

Sometime in April we got word of a planned celebration in Iceland for the 50th anniversary of locating radar sites in that country. Time was short, but we scrambled for airline tickets & lodging in states & Iceland. We were to meet other parties in Baltimore & fly to Keflavik via Icelandair. We did not meet anyone in Baltimore, but met at the old Navy Lodge on base, where we stayed. I had been stationed in Iceland on two different assignments and had never dreamed of returning. My wife, Marguerite, had never been & I was certain that she would not enjoy the trip, but I was very wrong. All in all, the base is basically the same. There is a new commercial terminal but the Navy & Air Force still use the same base ops that we used before. Air Force Lts. Will & Kathy met us at the airport & took charge from then on. Our friend, Air Force LC Paul Bordenave, also met us at the airport. We were taken to the Navy Lodge where we met Reed Thomas, John Broughton, Ed Steele & Julie; new AF family friends, who made our trip special. Air Force & Navy personnel & Icelandic civilians treated we visitors royally in every way possible. When we were not attending a base function, our friends, Paul & his wife Joy, were taking us on tours of the country. Iceland has changed & most of the restrictions are gone. I saw more of Iceland in 4 days than I had seen in the 2 years that I was stationed there. Reed & John flew to H-4 & presented a plaque to the people of the village of Isafjourn. We toured Rockville, the new Radar Site (Loki 932nd Air Control Sqdn.) & the Command Center (ICRC). The Radar Sites are manned by civilian Icelanders, but the Command Center is manned by Air Force. Ralph Ramsey, who was stationed @ Rockville, retired there & lives near the base & participated in all the planned functions with us. We are all very happy that we went & wish you could have been there. Col. Van Kepley and his staff made our trip memorable; the hospitality was wonderful. Thanks again. Hope to see you in Ohio in 2003; enjoy the pictures.

Larry Robin
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I know I can speak for John Broughton & myself; upon our arrival in Keflavik we started on an adventure none of us thought would hold so many wonderful memories. Meeting Larry & Marguerite, along with Ed Steele & Julie, made this trip memorable. John & I were taken to Reykjavik to meet our old friends from H-4, Kris & Steinnum Eydal & Fridthor, who was 5 yrs. old when I was @ H-4. We then went to Isafjourn and were met by the IAD Radar Agency for a tour of the new H-4. Afterwards, we had a meeting with the Mayor of Isafjourn and presented him and the people with a plaque to thank them for all the help we received while stationed @ H-4. Returning to Keflavik, we went back to the Navy Lodge; then on to a mixer & the commemoration of the 50th yr. anniversary of USAF radar sites on Iceland. Joy, friend of Larry & Marguerite, gave us a guided tour of the Blue Lagoon. Col. Van Kepley & staff gave us a wonderful time. These moments will be in my memory for the rest of my life. Thank you Larry & Marguerite.

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