



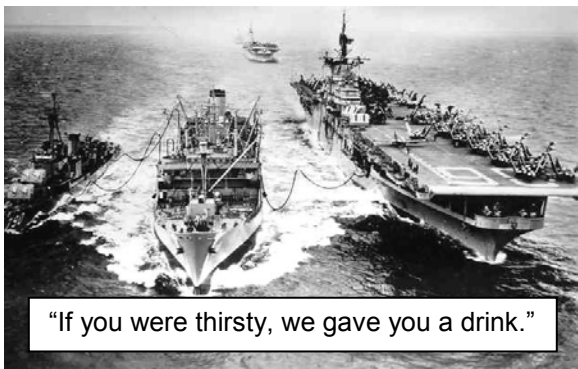
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"WE CARRY THE LOAD"



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2013 USS TOLOVANA REUNION IN HOT SPRINGS AR

Mega Kudos to Mary and Ray O'Neal our hosts for the 2013 reunion! They did an excellent job and all hands appreciate the great reunion they held for us.



Reunion host Ray O'Neal and Earnest Brasseaux.

If you missed this one you missed a good one. We had 29 sailors and numerous wives in attendance for the reunion. We had 50 attendees for the banquet on the Belle of Hot Springs.

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES:

For the first time we had offers for hosting the reunion for two years in advance!! Some of you old timers remember we have had reunions when we didn't have **any** offers of hosting the reunion so this is a blessing.

The 2014 reunion will be hosted by Cal & Maria Laborde in Cincinnati OH. Cal thinks it will be held the usual time in October but wants to check the almanac to ensure it isn't too cold before he makes a final decision. Cal moved from Phoenix to Cincinnati so cold to Cal, like me, may be different from Northerners.

The what/where/when and other details of the reunion will be sent in a newsletter next spring/early summer.

Many thanks are given to Cal & Maria for offering to host the 2014 reunion.



Maria & Cal LaBorde

The 2015 reunion will be hosted by Randall "Okie" Baughman in Melbourne FL. Mark your calendars!

Ray O'Neal advises that we have \$890.00 in the reunion kitty for the 2014 reunion.

A nomination was made to use some of the kitty monies to offset the banquet costs by \$10 pp; the proposal was seconded and a vote was made to do so.

The reason the kitty has grown is primarily due to the hosts being very good stewards of the reunion kitty monies and frugal about spending it, AND, THE RAFFLES.

Joe Moore and Bob Sanders started the reunion 50/50 raffle in Long Beach; Cecil Hensley continued the raffle at the Myrtle Beach reunion and Ray O'Neal continued the raffle at the Hot Springs reunion. The raffles have

been very successful in building up our reunion finances to the point where the hosts do not need to be out of pocket on host expenses.

The raffles are successful primarily due to **Bodil Moore** who made and donated beautiful USS Tolovana Navy theme blankets for the Long Beach and Myrtle Beach reunions.

This year **Mary O'neal** made and donated the beautiful Navy & Tolovana blanket, thanks Mary.

Sachi Haynes made and donated a beautiful USS Tolovana table runner, thanks Sachi.

Cecil Hensley presented a USS Tolovana plaque that **Joe Baer** donated for the raffle, thanks Joe & Cecil.

A record \$700 worth of raffle tickets were sold at the reunion!

\$350 went to the reunion kitty & \$350 went to **Mary Ann Peel** the lucky winner.

Earnest Brasseaux won the plaque; **Donna Wagner** won the table runner and **Genia Besharse** won the blanket.





Bernie & Donna Wagner holding the table runner.

BANQUET ON THE BELLE OF HOT SPRINGS ON LAKE HAMILTON:

The banquet was a great success. The Belle steamed around the lake and the Captain narrated the beautiful scenery. The weather cooperated, it was sunny and the winds were calm. The upper deck was a good place to view the lake shore and homes.

Bernie Wagner ensured that Bob Hensley didn't leave the ship without permission like he once did during refueling exercises on the Tolovana.

Everyone had a good time. The food was good and the dancing was a big hit. Many of the Tolovana sailors and their wives showed their dancing skills, and stamina, to the tunes they danced to back in the day.

The guys, and their partners, that most impressed me were Okie Baughman, Cecil Hensley, Les Wood, Rick Haskell, Alan Hibbert, Chester Haynes, Cal Laborde, Ray O'Neil, Ron Kramer, Don Fahey, Troy Inman ---- those guys still have "it".



L-R Rick & Kathy Haskell, Chester & Sachi Haynes showing they still know how it's done.

*****NOW HEAR THIS! – NOW HEAR THIS! - ATTENTION ON DECK*****

Lenda Barnes offered to make the 2014 reunion raffle blanket.

Linda will make a unique blanket showing pictures of the USS Tolovana sailors. This requires you to send Linda a 5" X 7" picture **on fabric**. See the instruction sheet below for fabric information. Your picture must be labeled with your name, rate, years aboard.

If you want to you can send 2 pictures to Lenda, "before & after" pictures; i.e. pictures when aboard & now". Be sure to print or embroidery your name years aboard, rate on each of the two (2) different 5'X7"squares

LEND A MUST RECEIVE YOUR PICTURE(S) BY FEBRUARY 1, 2014 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BLANKET!

Lenda can be reached at bobbarnes@embarqmail.com, phone 214-563-5525.

Lenda states you **MUST** buy the **exact** fabric sheets as shown.

DO NOT SEPARATE THE FABRIC FROM THE PAPER BACKING!! Send the fabric picture with the backing on it to Lenda. The fabric can be bought at a fabric or Hobby Lobby store. Lenda suggest you go to a Quilt store or Quilter to have your pictures made.

If you have the skills and equipment to scan & print pictures you can do it yourself. Place the sheet fabric side down into your printer, repeating; do not separate the paper from the fabric.

This should be a blanket to covet. I plan to by enough raffle tickets to increase the probability for me to win it.



Lenda & bob Barnes.

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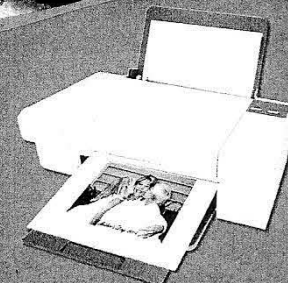
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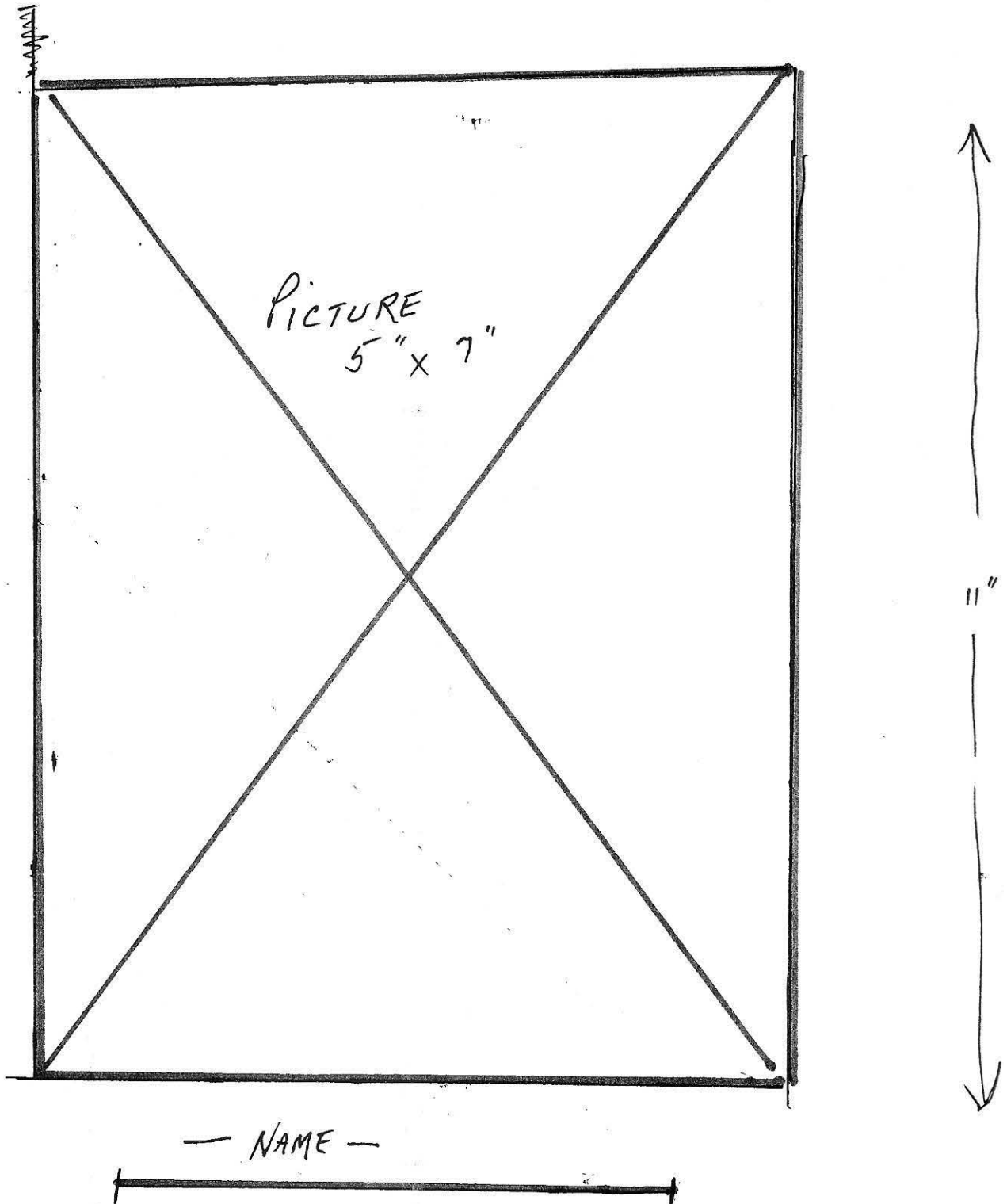
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10 Sheets
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Seated L-R: Robert Hensley, Joe Moore, Ray O'Neal, Howard Bo Besharse, Robert Kemp, Howard Hensley, Cecil Hensley, Alan Hibbert, And Troy Inman.

Standing L-R: Jerry Peel, Rick Haskell, Cal LaBorde, Don Fahey, John Sater, Randall Okie Baughman, Anthony Visconti, Anthony Mann, Wally Bensen, Les Wood, Louis Ruiz, Earnest Brasseaux, Bernie Wagner, Chester Haynes, Walter Jensen, E.V. Skip Moore Jr., Ron Kramer.

Attendees not shown are: Bill Drew & Bob Sanders



Women reunion attendees posing for pictures on the Belle dance floor.



Old salts: L-R - old, older, and oldest; Howard Hensley, John Sater, Skip Moore, the oldest attendee at 87 years.



The three Hensley's: Cecil, Howard & Robert



Banquet setting on the Belle: Laura & Troy Inman in foreground, Bernie Wagner in background.



Banquet on the Belle: facing camera; Mary Ann & Jerry Peel, Alan & Jane Hibbert, Chester & Sachi Haynes, Cal & Maria LaBorde.

Andre Paille, MM2, 1970's

Andre Paille passed away April 25. He had been fighting low blood pressure that caused him to pass out and kidney and heart problems. He is survived by his wife, 8 children and 22 grandchildren. He always had very fond memories of the USS TOLOVANA.

Mrs. Bonnie Paille

Ron Quirin, MM2, 1955-58

Glenn Lorei MM1, 1955-58 wrote:

"Howard, you may or may not know that Ron Quirin, a shipmate, a member of A Division, recently passed away from the effects of Mesothelioma. His tour was co incident with mine from 1955 to 1958. I was to testify in a law suit for him.

Ron had a lawsuit going against Reynolds tobacco Co. as he used Kent cigarettes. These cigarettes had a filter which contained asbestos---can you believe it? Reynolds is trying to say his Mesothelioma was caused by the asbestos on the Tolovana."

Ron's Obituary:

Ronald J. Quirin, 78, of Glen Ellyn, formerly of Dixon, died Sunday, March 31, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Marilyn (née Sherman); loving father of Michael (Sue) Quirin, Kimberly Anderson, Jon Quirin, Jodi (Joe) Stanke, and Cari Freeman; loving stepfather of Barbara (Robert) Oshlo, Lewis V. "Skip" Morgan III, and Diane (Kevin) Regan; dear grandfather of nine; great-grandfather of nine; devoted son of the late Alfred and Gabrielle Quirin; fond brother of Louise (late Alan) McAleese and Rita (Jerry) Ulrich; and uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Ronald was proud to serve in the Navy. After that, he worked at Illinois Bell for 30 years. Ronald also was a member of Knights of Columbus 690 in Dixon.

USS Tolovana ship model for sale

Rudy James has made a model of the leaky T and he is offering it for sale. Photos of the model can be seen in the USS Tolovana AO-64 website cruise book, model, db 81 and db 131 under haze grey & underway. The model measures 37 1/2" long, 15" wide and 7" high. If interested contact Rudy at rjames56@cox.net

Paul Mangers PNSN, 1970, passed away November 2009

Oscar Tempfel

I am sorry to inform you but Oscar Tempfel passed away on July 7, 2013 at 11:05 A.M at Virginia Baptist in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was suffering with Bladder cancer and they had given him 3-6 to live and he lived 4 months. I really miss him a lot as we were married for 46 years.

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Howard Hensley

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