

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

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THIS JUST IN FROM OUR 2015 REUNION HOST JOE MOORE:

Joe advises that he will meet, great & register reunion attendees and hand out name tags from 1100 until 1400 Monday September 21st in the hotel.

The following list is the known attendees at this time.

Louis & Ann Ruiz Tony & Linda Mann Michael & Carol Marcellus Robert Kemp Merlyn & Ann Masters Bob Guest Larry & Ann Ladwig Richard & Paulette Whitemore Gary Lohrer Lester & Leanne Wood Jon & Elizabeth Rumple Darrell & Joanne Fowler Frank & Janice Hardesty Harold Stevens

Get your reservations in ASAP!

In April 2002 Joe & Sybil Baer hosted the first USS Tolovana reunion in Biloxi MS. Joe worked hard over a long period of time to start our reunions and we are grateful that he made the effort. We have enjoyed many great times at the following reunions throughout the country and hope the reunions continue. Many of us never thought we would ever see some of the guys we served with again but with our reunions that is possible.

We need to **continue to keep our yearly reunions** as long as possible by supporting our reunions with buying raffle tickets, even if we can't make a reunion.

Raffle drawing. There's four ship's plaques, four ship paintings best described as "garage art", three ship's profile plaques and two boatswain's whistles.

All of these goodies will be available to those who buy raffle tickets in long beach and also for shipmates who are unable to attend the gala in long beach this year. For those unable to come to long beach for the reunion, tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Please send a check to:

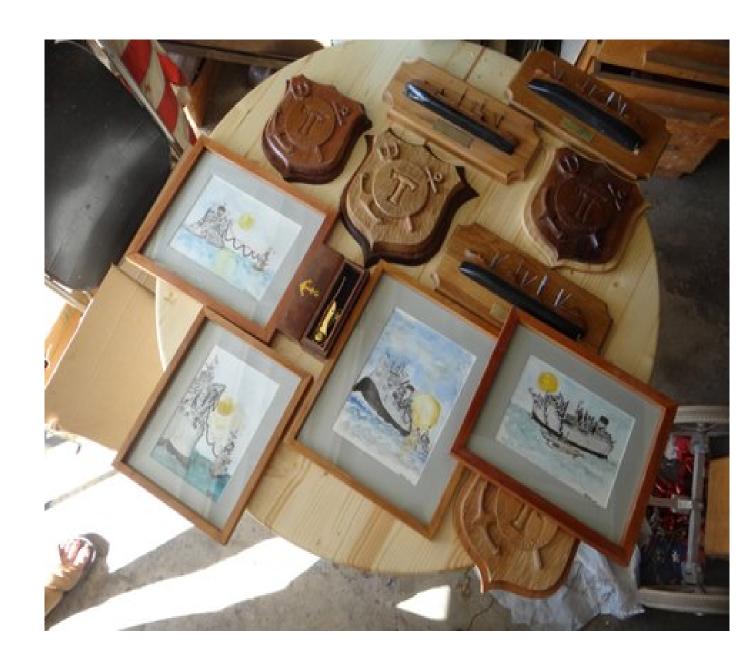
Bob Sanders 3202 Los Coyotes Diagonal Long Beach, CA, 90808

Your ticket numbers will be recorded and emailed to you as in the past.

All of this stuff can be mailed for those who buy tickets but aren't here to collect the goodies.

Since the raffle is important to the folks who put together the next ship's gathering, it is important that we get as many tickets out there as is possible. This year the tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

As we collect more goodies, it is possible that there will be "women only" winners in some categories where the men folk wouldn't necessarily be happy to win the items.



THIS YEAR'S HOSTS ARE JOE AND BODIL MOORE, BOB AND PEGGY SANDERS.

BOB & PEGGY SANDERS CAN BE REACHED AT <u>pandbsanders@gmail.com</u> OR 562-421-4078 AND JOE & BODIL CAN BE REACHED AT <u>joemooreao64@yahoo.com</u> OR 714-892-8025

Monday September 21 to Friday September 25, IN SAN PEDRO
CALIFORNIA. All EVENTS SCHEDULED WILL INCLUDE LONG BEACH,
SAN PEDRO, AND THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES BASIN.

The reunion will be at the <u>SEAPORT MARINA HOTEL</u>, 6400 E PACIFIC COAST HWY, <u>LONG BEACH CA 90803</u> www.seaportmarinahotel.com .

Reservations can be made at 562-434-8451. ASK FOR CRYSTAL IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS MAKING RESERVATIONS. Be sure to let them know you are with the USS Tolovana reunion TO ENSURE YOU GET THE TOLOVANA RATE.

ROOM rate is \$90.00 + tax. This rate is good for 3 days before and after the reunion. All rooms ARE ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE HOTEL HAS free breakfast and parking.

FOR Those flying to the reunion the nearest airport IS Long Beach (LGB). PLAN TO FLY INTO LGB AS IT IS THE BEST LITTLE AIRPORT IN THE WORLD. BOB SANDERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS HAVE GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO PICK PEOPLE UP AT THE Long Beach AIRPORT AND TAKE THEM TO THE HOTEL. CALL 562-421-4078 to BE PICKED UP AND DELIVERED TO THE HOTEL. SECOND CHOICE IS THIS JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT IN SANA ANA (SNA). LAST CHOICE IS LOS ANGELES AIRPORT (LAX) OR ONTARIO AIRPORT.

SEAPORT MARINA HOTEL - something that hasn't been covered in the discussion so far is the prime location of the hotel. In the past few reunions, including the former in long beach, we seemed to be somewhat isolated from other stuff to enjoy. Not so this year. Our location is smack between two major centers of commerce within walking distance that include restaurants from hamburger joints to fine dining, nite spots, theaters, shops and points of interest for almost anybody. We are walking distance to the rowing venue constructed for the Olympics (marine stadium) and a short distance (half mile) from seconds street which has even more nite spots and special interest shops. We are also very close to the long beach veteran's hospital should anybody like to visit this outstanding facility. Just a short walk from the

hotel is the Alamitos bay yacht basin which is home to several thousand sailing and motor craft. The world famous Huntington Beach pier and surfing spot is about 5 miles south of the hotel and is definitely worth a visit. Bob Sanders made some more of his out standing plaques for the raffle, see pictures below (I have dibs on the one of the ship y'all), and Bodil Moore has made some more of her fine sewing articles for the raffle and Joe tells me he has ship patches and more goodies so get ready to buy your raffle tickets.



Regrettably, due to family obligations Virginia and I won't be able to attend this year's reunion.

Hope to see you at next year's reunion.

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