



(U) Are You a Grizzled Veteran?

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(U) Note from SIGINT Communications: The following retrospective has been making the rounds... presented as our Friday "human interest" piece:

(U//FOUO) You know you are a veteran NSAer if you...

- remember the Marine Guards.
- can remember when you could drive up to the door of Gatehouse 2.
- remember when Route 32 was a 2-lane road.

- remember when the military could come to work in civilian clothes.
- remember the beer machines in the cafeteria.
- remember when there were two Soviet military watches.
- are a reporter and you took the IS-250 class.
- were once a Russian linguist and you learned a "less commonly taught" language.
- worked Iraq when it was on our side.
- can correctly pronounce GSFG. [*Group of Soviet Forces Germany - "Gee-SOF-Gee"*]
- remember SECRET KIMBO.
- were working SIGINT when the Director was still a Bulgarian linguist.
- worked with Maureen Baginski in A4.
- remember when the Cryptologic Museum was a motel.
- remember when Lot N10 was just a gravel lot.
- remember when they *cleared* lot N10 and put down the gravel.
- remember when 9A135 was DIRNSA's conference room.
- remember picking up traffic in the basement.
- remember the tape runners and their electric carts.
- remember sharing a bank of Delta Data machines.
- know M204. [*Early computer-age application*]
- remember using COINS on a teletype machine.
- own a GUHOR stick. [*Used for drawing geometric shapes for traffic analysis templates*]
- remember having to show your badge to go up the Ops 1 escalator.
- remember Ronald Reagan's visit.
- were ever cleared for VRK-33.
- remember when Mr. Black was Chief, A.
- know the correct expansions for WPSTN. [*Warsaw Pact Stationary Troposcatter Network*]
- ever got food poisoning at Henckles restaurant.
- ever took a PQE in the cafeteria.
- remember the Ops 1 cafeteria's original configuration.
- remember the "Dining Parlour" near the cafeteria.
- remember the room lights on the front of the HQ building being arranged to spell out a Christmas message.
- were here before Ops 2A and 2B were built.
- remember the softball fields across from the "Daring Duo" (antennas).
- wrote a song that was published in the A6 Vox Topics Song Book.

(U) See you next week!

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