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REUNION 2007: The 22nd Reunion, held in Erlanger Kentucky at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel was another great reunion and is now history. The following people were in attendance: ARNOLD Jay & Anne; BAILES Jeff; BAKOS Bob & Jane; BALL Bill "SOB"; BATSON Ralph & Rita; BELL Tom & Beverly & HINTHORNE Betty; BERGER Mike & Ellen; BOLING George & BAILES Doris; BOND John & OJ; BOWERS Dan; BRIGHT Lyle & Linda; BRUSH Gene; CAMPBELL Soupy & Joan; CLARK Mike & Nancy; CLARKSON Red & Gwen; COLE Don & Dian; COLE Oakie & Janet; DUNKLE Bill & Bonnie; DUNN John & Jeanette; EDDY Ron & Veda; EDISON, Wayne and Madge; FLYNN Jim; FORBES, Neal; FRITZ Charlie; GANT Jerry & Helen; GARDI Jim & Patty; GARRETT Doc & Maggie; GOBER John & Becky; GREBAS Bob; HAMEL George & Judith; HAMER, Jim; HANLON Bill & Jane; HARPER Bob & Connie; HAWKINS Jim & Linda & WHITAKER, Patsy; HAYES, Sam; HEDLEY Keith; HENDERSON Lou; HOFSTETTER George & Dottie; HOLCOMB Mike & Carolyn; JOHOVIC John & Darlene & SWIRIDOW Theresa & PIERALLINI Sandra; JORDAN Rich & Jackie; KETTEL George & Sue; KILE Truman & Linda; KORNHAUSER Arnold & Marge; KOSS Steve & Carolyn; KUTER Jerry & Joan; LABARTH Jack & Carol; LARGENT Gil & Almeda; LOVE Dave & Becky; MACLERAN, Tom & Fran; MARKS Fred & Gloria; MARTIN Kelly & Mary & MARTIN Steve & Bob; MCLAUGHLIN John & Marjorie; MCNAMARA Ed; MEACHAM John & Salli; MICHAELS Paul & Judy; MICHALIK, Ron; MICHALSKI Mike & Kathy; MILLER Ken & Shirley; MISCHNICK Ted; O'HARA Ann; PALMER Bucky & Anne; PIASKY, Ray & Julie; PICKERING Jim & Dottie; POLLOCK Phil & HIMES Marie; RANK Bob & Kathi; RICE Jim & Rose; RICHARDSON Fomey & Eiko; ROBBINS Jimmie & Karen; ROCKWOOD Jim & Dottie; RORK Steve & Stephanie; ROUCH Jud & Betty; RUETHER Diane; RYAN Don & Grace; RYDELL Bob; SCHMITZ Al & GOINS Marie; SENIRES Larry & Louise; SHEARN Kevin, Dan & Cheryl; SHOCK Stan & Donna; SMITH Dave & Rachel; SMITH Jim & Maureen; STECKLAIR Gene; STRAH Ron; TANKESLEY Jere & Doris; TILLEY Art; TUCKER Bill & Jo; UHLEMAN Arnold & Lois; WELCH Don, Betty & Tina; WINDSOR Dudley & Ann; WINFREY Dannie & Lynda; WRIGHT Bob & Stephanie; WYMOLA Al & Elizabeth; ZEHNER Ray & Helen; ZIELINSK Bob & Bob Jr. & 6 Color Guard & Two (02) Officers. Total attendance 184.

ADM John B. Colwell: Just for information, ADM Colwell (the first Commanding Officer of the GAL), will be turning 98 this November. A big Happy Birthday to the ADM from the Crew.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS: This note is for those shipmates who haven't paid dues for a few years, and you should know who you are, without me advising you. If I don't hear from you in some way shape or form (phone, e-mail or snail-mail) I will start dropping your names from the roster and mailing list. Just for information, there are only sixteen shipmates, out of 404 who are in this category. In case you have forgotten the toll free phone # is: 866-398-2655 and e-mail address is: galveston@comcast.net.

REUNION Information from 2007:

There was a small group that checked-in on Monday and Tuesday and the majority checked-in on Wednesday for the beginning of the reunion.

WEDNESDAY: Check-in day and a free day to just mingle and enjoy each others company and the Hospitality Room.

THURSDAY: There was a tour to Wright-Patterson AFB, the Gals had a Kentucky Derby Tea Party and the Hospitality Room remained open.

FRIDAY: There was a tour to the Argosy Casino. The Couples Photo began at 1700. The Reunion Dinner began at 1900. There were plaques and thank-you's given to some of the Shipmates, Gals and the entire staff of the hotel for their outstanding service during our stay. The 50/50 drawing was held and in view of the fact that the winner was going to receive \$1100 the Executive Board decided to have two (02) winners. First winning ticket would get \$800 and the Second winning ticket would get \$300. The first ticket was Dennis & Lois Chamberlain (who was not present and will be mailed a check) and the second ticket was Jim and Maureen Smith who was present and received their money. Just for info it was their first reunion (lucky devils ha ha ha). The next drawing was the Clock Raffle (there were three clocks). The first ticket winner was Mike Holcomb, the second ticket was George Hofstetter and the third ticket was Walt Lee who was not present and will have his clock shipped to him. The Gals held a raffle for a USS GALVESTON Plate and the winner was Shirley Miller. We then went back to the Hospitality Room.

SATURDAY: We held the Shipmates and Gals annual Business Meeting which began at 1000. President Jay Arnold made a motion to make a change to The By Laws as follows: ARTICLE VII under Duties of Officers, add a new SECTION 6 as follows: SECTION 6. An Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, shall make decisions on matters required for the conduct of Association business during the periods between annual reunions. After a discussion the proposed amendment to the By Laws was passed. Nominations and election for President and Vice President of the association were held. Nominees for President were Jay Arnold and Stan Shock and the winner was Stan Shock your new President. Nominees for Vice President were Ted Mischnick who declined and Jim Hawkins, there were no other nominations for Vice President. Jim Hawkins is the new Vice President. Next was nominations for the 2009 reunion site. The following were nominated: Oakland, CA; Portland, OR; Snohomish County, WA; Maui, Hawaii, and Reno, NV. The results were: Snohomish, WA 33; Portland, OR 19; Oakland, CA 7; Reno, NV 4 and Maui, HI 0. We will be heading for Washington for the 2009 reunion.

SUNDAY: Most of the shipmates, gals and guests departed, heading home. Hope to see everyone in Savannah, GA next year. Have a safe trip home.

REUNION 2008: The 23rd Reunion will be held Wednesday, September 24 (Check-in) thru Sunday, September 28, 2008 (Check-out). We will be staying at two (02) hotels which will take your reservations one is the Best Western, and the other one is the Jameson Inn, Pooler, GA. Rooms are \$84.00. Phone # for reservations for the Best Western is: 912-330-0330 and for the Jameson Inn is: 912-748-0017, make sure that you inform them that you are with the USS GALVESTON CLG-3 Reunion. Neither hotel has a restaurant, but they both have a continental breakfast every morning. Also, across the parking lot is a Cracker Barrel Restaurant which opens at 6AM and closes at 10PM. The Hospitality Room will be in the Best Western, so those staying at the Jameson Inn will have to walk to the Best Western. The Best Western has Seventy Five (75) rooms blocked for us and the Jameson has Twenty Five (25) rooms blocked. After the 100 rooms we can't guarantee a room for you, so I highly suggest that you definitely make hotel reservations early. Our annual Reunion Banquet will be held in the Rotunda Room at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, which is within walking distance behind the Best Western Hotel. Price for the Banquet at a later date.

DUES FOR 10/2007-10/2008: Now that we have the delinquent notice out of the way. Dues for 10/2007-10/2008 are due to be paid. The check/money order should be mailed to me at the address in the letterhead and the check should be made out to USS GALVESTON CLG-3 and not to me. The amount of dues in case you forgot is \$20.00. For the GALVESTON Gals, their dues are \$5.00 and the check should be made out to Joan Campbell. They should be separate checks.

TAPS:

David LAY May 2007
Joseph FOX July 2007
Jean RICHMOND 2007

Joe Fox was a LT and aboard the GAL 65-67
Dave Lay was a STG3 and aboard the GAL 65-66
Jean Richmond spouse of Norman Richmond
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

More 2007 Reunion Info.:

Friday Reunion Dinner. Our regular Chaplains couldn't make the reunion so Doc and Maggie Garrett performed their duties. They gave the beginning prayer and read our deceased Shipmates and Gals that we were informed passed away during the year along with the two (02) Bell Ceremony, the bell was handled by John Johovic.

Saturday after the business Meetings the Gals held their annual auction. They raised \$1920.00 for their efforts and thanks to all the Gals who brought in their auction items. They donated, as usual, \$1500.00 to the Shipmates Association. As always, a big thank you to the Gals from the Shipmates.

COSTS: Cost for the Beer and Liquor for the Reunion came to \$1099.93 and the Reunion Dinner came to \$4797.25, which brings a total cost of the reunion to \$5897.18 which was paid by the association funds. We took in a total of \$1100.00 (clear) for the association from the 50/50 drawing and thanks again to Bob Sajdera's clocks, we took in \$760.00 from the Clock Raffle. After I got home and counted all the funds collected and received at the reunion, I deposited \$4200.00 in the association account (which includes the Gals donation). With the funds that were already in the association checking account \$1372.83, as of the typing of this newsletter, the total in the association checking account comes to \$5772.83.

THANK YOU:

I personally want to thank all those who did a lot of the driving around for beer, liquor and snacks, and helping out in the Hospitality Room. It is great when you have people helping out at the reunions and that also includes our Gals.

REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE 2008:

Please Print I will be attending the reunion at Pooler, Georgia: Names: (all guests with you):

The following will attend the reunion dinner, Friday, Friday, September 26th. Price \$30.00 per person.

There are no tours set up as yet, but as soon as we set something up it will be published in the newsletters.

Gals Secretary/Treasurer's Note: Shipmates and Gals, it was great seeing everyone at the reunion. I especially want to thank Gloria Marks and Jo Tucker for assisting me with the business meeting and auction. Also, thank you to Maureen Smith, Tina Welch, Grace Ryan and Carol Labarth for helping with the auction, it was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Gwen Clarkson for saying the opening prayer. Hopefully I will see everyone next year in Pooler, Georgia.

Shipmates Association Secretary/Treasurer's Note: We had a turnout of 184 shipmates, spouses and guests that attended. We had a lot of last minute drop outs, mostly due to health problems. Hopefully their health problems are not too bad and they will get healthy. Everyone who attended (including me) had a great time. The staff at the hotel were all outstanding, from housekeeping, the restaurant and right up to the Managers. Hopefully we will have another good turnout in Pooler, Georgia and we won't have any last minute health problems. See you in Georgia.

Shipmates Association Vice President's Note: Thank you Galveston guys for your vote and trust. I take this opportunity to give the President, Stan Shock my full support and cooperation in all Galveston Association matters. We are a special group of men and the GALVESTON was our home once upon a time. Together lets keep her memory alive and well. Ill See you in Savannah, Georgia next year. Thank you, James (Jim) Hawkins, VP Galveston Association.

Shipmates Association President's Note: Galveston Shipmates/Friends. I just want to say thank you all for having the confidence in me to elect me as your President. My hope is to honor you by serving you well. My congratulations go out to all of you for making this association so great. For those who fell ill in Kentucky, I wish you a speedy recovery and I hope to see all of you in Savannah, Georgia next year.

Stan Shock

Gals Vice President's Note: From all accounts, everyone really enjoyed the reunion. What can I say-last year we were without Joanie and Soupy and this year Donna and I were unable to be there for the business meeting and auction. You folks are the very BEST!!!! When you saw a need, you just stepped up and carried on. A big thank you to Jo Tucker for filling in at the business meeting and then doing the auction. Could you tell she's done this before? Jo did a great job and along with the help of Carol Labarth, sold all items. The others that helped with the auction also did a great job and I love each of you.

The Tea Party was so much fun! I think everyone really enjoyed it. The food was wonderful. You gals really know how to cook. The cookies were exceptional!!! Of course the men got to eat too. Their tongues were hanging out with anticipation of getting homemade cookies guilt free! Thanks for some mighty fine looking hats ladies. You have creative genes that just won't stop!

It was so good to have Joanie back this year and looking soooo good, we really missed her last year. I am so excited about next year's reunion in Savannah. There will be more on that later. I know we will have a good time ya'!!!!

Once again, thank you and remember behind every good reunion there are wonderful guys and gals!!
Sweetthang aka Linda Hawkins, VP, Galveston Gals

Shipmates President's additional note: I forgot to mention thanks to Smitty and Jim Rice for helping to get the supplies and beer and who could forget Don Ryan and Grace who brought beer from Norfolk, Virginia.

Gals President's Note: Since I am the last one to get my note in for the newsletter, Linda and Joanie have already expressed my sentiments. So I will just say "ditto" to their appreciation, and thanks to all that helped out. You are all wonderful. Hope to see you all in Savannah. Since we will be in Georgia that "Southern Bell" that crashed our dinner in San Diego might show up again. Won't that be fun.
Donna Shock, Gals President.

I was just about ready to close this puppy, but I just received a e-mail this morning from Shipmate Garland Wood who resides in San Augustine, Texas. He informs us that his wife Joyce passed away last week due to a long battle with cancer. Our deepest condolences to Gar and his family. Joyce will be added to the Gals "DECEASED ROSTER". She will be remembered at the reunion in Savannah during our two bell ceremony.

I have received notes from all the incumbent officers, with the exception of our Chaplains, Bill and Fran Norquist. I guess they must still be busy getting their kids married off ha ha ha.

I am going to wrap this newsletter up now. Remember anyone who wants may put a note in the newsletters. All you have to do is get it to me prior to my getting the newsletter out. If you aren't sure when that is just contact me.

I hope that all those shipmates who had to cancel their trip to the reunion in Kentucky at the last minutes due to health problems, will be able to get their conditions straightened out and that we will get to see them fit as a fiddle again.

Tom "Soupy" Campbell Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer