



# "LEAKY T" NEWS THE NEWSLETTER OF THE U. S. S. TOLOVANA AO-64 "WE CARRY THE LOAD"

"If you were thirsty, we gave you a drink."



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

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2014 REUNION: September 29, 30, & October 1 - Monday, Tuesday & WEDNESDAY IN COCOA BEACH FLORIDA

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We are staying at the **Best Western Ocean Front 5600 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach FL**

Reservations can be made at **321-783-7621 - Be sure to let them know you are with the USS Tolovana reunion - AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING TO THE BEST WESTERN'S CENTRAL RESERVATIONS.**

ASK FOR CHERYL IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS REGARDING RESERVATIONS

The cost for a King bed room or two (2) Queen Bed room is

**\$79.95 plus 11% tax.**

All rooms have microwave, refrigerator, free Wi-Fi and free hot breakfast. There is free CAR parking.

Hotel Website is [www.bestwestern.com/Cocoa\\_Beach](http://www.bestwestern.com/Cocoa_Beach).

FYI for those flying to the reunion the nearest airport(s) are Orlando (MCO) or Orlando/Sanford (SFB). Check your airline for the airport they use.

The Best Western Ocean Front **DOES NOT** HAVE AN AIRPORT PICKUP SHUTTLE SERVICE. The Cocoa Beach Shuttle fee is \$58 pp one way - no senior/military discounts.

This is the reunion hotel reservations made to date:

Richard & Kathleen Haskell  
Tony & Linda Mann  
Howard & Virginia Hensley  
Bob & Lenda Barnes  
Eldridge (Whitey) Townsend  
Randell (Okie) Baughman  
Lester Wood  
Gerald Ludwig  
Wayne Benson  
Calvin & Maria LaBorde  
Mike & Carol Marcellus  
Bob & Peggy Sanders

Get your reservations in ASAP!

**Note to non-attendees! If you are going to buy quilt raffle tickets I need to RECEIVE your orders by September 1, 2014!**

**USS TOLOVANA 2014 REUNION RAFFLE TICKETS SALES**

FIRST	LAST	TICKET #S	AMOUNT
John	Sater	328376-328395	\$20.00

TOTAL			\$20.00

I am sad to report the death of shipmate Wayne Benson USN, USS Tolovana, 1951-52 RMSN. The following is his obituary provided by his son Scott.

Wayne Carl Benson, June 2, 1931 - June 4, 2014

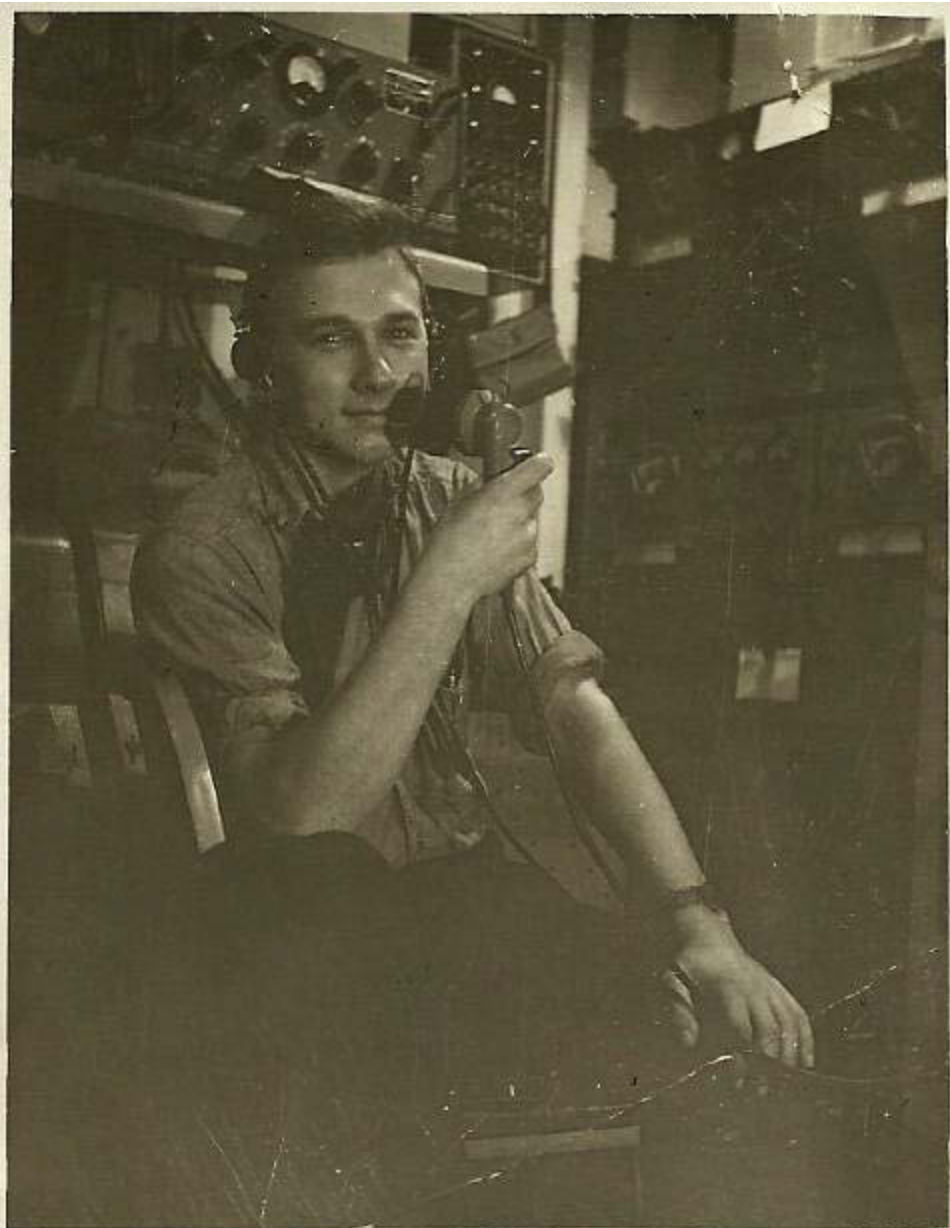
Wayne was born and grew up in Batavia IL. He served as Radioman on the USS Tolovana, earning the Korean Service Ribbon (2 Stars), China Service Ribbon and United Nations Service Ribbon. He was honorably discharged in November 1952. He married Sheila Dunn in June 1954 and had two children, Scott (November 1955) and Carli (March 1957). The family lived in Sycamore and DeKalb IL before settling in Geneva IL. Wayne worked at Delta-F, a maker of tuning forks, and Accutronics, a maker of oscillators and reverb units (for amplifiers and organs), progressing from salesman to General Manager. Business trips brought him back to the Far East, with visits to electronics companies in Japan.

After he retired in 1986, Wayne and Sheila enjoyed motor homing across the US and frequent visits to their cottage in Montague MI. They converted the cottage to a year-round house and moved there in 2005. Living close to Lake Michigan, Wayne became an avid tracker and observer of Great Lakes freighters. He also enjoyed building wooden model ships.

Wayne fought a long battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He managed it successfully until the last few months of his life. He passed peaceably, having fun with the hospital staff until the very end. He is survived by Sheila; Scott, wife Pam and granddaughters Lucy, Libby and Erin; and Carli, husband Bill and grandsons Chris and Scott. All the family members frequently enjoyed visiting Wayne and Sheila in Michigan. Granddaughter Libby followed Wayne to the sea, working for a commercial fishing company based in Seattle, fishing the grounds in the Bering Sea, Alaska.

Wayne had good memories of his time on the USS Tolovana and was always proud to have served the country in the US Navy.

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Wayne Benson in the radio room on the Tolovana - (at GQ off the Korean line?)

Bill Drews, RM2, 1960's, reports his wife passed away after a long illness.

Janice Marie Drews, 66, of Hot Springs, born March 23, 1948, passed away May 29, 2014. She was preceded in death by father, Charles McMaster; and son William Drews, Jr.

Jan is survived by her husband of 43 years, Bill Drews. She is also survived by her mother, Frances Eastep.

Memorial service will be held at Lighthouse Baptist Church Thursday June 5 at 6:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Humane Society of Garland County, PO Box 1484, Hot Springs, AR 71902

To sign her guestbook, please visit [www.arkansasfuneralcare.com](http://www.arkansasfuneralcare.com) Arrangements made by  
Arkansas Funeral Care.

HOWARD HENSLEY  
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