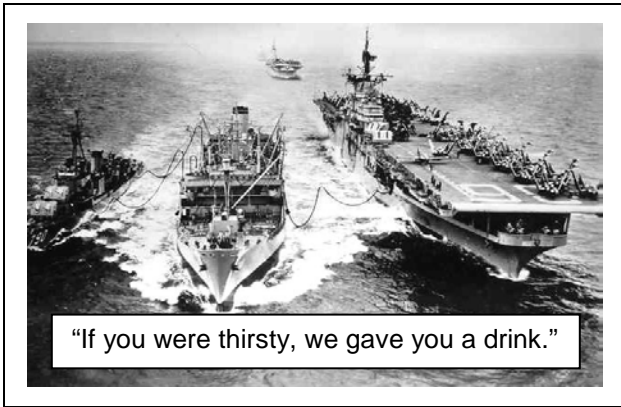




**"LEAKY T"
NEWS
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NEWSLETTER
OF THE
U. S. S. TOLOVANA AO-64
"WE CARRY THE LOAD"**



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*****USS TOLOVANA 2016 REUNION *****
USS Tolovana Reunion September 26-27-28, 2016

Location

Margaritaville Resort Casino
777Margaritaville Way
Bossier City, LA 71111

Room Accommodation's

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Room rate will be \$69.00, beginning September 25th and thru September 28th. Friday, September 29 the room rates will go to \$189.00 per room.
Reservations must be made by Friday, September 9th to receive the \$69.00 room rate, and after that date, no reservations will be made for their quoted price for rooms.

Margaritaville Resort Casino will supply \$10.00 resort vouchers for each of the guest that makes reservations within this block. The casino will also provide, each guest, a player's card for \$10.00 free play, when I provide a guest manifest. Please send the following information to bo.besharse@yahoo.com, if you would like to receive the players card with \$10.00 in free play. The manifest needs to contain the following information;

First and last name as it appears on your ID card

Date of birth for each person

Mailing Address

Zip code

Phone number

Email address

Bo – “I only have about 9 people that have sent information for the free play and \$10.00 voucher. If anyone wants that free stuff, I need it by September 1st. That will give me time to correct any missing information.”

Attendees having reservations to date are:

Carver, Ashton, Mr.

Ladwig, Ann

Townsend, Elderidge

Schultz, Wayne

Ludwig, Gerald

Peel, Jerry

Brasseaux, Ernest

Fahey, Donald

Peel, Galen

Moore, Joseph

Hensley, Howard

Haskell, Leland

Dull, James

Bensen, Walden

Wagner, Donna

There will be a memorial table in the meeting. Obits, photos of those that have passed or any other items should be brought.

Deceased Tolovana shipmates:

Anders White BM1, 1956-57 has been assigned to man station # 2 av gas for the lords fleet per his son.

Robert Neugebauer, RM2, passed away February 2016 per his wife Kathy.

Frank Ellis, BM3, 1951-54

Hello Howard and Tolovana Alumni:

It is with sorrow and regret that I must inform you that my dear husband, Frank Ellis, passed away on Feb. 25, 2016. Please remove us from your e-mail recipients.

Thank you!

Betty Ellis

blouc1929@aol.com

Frank P. Ellis, 10-18-1931 to 2-25-2016

"Absent from his body, present with His Lord, Jesus Christ."

Beloved of wife, Betty, friend of her children and spouses, and a favorite uncle. Frank served and loved the U.S. Navy for 20 years. He retired from Vietnam where he commanded a supply ship. As a federal fireman at Pt. Mugu Air Station, he continued to work for the Navy for another 20 years. Frank was known for his quick wit, sense of humor, twinkling blue eyes, ready smile and generous spirit..

Betty Ellis

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Merlyn Masters, LtJG, 1967-69

It is with great sorrow that we will not be at the Reunion this year. Merlyn left this earth to a better world (God's World) on July 4, 2016. He had "lung cancer" the fast growing kind that we did not know of before he was taken to Huntsville Hospital due to an accident when he broke his right arm and leg. He lost a shoe at the top of our driveway and could not stop going down and hit our garage brick wall where it separates the two garage doors. It happened on May 22, 2016 around 10:30pm. We were looking at the moon where the planets Mars and Jupiter appeared.

His funeral was July 8th at our Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Huntsville, AL; and a grave site "Military Honors Service" was performed on July 11th at Fort Snelling

National Military Cemetery in Mnpls, MN, where his parents are interred and close to family relatives.

He enjoyed the Navy Reunions so much and treasured the friendship of the ones who attended. He was loved by his family and friends. Please give all our regards and blessings.

Thanks very much.

Ann F. Masters

August 23, 1941 - July 4, 2016

Merlyn M. Masters

Merlyn M. Masters, 74, of Huntsville, passed away Monday. Mr. Masters was a Disbursing and Supply officer on the USS Tolovana. He served in the US Navy in the UK, and was in Officer Candidate School in Rhode Island. He was a BS graduate of University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky. He was a US Naval Command Contract negotiator in Washington DC, a Contract Negotiator for the US Army, and then for NASA in Huntsville. Mr. Masters was awarded NASA Exceptional Service Award for work with the Hubble Space Telescope, among others.

He was an active leader with Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Elks Lodge where he was active in supporting civic projects. An avid reader, he was also an Alabama sports fan. He enjoyed traveling the country and world with his wife, Ann, and other relatives. Mr. Masters was loved by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie S. Masters.

Survivors include his wife, Ann F. Masters; children, Stephen Masters and Christopher Masters; grandchildren, Colin Masters, Stephanie Masters, Joshua Shourds, Savannah Masters, Kenneth Masters; sister, Sandra Sasse; and goddaughter, Mary Jones. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The funeral service will follow at the church with Dr. Bill Etheredge and Pastor Sherill Clontz officiating. Burial will be in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. (www.laughlinservice.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

We lost a good friend of the Tolovana reunions shipmates. I for one will miss Merlyn and Ann who we all loved to visit with at the reunions. They made a great couple. Merlyn started his Navy carrier as an enlisted man, a white hat, and Ann tells me he said it made him a better man to be one. Merlyn took several tests to be accepted into Officers Candidate School (became a Mustang as us ole salts say). Merlyn got his BS from the University of Louisville while stationed there. Rest in peace Merlyn.

Hello Howard

While I was aboard, 1957 or 58, we collided with a carrier during refueling. Does anyone remember the name of the carrier?

Ron Feulner EMC retired (EM3 &EM2) when on board Tolovana

Anyone remember this incident? If so let Ron and I know.

As I remember the T was also hit by a carrier when I was aboard - in 1952-56. As I remember she struck our bow when she left refueling in a hurry. Does anyone who was aboard during that time remember which carrier it was or anything about the incident?

I recall some guys tied themselves to stanchions during refueling so they wouldn't be washed overboard (why didn't you do that Bob?) and some got hurt, broken arms/legs??

Please send me your best sea stories about when you were on the T and I will publish them. We all enjoy hearing about them as I get more responses from you when they are published.

Hope to see you at the reunion.

HOWARD HENSLEY
RD1 1952-56