE BIT, T-R, BOOZIE BERNIE, BG III, LOU, LOVER BOY AND THE HULK (AKA HANSIE).

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE RETURNED TO LUBECK IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THE FEELINGS THAT I MENTION ABOVE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED, PLEASE GO. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELVES. IT WILL BE A WORTHWHILE ENDEAVOR. UNFORGETTABLY SO. I SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH EACH OF MY THREE VISITS.

IN CONCLUSION, I MUST TELL YOU THAT I AM FORWARDING THIS LITTLE RASCAL TO OUR LUBECK ASSOCIATION “EL PRESIDENTE” JAMES OF MILLER. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT IS AT HIS REQUEST. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS NARRATIVE MY SINCERE HEARTFELT REMEMBRANCE OF A MOST WONDERFUL TIME IN MY LIFE. (TRUTHFULLY, BEING BORN AND MEETING MADAME QUEEN ARE RIGHT UP THERE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST FOR ME.) WE WERE, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, LUCKY YOUNG MEN TO HAVE SERVED OUR NATION IN THIS RELATIVE TIME OF PEACE BETWEEN THE KOREAN WAR AND VIETNAM. AS I SAID EARLIER, THEY NOW REFER TO THIS TIME PERIOD AS THE “COLD WAR.” DURING OUR TENURE, IT WAS CALLED **DUTY STATION LUBECK**. WE WERE THE BEST! OK, PROBABLY THE LOCAL LADIES COULD ARGUE THAT ONE.

UNFORTUNATELY MOI DROOGS, I WILL NOT BE RETURNING WITH YOU TO OUR OLD HOME OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES TO ATTEND THE 2009 REUNION. DUE TO MANY REASONS WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARY TO EXPAND ON AT THIS TIME, I MUST EXCUSE MYSELF FROM THE PARTY. HOWEVER, AS A FAVOR, ON ONE FINE MORNING WHEN YOU ARE ATTENDING THE REUNION, WILL YOU KINDLY LIFT A MUG OF BIER AND DOWN A “STEINIE” FOR ME? WE MUST KEEP THE BREAKFAST CLUB TRADITION AT JEDERMANS ALIVE. PROSIT! AH, BE STILL MY HEART!

MY FONDEST WISHES TO YOU ALL,

JACK WEBER – THE HULK. (ONLY A PAWN IN THE GAME OF LIFE)

So how much is this all gonna cost? I'm glad you asked. Below is the "budget" for the whole thing which was based on the €uro costing \$1.60. Currently the €uro is less then my budgeted figure, if that continues, a refund after the reunion will be forthcoming.

Lübeck Association 2009 Reunion  
June 29th - July 4th

ITEM	AMT EUROS (€)	AMT SINGLE (\$)	AMT COUPLE (\$)	AMT TRIPLE (\$)	AMT QUAD** (\$)	TOTAL AMT (\$)
<b>Prepaid Package</b>						
<b>Hotel Excelsior</b>						
3 - Single @ 82€/night (5 nights)	1,230	\$ 666	-	-	-	\$ 1,968
41 - Double @ 98€/night (5nights)	20,090	-	\$ 784	-	-	\$ 32,144
2 - Triple @ 138€/night (5 nights)	1,380	-	-	\$ 1,104	-	\$ 2,208
1 - Quad @ 148€/night (5 nights)	740	-	-	-	1,184	\$ 1,184
Subtotal	23,440	\$ 666	\$ 784	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,184	\$ 37,604
<b>Activities</b>						
Buses (2 buses) 8 hours ea. @ 2213€ or \$3641 (see detail below)	2,213	\$ 39	\$ 79	\$ 118	\$ 167	\$ 3,641
Bus (1 bus) 12 hours ea. @ 1356€ or \$2170 (see detail below)	1,356	\$ 24	\$ 48	\$ 72	\$ 96	\$ 2,170
Guides (4) 428€ or \$685 (see detail below)	428	\$ 8	\$ 16	\$ 23	\$ 30	\$ 685
Buffet (opening night) @ 24€/person (\$38)	2,160	\$ 38	\$ 77	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 3,466
Cocktails (opening night) 1500€ limit on bar	1,500	\$ 27	\$ 53	\$ 80	\$ 53	\$ 2,400
Brauberger (lunch) @ 18€/person (\$29) w/drinks	1,620	\$ 29	\$ 58	\$ 86	\$ 58	\$ 2,692
St. Hurbertus (lunch) @ 28€/person (\$45) w/drinks	2,520	\$ 45	\$ 90	\$ 134	\$ -	\$ 4,032
Canal boat @ 11.6€/person,	1,035	\$ 18	\$ 37	\$ 55	\$ 56	\$ 1,666
Lunch on boat @ 18€/person w/drinks	1,620	\$ 29	\$ 58	\$ 86	\$ 86	\$ 2,692
Schiffergesellschaft @38€/person (\$61) w/drinks	3,420	\$ 61	\$ 122	\$ 182	\$ -	\$ 5,472
Riverboat buffet @34.50€/person (\$55)	3,105	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$ 166	\$ 166	\$ 4,968
Cocktails 1500€ limit on bar (Courtesy of Association)	1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400
Riverboat DJ @ 400€ (\$640)	400	\$ 7	\$ 14	\$ 21	\$ 28	\$ 640
Tips for hosted meals (5) 8%	983	\$ 17	\$ 35	\$ 52	\$ 70	\$ 1,672
Shirts	-	\$ 20	\$ 40	\$ 60	\$ 80	\$ 1,800
Misc. ( tips for guides, drivers, fees & things I forgot, etc.)	625	\$ 11	\$ 22	\$ 33	\$ 44	\$ 1,000
Subtotal	24,485	\$ 429	\$ 867	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,041	\$ 40,976
	47,925	\$ 1,085	\$ 1,641	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,225	\$ 78,480
<b>Package Total (rounded)</b>		<b>\$ 1,085</b>	<b>\$ 1,640</b>	<b>\$ 2,390</b>	<b>\$ 2,225</b>	
<b>Buses</b>						
City tour: (Tuesday)						
2 hrs. @390€/bus(2) plus 19% vat = 928€ or \$1486						
Memories tour: (Thursday)						
6 hrs. @540€/bus(2) plus 19% vat = 1286€ or \$2066						
To and from pickups (Wednesday & Friday)						
4 hrs. @380€/bus(3) plus 19% vat = 1356€ or \$2170						
<b>Guides</b>						
City tour:						
2 guides 4 hrs. @ 110€/ea. + 2 guides 2 hrs. @ 70€ea. + 19% vat. = 428€ or \$685.						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Note:            Each single pays <b>\$1085</b>            Each couple pays <b>\$1640</b>            Each double "no hotel" pays <b>\$860</b>(Will)            Each triple "no hotel" pays <b>\$1285</b>(Swieczicki)            Each triple "w/junior" pays <b>\$2200</b>(Myers)            Each quad "w/kids(2) pays <b>\$2225</b> (Neill)</p> </div>						
<b>Special "opening night" quests of Association</b>						
Uschi Bennett (2)	} Courtesy of Association	Number	€uro	(\$'s)		
Elsa Campbell (2)		2	48	\$	77	
Margitta Von Holt & son		2	48	\$	77	
Derek Lukey & Beate		2	48	\$	77	
Wolfgang & Helga Nielandt		2	48	\$	77	
Al Pitzel (2)		2	48	\$	77	
Christine Langner & Inge Schön	2	48	\$	77		
		14	336	\$	638	

### Other Business:

Our Treasurer **Harry Walthall** has resigned due to personal reasons, many thanks to Harry for a job well done. I currently have the Association account in my name until we can elect (railroad) another Treasurer this summer at the reunion.

### Dues:

It's that time of year again, if you get anything out of what the Association does, reunions, Newsletter, Web Site, etc. Please send your \$25 check to the interim Treasurer, **me!** Make your check out to the Lübeck Association, and send it to Jim Miller, 341 Kentfield Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069.

### In Memoriam

**Donald L. Bean:** Don was an Equipment repairman in the '63-'64 timeframe.

**Bruce Clement:** Bruce was a Russian 988 in the '57-'59 "golden era of Lübeck.

**Howard E. Van Camp:** Howard was an O58 during the '60-'62 era, and was heavily involved with the Wakenitz Kinderheim.

**Charles G. "Charlie" Metz:** Charlie was a much beloved Motor Pool Sgt., and had two tours in Lübeck, the first starting in 1957, and the last ending in 1965.

All of the above will be proudly added to the Lübeck Association Memorial Plaque.

Finally, If any of you folks that receive this via "snail mail," and now have access to E-mail, please let me know (jimrisk@cox.net). You don't have to actually own a computer, maybe a neighbor or one of you kids can act as you "mail box." Sadly most of our correspondence is over the Internet because it's more timely to "broadcast" information in real-time rather than save it up for an annual? Newsletter.

Be well, have a great 2009, and maybe see ya in Lübeck come June.

Jim Miller