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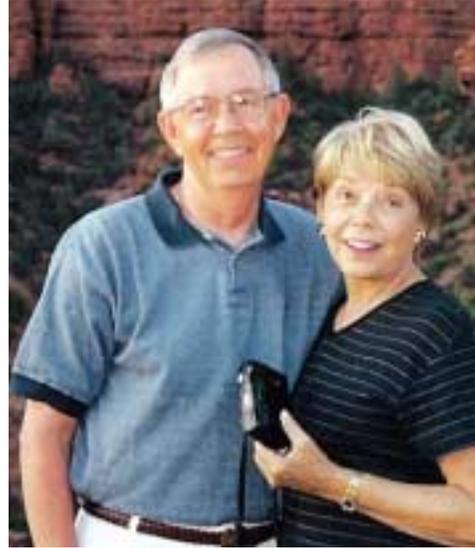## Lubeck 1960 - 1962
MOS: 988 Russian Linguist

1959   **2000**

The Army drafted me after graduating Duke University (BS Chemistry) in June 1959. I signed up for a 3-year enlistment in order to attend the Army Language School at Monterey, CA. I was a 988,Russian Interceptor (I think) and was assigned to Lubeck from October 1960 to June 1962. I've never regretted my decision to study Russian, though it's long forgotten, or my assignment to Lubeck. There was a great comradeship there and I have many fond memories of the guys, girls, and the old haunts. I hung out with Joe Hewitt, Frank Crane, David Wrench, John Sterritt, Dennis Whelan, Dick Williams, Fess Parker, Dick Ehrhardt, Leonard Will, and on and on. My fondest memories are of the times we had at the "Hutch" in Travemunde and of playing poker for a few days after payday before going back to the endless pinochle table.

Since discharge I worked 2.5 years with a German-owned chemical company in Charlotte, NC and then 35 years at National Starch and Chemical Co. in Salisbury, NC during which time I worked for four different owners ending with GB based ICI. At my retirement in June 2000, I was Technical Director of Manufacturing, although I spent 32 years in Research and Development assignments.

While in Charlotte in 1963 I met Patricia Sellers and we were married 8/22/64. Incidentally, we celebrated our 35th anniversary with an Alaskan cruise, stopping of for three days in Victoria, BC to visit Dick and Sharon Williams. We had a really great time together and I was so saddened that Dick died just a year later.

Pat and I had two sons. Andrew died in 1996. Michael lives in St. Helena, CA where he manages a wine tasting room for one of the vineyards in the Napa Valley. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it. Michael is not married and we have NO grandchildren.

I am enjoying my retirement. I like reading, duplicate bridge (ACBL L045315, ~1700 points), investments, puttering in the yard, traveling, and walking my dog.