

Incirlik memories

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A PARTY AT INCIRLIK

In 1962, Det 50 had a party in a reserved section of the Officers Club at Incirlik. The club consisted of two rooms ---a small bar and a larger open dining room. If you had a private party, they would set up some portable partitions so that the other members (read fighter jocks) would know that it was private until a specific time when the partitions would be removed. On that Saturday night, as that time approached, the party had progressed to singing with one of the Crows playing the piano. Since most of the school teachers were in attendance, the fighter jocks were lurking at the bar waiting for the dividers to come down, so they could make a move on the teachers.

Pre-empting that move, the teachers were invited to the 55th quonset hut for further singing. Four or five of the 55th troops picked up the piano, walked out of the club with it and carried it to our quonset. As the last carrier walked out of the door, the club secretary (a M/Sgt. as I recall) produced a receipt for the piano which was promptly signed. The party continued at the hut. The piano was loaded on a truck the next day and returned to the club.
