

ASA DF Site Location Project

Explanation, Background, Goals

Email received from Richard Kremzier, Bahdorf Det 63-65 inviting USASA DF Net to participate:

"In 2007 I began a project to build a Site Locator tool, to provide Google Earth place marks for ASA sites. At that time, I found your website and created place marks for all the DF sites that you listed (as best I could pin-point them). I would like you and the other members of your group to help me by pin-pointing those sites that I could not find. I would like to begin a personal email exchange to discuss my project, and to engage you in participating in the research component of it. Thanks, Rich Kremzier, Co A, 319th ASA Battalion."

Additional information from Rich explaining his project:

"I began reconnecting with my ASA-past as 2007 was beginning. When perusing the various ASA-member websites - Vern Greunke (ASA Lives), Tino (Chui) Banuelos (NASAA), Phil Ward (Schneeberg), Jerry Chandler (Rothwesten) - names of sites that I did not know would be mentioned, and I had no idea about where they were located. I decided to be the one who would provide that location information; and so I began building my Site Locator tool.

Since then, the Site Locator has grown to include all kinds of intel (*intelligence collection*) sites, worldwide.

The (NSA) National Cryptologic Museum has shown an interest in adding the Site Locator (ASA-component) as an exhibit; and I am working with the INSCOM Historian on identifying ASA sites from official records, to add to the collection.

From Aug 2009 thru Mar 2010, I got bogged down trying to help the CDAA-niche folks on Google Earth Community to organize a CDAA master file and clearinghouse activity. I ended up keeping and maintaining my CDAA Sites Collection on Google Earth, as can be found here:
<http://bbs.keyhole.com/ubb/ubbthreads.php?ubb=showflat&Number=1392253>

I have been active with the ASA Alumni Assoc - National Capitol Area (chapter), and have demoed my Site Location at their events over the years, as well at Bahrdorf Reunions, and at the locally-held Rothwesten vets reunion in 2009. I offered to demo the Site Locator at the Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association (NCVA) Reunion last year at nearby Valley Forge PA, but I had contacted them too late for them to squeeze me in, after my having only heard about their reunion after it had already gotten started.

Just recently, after contacting / joining the cold-war.de (*German based web-site*) forum (so I could download ELINT MLQ-24 hut pictures); someone on cold-war.de pointed out the Schleswig DF site -- which reminded me that I had already "pinned" that site and even had had emailed about it with Wayne Vagtborg, way back in February 2007, when I first began chasing down ASA sites.

And so, that bringing up Schleswig is what got me moving on contacting you now.

I am attaching a copy of the Google Earth place marks folder that I created, covering the DF Detachment sites that were mentioned on your website. In this KMZ folder, actual locations are marked using a yellow push-pin icon; and general area locations are marked using the cross-hairs icon. I am hoping that you and others in your group will send me place marks marking the exact locations of the old DF sites, for which I now have only general area place marks (ie the ones now with cross-hairs icon markers), and any corrections in and additions to what I have. (If you do not already have Google Earth loaded on your computer, to open the file I am sending; you can (must) download a free copy directly from Google.)

I hope you find all this information helpful, and not overwhelming, too excessive. I want to work with you on this. I see your usasadf.net website being one that will (eventually) be one of the vet-member websites that interacts with my Site Locator (still to-be future website), along with Vern's, Chui's, Phil's, and others."

Cheers,

Rich Kremzier

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