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**Dedicated to the deceased and living members
of the best Fleet Oiler in the U. S. Navy.**



It is with an extremely sad heart that I pass this e-mail on to you shipmates. Joe is also very sad. Joe, Laurie and I visited with Don and Lois. Joe did not know that Don was a Lt. Cmdr in Supply Corps on retirement. Don spent 8 years, maybe all on the T, and left the Navy. Before 90 days were up he had reenlisted and the rest became history, Joe and Don sat with arms around each other the entire three hour visit on one side of the table telling stories that I had never heard. We were all in stitches when one or the other would come up with something that happened in the Supply Office. When the first class SK moved onto shore duty Joe was the lead honcho and promoted to SK1. I remember Joe writing home how bad the Supply Office was when he arrived on board and how much he and the crew were doing to get things righted. When we left the restaurant Joe hated to part with Don's hand, that I can remember. We will certainly miss the e-mails. God Bless. I am asking Dave to pass this along to other shipmates. Alice

I am attaching a copy of Don's picture as a Supply Officer. When Don left the ship as an SK1 in 1955 he went to the USS Altair, AKS-32 in Barcelona, Spain, then to the USS Marias, AO-57 in Barcelona. In 1958 he went to USFasRon 104 in Port Lyautey, Morocco, then to the NavSta, Rota, Spain, then, in 1961 he went to Navy Sub, New London and, in



1963 he entered the sub school. In 1963, as an SKC-SS he went to the USS Theodore Roosevelt, SSB-600 (Gold), Holy Loch, Scotland. He received his commission effective 11 Oct 1964 while on patrol in the Barents Sea. From there he went to the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, GA. In August of 1965 he went to the USS Bennington, CVS 20 as a JG and in June 1967 the went to the USS Greenling, SSN-614 as a LT, and from there he went to the shipyard at Mare Island, CA. From there he went to the Naval Supply Depot, Guam, from 8-71 to 7-74 where he made LCDR in 1973. In 1974 he went to Military Traffic Management, Seattle, WA, and he retired in 1975.

Don earned Silver Dolphins (Enlisted), Gold Dolphins (Officer) and a Polaris Patrol P (two stars). He also earned a Good Conduct Medal (three stars), China Service, National Defense Service,

Korean Service (2 stars), United Nations Service, Navy Occupation Service (Europe), Vietnam Service and Vietnam Defense.

I would say Don was Joe Joseph's star pupil, and I know they both thought highly of one another.

I might add here, as I was writing this I kept looking at Don's picture and it dawned on me he bore a pretty fair resemblance to Lt Harley Mize, the Supply Officer and good friend of mine when I was aboard.

Darlene Schulz is trying to locate someone that may have known her father, William Thomas Ross, deceased 2/7/11. He was on the T 55-59. Her name is Darlene Schulz, 406 E. Mill St, Malvern, AR 72104, phone 501-802-6258. darleneschulz@hotmail.com.

2011 USS TOLOVANA REUNION IN LONG BEACH, CA SEPTEMBER 14-18
BY WAYNE SCHULTZ and Howard Hensley

The 2011 USS Tolovana reunion was held in Long Beach, CA September 14 – 18th at the Holiday Inn airport hotel. There were 22 Tolovana sailors and 16 wives registered to attend (see photo's below). Eight sailors and wives signed in on the 14th. The MLRS host, Phyllis Adams presented packets with name tags and an itinerary for the four days of the reunion. Tours that were listed in the itinerary were cancelled due to lack of the required minimum. Most everyone found tours to take on their own. Places of interest were the Los Angeles and Hollywood areas, the Queen Mary ship, the Russian submarine, Catalina Island, San Diego, San Pedro and other local sites. The other fourteen attendees opted for option C and therefore checked in on Thursday evening and Friday.

Thursday evening an open house was held at Bob and Peggy Sanders home by the Sanders and Joe and Bodil Moore. An excellent spread of food and drinks were enjoyed by those that attended (see the photo below). Bob and Peggy have lived in the Long Beach area and are very knowledgeable about the area and sites.

A most interesting evening unfolded with Bob showing us his garage workshops and projects.



L-R: Darrell Fowler, Bruce Laase, Wayne Schultz, Bob Sanders, Joe Moore, Chester Haynes, and unknown shipmate. This picture was taken by Howard Hensley in Bob Sander's work shop.

Bob and Peggy made everyone welcome and a good evening was had by all.

Friday morning Wayne and Mavis Schultz, Darrell and Joanne Fowler, Howard and Virginia Hensley toured the Seal Beach and Belmont Shores area in the Schultz's van. So much has changed since we were in the Navy except the U.S. Navy Ammo containers were still present.



L-R Howard Hensley, Darrell Fowler and Wayne Schultz on Seal Beach pier

The MLRS Mexican dinner was held Friday evening followed by a contest of four married couples which was won by the Fowlers.



L-R Darrell and Joanne Fowler, Wayne and Mavis Schultz, unknown couple, Howard and Virginia Hensley.

In Howard's opinion the Mexican dinner was mediocre for the \$30.00 pp price.

Saturday morning at 10:00 AM we all gathered for the business meeting. A lot of discussion was held on next year's meeting place and who would host the reunion. It was voted to hold next year's reunion without MLRS due to their higher costs than one hosted by a member. The cost for this year's Long Beach reunion was given as the reason. The costs were the assumed reason for the less than expected attendance in the Long Beach CA area; the cancellation of the tours, the reception room cost, and the costs for the dinners.

Thankfully Cecil Hensley said he would look into the possibility of hosting the reunion at Myrtle Beach SC. Bob Caudill and Bob Byrd were called/asked if they wanted to assist Cecil in coordinating the reunion. I am sure Cecil would appreciate any and all help/suggestions offered to him for the reunion. Cecil told us that the 2012 reunion would probably be in October when the tourist season traffic and lodging rates are lower.

Let's all give Cecil our support and make arrangements to attend the reunion and let's keep

our Tolovana group together. It is good to see all the shipmates laugh and talk about the times of their youth. I see that the wives also enjoy the company of each other. Their friendship with each other has grown over the years. (as an aside here, your editor says the women of my WWII oiler, USS NESHANIC AO-71, stated many times that, if the men stopped coming, they would hold their own reunion.)

In the business meeting Joe Moore and Bob Sanders suggested a 50/50 raffle to add to the reunion kitty. In addition, Bodil Moore donated a beautiful USS Tolovana inscribed blanket she had made for the raffle. \$420 was collected for the raffle thus adding \$210 to the \$535 Joe Moore had left over from hosting the LB reunion making a total of \$745.00 for the 2012 reunion.

Saturday afternoon, after the business meeting, Bob Sanders took the Fowler's, the Schultz's and the Hensley's on an excellent tour of Long Beach and San Pedro.

Bob knew the area well since he was on the Tolovana and lived in Long Beach since he retired from the Navy.

Saturday evening we had our banquet and memorial service. In Howard's humble opinion, the banquet dinner was adequate but mediocre for the price. The memorial service was well received. The names of the known 12 Tolovana sailors that have passed away in the last year were read along with the tolling of the bell. Pictures were taken of the attendees (see the photo's below)



L-R standing: Peggy Sanders, Beth Brasseaux, Virginia Hensley, Phyllis Shear, Joanne Fowler,

Betty Ellis, Carol Kramer, Donna Wagner, Beverly Erickson, Kimberlee Husak, Jane Hibbert, Bethany Husak.

L-R seated: Bodil Moore, Carol Marcellus, Mary Japp, Rose Ann Husak, and Mavis Schultz.



L-R standing: Howard Hensley, Alan Shear, Frank Ellis, Ron Kramer, Gordon Erickson, Earnest Brasseaux, Bruce Laase, Joe Moore, Michael Marcellus, Darrell Fowler, Bob Sanders, Alan Hibbert, Cecil Hensley, Bernard Wagner, Larry Japp, Chester Haynes.

L-R seated: Larry Fogelman, Bob Hensley, Fred Husak, Jim Sands and Wayne Schultz.

Following the memorial service the raffle was held and Howard Hensley won the 50/50 split and Bob Hensley won the blanket.

After the banquet Cecil accepted the kitty monies and he has since reported that he opened a bank account and deposited the money for safe keeping.

Thanks to Joe Moore and Bob Sanders and their wives for a memorable reunion!

We look forward to next year's reunion and seeing all our friends again with the hope of seeing those that were unable to attend this year.

Wayne Schultz and Howard Hensley

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A very good, comprehensive report, considering it was written by an RD and an MM. Howard has to

have a decoding machine to write anything and Wayne needs a big spanner in his hand.

I am no longer allowed to drive by my sons. They say my driving skills have deteriorated a bit after my heart attack and the outset of osteo-arthritis, so I am hoping they can get a big SUV to drive me the 700+ miles to MB. I absolutely refuse to go thru a TSA frisk. Of course, if I win the Powerball Lottery I can hire a private jet to fly me out of a private flying field. I still have some weird dreams now and then.

Skip Moore, F Div, 1951-1953

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