



Times Remembered
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Bob's Pranks

About every school or work place had a prankster. Today, there are fewer ones due to people getting offended at a good old fashion joke. Well, I happened to marry one, a prankster, my husband Bob.

Bob and I both are retired from Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond after thirty and thirty five years of service. Everyone that knows Bob is aware that he loves to play pranks on people. He had to ask me three different times to marry him, because I didn't believe him. But we have been happily married nearly 34 years.

Bob started out working at Lexington (Avon) Depot but later was able to transfer to Blue Grass. The best place to

work; mostly people from Estill County, Berea, Jackson County and Rockcastle County. Just down home, good natured, caring people.

Bob worked at the Clock House, (Where everyone met in the mornings and afternoons to start work in the restricted area). He issued all the keys to the areas and igloos where ammunition was stored. The depot stores a large amount of conventional ammunition. New ammunition, camp returns and ammunition that is re-worked and place in condition A for use. Ammunition is stored there and shipped out to other places that need it through requisition. Blue Grass was the largest shipper of ammunition to the Gulf War in the early nineties.

One day while working in the Key Cage, Bob decided he was going to call everyone on the radio and tell them they would be dismissed early to go home that day. Well, all the field supervisors sent everyone to the Clock House to turn in their keys and go home. Employees were all congregating in the break room when the Chief of Ammunition Storage walked in and wanted to know what was going on. Someone said, "Bob called us in and said we were going home early." "What?" He exclaimed!! "No way!!" Bob got called on the carpet and admitted he told everyone to come turn their keys in and they could go home Mr. Baros stood there; then he said if you all are that dumb to believe a GS-2; well you are all pretty -- crazy. Now get your butts back out in the field and get to work. Bob dodged a bullet there; I think I would have given him a

reprimand.

Bob's next area where he worked in was Warehouse 203 that received, stored and shipped ammunition. There were rows and rows of ammunition in that warehouse. Workers pulled the ammo and loaded it on trucks with forklifts for shipment. That old warehouse was pretty spooky and dark in the corners where all ammo was stored.

Meanwhile the Fire Department had a Dalmatian Dog, named, "Blue," who was pretty mean and some of the guys were afraid of him. He made visits from time to time to the dark warehouse when all the doors were open and while everyone was busy.

One morning Bob decided when he got there early he'd be old "Blue." He hid in the pallets of ammo in back of the warehouse. Two of Bob's co-workers came into work, got their 1348's shipping documents and started walking back through the warehouse with the shipping documents. When one of them said, "Reckon old Blue could be in here?" "It's so dark in here." They walked a little further, "One said to the other, "I think I hear something over there behind those pallets on the left side," Then they heard a bone -chilling, ferocious growl! "Did you hear that?" The other asked. Then another growl, and Bob jumped out like a mad dog at them. They screamed and ran all the way to the office. They really thought it was old "Blue" at first. They vowed to get even with Bob.

It went on a few months, when the two who were scared half-to-death de-

ecided it was time to pay back on Bob. He had drawn keys to an Igloo to inspect ammo. Now those igloos can be pretty scary. Snakes get inside them somehow and they also like sunning over the igloo doors in the summer. They fall down on you when you open the door. Those two guys meanwhile were plotting to pay Bob back. They checked the records to see which igloo he was working in that day. One of the keys Bob needed; the two guys had; one of them brought the key back to the Clock House but left the other guy locked inside the igloo. Bob got the key and returned to B-507 Igloo. It was one of darkest igloos on the Depot. He cautiously opened the door and proceeded to go to the extreme back wall to check storage inspections. Unknown to Bob that someone could be in the igloo was almost unbelievable, but this guy was hid and tackled Bob about half-way way back to the pallets. Bob was taken back literally. He back- stepped all the way to the front door of the igloo. They both laughed till they nearly cried. They sure paid him back.

Bob was forever calling people and changing his voice, selling tickets to a snow ball golf tournament to the girls in traffic, and they believed him!! He even brought green snakes into 219 and put them in one of the supervisor's desk drawer. He also wrapped me a little gift (as he called it), one day on a paper towel. Well, I opened it on the ride home and it was a real snake's head. I about beat him to death!

Stay tuned for more of Bob's Pranks!

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