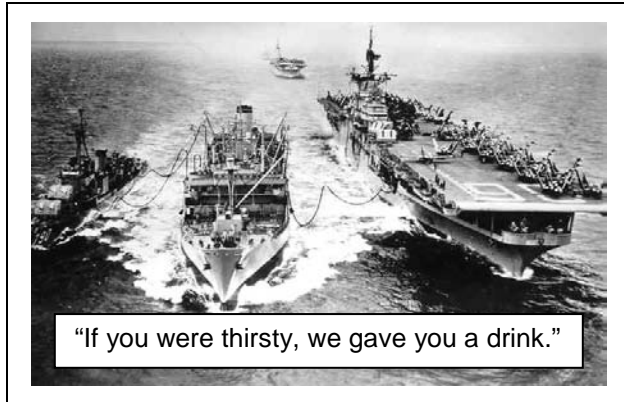




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I got a disc full from Don Bost and Don and Lynn Elj are among them.

I have just seen the latest (Reunion) edition of the newsletter on the website and it looks real good. All you have to do is enter the URL <http://www.usstolovana.org> in the address line at the top of the Internet Explorer page and click on Enter. At the left of the home page of the Tolovana website there is a number of selections. Near the bottom there is a NEWSLETTER box. Click on this then click on the date that comes up and the latest newsletter will come up if you have Adobe Reader. If you don't just go to the Adobe website and download the latest Adobe Reader for free.

You can also click on the SHIP'S LOG box to read messages from old shipmates.

Better late than never. Here is a list of the reunion attendees: Bruce and Sharon Berkey, Don and Carol Bost, Earnest and Beth Brasseaux, Don and Lynn Elj, Gordon and Bev Erickson, Larry Fogelman, Darrell and Joanne Fowler, Howard and Virginia Hensley, Alan and Jane Hibbert, Harold Hudson, George and Mary Lou Johnson, Ron and Carol Kramer, Bruce Laase, Michael and Carol Marcellus, Merlyn and Ann Masters, Jerry and Mary Ann Peel, Galen and Lorraine Peel, Roy and Leona Ridderbusch, Richard Ryan, Louis and Ann Ruiz, John and Louise Sater, Bernard and Donna Wagner, Steve and Paulette Whitmore, Christian Wilson and Lester and Leanne Wood. I seem to have received pics of all but Don and Lynn Elj. Can anybody help?

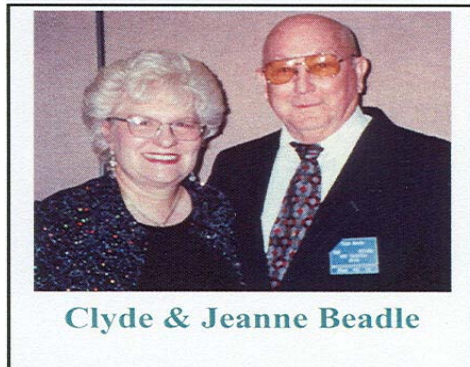
Mike Marcellus has sent in some additions/changes to the roster. Thanks, Mike. Also, got some changes from Don Ziegler and sent him a copy of the roster and the reunion newsletter.



ON 10-22-09 HOWARD HENSLEY HAS CIRCULATED AN E-MAIL FROM BOB CAUDILL RE AGENT ORANGE AND THE "T" BEING IN THE 'NAM AREA. HE GOES THRU' A LOT OF DETAIL THAT MIGHT HELP SOME OF YOU SERVING ON THE "T" IN THE 1971 TIME FRAME WITH A DOCUMENTATION OF DISABILITY CLAIMS. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS FROM HOWARD IT JUST MIGHT PAY YOU TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM ASAP.

At this writing it is 13 October. How many of you know this is the U S Navy's 234th birthday? Joe Baer, don't come back at me with "when is the Marine Corps' birthday?" I have two USMC sons so you know better. It is 10 November and it will be the 234th.

Just got word Clyde Beadle passed away on 2 September. RIP shipmate. He and Joe Joseph were real close as regards the Ship's Store, especially as regards the Frosty maker. Joe was the Frosty maker (a 1/c working the Frosty? Some folks just have to be nice guys) and Clyde was probably his chief customer, along with Bill Parker. I had a few myself. I found the below pic in with the Biloxi attendees.



Clyde & Jeanne Beadle

Another shipmate makes final muster. Alan Boos passed away 1/16/10 after fighting brain & lung cancer since February 2009. RIP Alan, you are now where we all want to be someday.



John and Louise Sater, Harold Hudson (standing), Sharon and Bruce Berkey

Howard Hensley has received notice of the demise of Charles McDermit, either a Capt or a Cdr, aboard in 1972-1973, probably some time in 2009. He received a notice of an estate sale during October 2009. RIP shipmate.

Howard also received a note from Holmes B. Germany, XO under CDR McDermit. He was on from 1973-1975 and left just before decommissioning. He retired as a CDR in 1978.

Still another has joined the final muster. Alice Joseph has sent me the following obit:

KEITH F. WRIGHT, Sr., Harsens Island, MI
 Keith F. Wright, Sr., age 82, died September 9, 2009 in the Medilodge of St. Clair. He was born August 4, 1927 in Detroit, MI. He married Delores E. Caruso on September 4, 1947 in Algonac, MI.
 Mr. Wright is survived by his wife Delores, children Jack (Denise), Linda (George) Lammers, Pamela (Brent) Michaels, Keith F. (Helen) II, and Deborah Wright, 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Instate 9:30 a.m. Saturday September 12, 2009 with Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mark's Catholic Church, Harsens Island. Visitation 1-4 and 6-9 p. m. Friday in the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac.

Memorial donations may be made to the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City, MI.
www.gilbertfuneralhomeinc.com

You know, I attended a number of WWII tanker reunions and it seemed that every year the list of the living grew shorter and the deceased grew longer. It is happening to my Korean tanker now.



**Mike and Carol Marcelino
 Gordon Erickson
 Ron and Carol Krantz
 Bey Erickson**

Alice Joseph informs me the mail has been returned from Richard Lochlear, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Maybe he has moved, maybe he has died. Anyone with better info please advise Alice Joseph at aljo42@sbcglobal.net.

The reunion agenda is on the final page. Looks like Joe and Fred have come up with a winner.

Skip Moore, F Div, 1951-1953
anchorman1@bellsouth.net

REUNION AGENDA

The hotel is Holiday Inn, National Airport/Crystal City, 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Dates are: August 4-8, 2010. Cost is: \$89.00 plus 16% tax per night (\$103.24)

Fly into Reagan International Airport only.
Free shuttle from Reagan Nat'l Airport (not Dulles)
Parking is \$16/day (city owned)
The metro station is .6 miles away

DAY 1. Wednesday
Hotel registration is 1:00PM but rooms not ready until 4:00PM. No pets - but service animals allowed
Hors D'oeuvres in meeting room at 4:00PM. Picture taking at this time, probably. Name badges issued.

DAY 2. Thursday
Visit Arlington National Cemetery and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. View changing of the guard where two of our members will do the Wreath Laying at the Tomb. Visit Robert E. Lee Mansion and Women Veterans Display Museum, and, if possible, go right around the corner for picture taking at the Iwo Jima Monument. Stop for lunch and then go to the Naval Memorial/Museum where we will sign our names into the data base. We will visit the Korean and Vietnam Memorials at the National Mall by the Lincoln Memorial. Dinner on your own. There are many good restaurants in Crystal City.

DAY 3. Friday
For those who sign up for the trip to Annapolis the bus leaves at 0900 and returns at 1400. All others can go touring in DC, possibly taking the Old Town Trolley and a Duck tour (buy a two day on-off pass).

DAY 4. Saturday
More touring of DC. A listing will be given out as to places to visit. This evening we will have a break-up dinner and a business meeting.

ALL FEES FOR TOURS AND HOTEL CHARGES WILL BE PAYABLE TO **THE REUNION GROUP**. The final itinerary will be sent out by the REUNION GROUP with signup sheets and finalized costs four (4) months prior to the reunion.

Please let Joe Baer (ao64baer@aol.com) know if there are any changes that you would like to make, and any input **ASAP**.

It will be warm in DC so wear light clothing and bring an umbrella and hat just in case it rains, **AND ENJOY A GREAT TIME**.

Virginia state law does not allow anyone to bring private alcoholic beverages into public places. which means we cannot bring any beverages into the hospitality room. This does not mean one cannot bring beverages into their own bedrooms.

All reservations, including Hotel reservations are to be made through the reunion company (ML&RS,Inc) and the hotel will not accept reservations and offer the reunion rate. **DO NOT CALL** hotel; for reservations.

The reunion group will mail out registration packets approximately 120 days prior to the reunion.

Additional agenda information:

There will be a buffet breakfast on Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday and if anyone does not want this they can get coupons for a regular breakfast at the restaurants.

On arrival evening, there will be a cash bar and Hors D'oeuvres. Also on Friday we will be having a buffet dinner.

Additional agenda information:

There will be coffee, soft drinks and snacks in the hospitality room at all times.