On Waiting

Recall situations during your time in the service when you were forced to wait—to wait for instructions, approval, supplies, or anything else. Describe these situations. Where were you? Who were you with? What did you do to pass the time? How did it feel? Boring, relaxing, nerve-wracking, scary, etc? Can you recall any specific periods of waiting when something memorable occurred? As always, feel free to let your thoughts carry you where they might. Take your story wherever it wants to go.

Chow-time!

We’ve asked you to write about food/meals in the military before, but here is a second opportunity to do so that may take you in different directions:

Write about the food you ate in the military and the kinds of places where you ate. How were meals organized? Who did you eat with, and what—if any—jokes did you exchange about the food? Did you have any mealtime rituals, and if so, what were they? What food from home did you miss while you were in the military? What, if any, food do you miss from your time in the military? Was there a special meal that you remember? Was there ever a time when you tried a local delicacy abroad that seemed strange to you?