

HELLO FELLOW TOLOVANA SHIPMATES,

TIME IS GETTING CLOSE TO THIS YEARS REUNION SO THIS IS TO GIVE US ALL A REMINDER TO FINALIZE OUR PLANS TO ATTEND.



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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.**

REINA VERDUZCO AS TAKEN OUR GROUP FROM CHERYL IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS REGARDING RESERVATIONS
CALL REINA AT 321-783-7621 x366.

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.

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 - 8/21/14:

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
Earnest & Beth Brasseaux
Galen & Lorraine Peel
Jerry & Mary Ann Peel
Wayne & Mavis Schultz
Robert Hensley
Cecil & Shelia Hensley
Don Epps

Get your reservations in ASAP!



You must be in attendance to win one of these beauties.

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PRAYER REQUEST FOR BOB BYRD

An email was received 8/17/14 from Cheryl Byrd

1321 SE 4th Street	Cape Coral	FL	33990	239-443-5295	byrdrefuge@gmail.com
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Hi All,

I wanted to let you know that Bob had an ischemic stroke at 8:00 am this past Thursday morning. He was at home when it happened and I noticed his loss of movement and speech immediately after it happened. After a 911 call, the EMS unit was here within a few minutes and he was transported to Cape Coral Hospital - which now has a specialized stroke unit. Before an hour had passed since the stroke, he had had a CT scan, seen a neurologist and was placed on the TPA drug which busts up blood clots quickly and minimizes damage to the brain. He began to recover right away - gaining movement in his arms and legs and some speech back. His heart rate has been up and down - showing some signs of arrhythmia - and the neurologist, Dr. Bonnet, indicated that the stroke was most likely caused by a blockage in the Carotid artery - which supplies blood to the brain.

Bob's condition on Friday and yesterday was up and down. He could speak some early in the day and move his limbs about some, and he had Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy - all just once. His swallowing capability is still weak, so he has a feeding tube through his nose. The tube may come out tomorrow when the Speech Therapist does another evaluation. Currently he is in ICU at the hospital.

Today, Bob is significantly better; his speech is making sense and we are able to converse. He is understanding what people are saying and is able to follow instructions. His right hand and arm are stronger. The right side of his body is a little weaker than the left side. He is also able to pick up and move objects around with his right hand. His heart rate is also still fluctuating some, but is better than yesterday. The ICU nurse thinks he will probably be able to move into a regular hospital room in the section, where neurology patients are housed, tomorrow - assuming there are no setbacks.

Bob's son came in yesterday to support his Dad and to be with me; he will leave Monday or Tuesday. One daughter and grandson were also here for a short time yesterday to visit.

I am optimistic that he will recover well and perhaps fairly quickly; the quickly is less clear, though today he was markedly better than yesterday. I will not bore you with the many other details of his care, but I am well pleased with the hospital so far. It's likely that he will need to go to a Rehab Hospital or facility when he is strong enough. The Lee Memorial System Hospital in Fort Myers includes a specialized Rehab Hospital for this purpose.

Best to all of you and take care of yourselves.

Cheryl Byrd (Bob Byrd's wife)

8/20/14 Update from Cheryl.

Bob continues to improve. He was stronger today in both Physical and Occupational Therapy, but also more tired as the day passed. Tomorrow is his birthday, so we'll have a small celebration. There are standing orders to discharge him to the Rehabilitation Hospital in Fort Myers, and his transfer there has been accepted. We are, however, waiting for a bed to be available. That looks likely tomorrow - on his birthday, so he will be busy then for sure. We continue to thank all of you for your prayers, best wishes and Happy Birthday's. Rehab will occupy about 4 hours a day and will be more intensive than what he is receiving now. So Bob is definitely motivated to move on as soon as possible so he can become strong enough to come home.

Take care. We are also thinking about all of you and wish you well.

8/21/14

Bob is now in rehab at;
The Rehabilitation Hospital (Part of Lee Memorial Hospital System in Fort Myers)
Room 613A
2780 Cleveland Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

ALICE JOSEPH

It deeply saddens me to report the death of Alice Joseph on August 8, 2014. The Tolovana shipmates lost one of our best friends as Alice worked tirelessly to help keep and upgrade the USS Tolovana roster. No one did more to keep us all connected and she is sorely missed.

Alice and her late husband Leroy, SK1, 1950-52, mailed the newsletters, at their own expense to those shipmates that don't have email "it isn't fair that they don't get the newsletters". Laurie, Alice's daughter wrote "All who came in contact with Mom through her efforts on the roster appreciated her. She felt she knew them personally

even if she never met them and really appreciated all the calls and notes she received from them. Also tell them all "thank you" for all the stamps they sent! She always felt badly taking and using them - I think she was afraid it was a hardship for them to send them, but I assured her it wasn't."

Skip and I know Alice spent innumerable hours on her computer looking up telephone numbers for "lost" Tolovana sailors. Alice also spent innumerable hours on the phone talking to the Tolovana sailors. She took the time to learn about their life - and she worried about them if they were in financial or health straits as many of them were/are. Her heart was always in the right place.

Alice helped many Tolovana sailors with obtaining their VA benefits. She worked to get the Tolovana listed on the Agent Orange brown water ship list so those Tolovana sailors that had health issues from Agent orange exposure in Viet Nam could get their medical from the VA.

Her efforts for the Tolovana outnumber what I can recall for this short article.

Rest in peace my good friend.

Those of us that met Laurie at the Reno reunion remember her as the one who helped us old codgers with using the computers, cameras, making copies of photos, name tags, etc, etc.

The following was received from Alice's daughter Laurie Woolery - PO Box 1159 Cottonwood CA 96022-1159.

Alice Agnes Joseph

Graveside services for Alice Agnes Joseph will be held Wednesday, August 13th @ 11 AM at Redding Memorial Park.

Alice was born to Thomas Edward and Eve Scott Boswell at home in Redding on October 11, 1925. She was a bit premature and very small at birth. Her family lived in the Boardman addition off of Railroad Avenue at the time. Alice's older sister, Mary (Martz) was quite a bit older but her younger brother, Ernst Boswell, was her close buddy and they roamed the small town of Redding during their youth. Mom would often tell how all the people in town knew them and kept an eye on them.

Mom attended what she called "Westside School" until she reached sixth grade and then attended "Eastside School," the old Pine Street School. She attended Shasta High for three years, married her life-long partner, Leroy Joseph, before her senior year. Leroy was in the Navy and she followed him to their new home in Berkeley, where she graduated from high school in mid-year.

Mom developed a love of softball at an early age, and joined the Kiwanis team at about age 10 or 11. She apparently was an excellent ball player as a coach from Oregon tried to recruit her for his team, offering to have her come live with his family. She remembered winning the state championship in 1936 or '37. Mom was a leftie and played first base.

Over the years, Mom held many jobs. Her first was at the American Ideal Laundry in Redding while attending high school. She would sort the laundry for hotels and also private citizens. She was a supervisor at S.J. Kresses 5 and 10 cent store while going to school and upon graduation, went to work in the office at the Berkeley Enterprise School District. Dad (Leroy) left the service just prior to WWII and Alice and Leroy returned to Redding.

It was during this time that Alice and Leroy had their first child, a son, Dale Leroy. Both worked at Bert McDowell's wholesale grocery. After Pearl Harbor was bombed, Leroy, who was in the Naval Reserve, was recalled to active duty. Alice remained in Redding, working and raising their son. On August 10, 1950, Dale died of bulbar polio. Leroy was sent home for bereavement leave and the family later relocated to the Long Beach/San Diego area, a process the was already in the works prior to Dale's death.

It was here that their daughter Lauren was born, while Leroy was aboard a ship (the Tolovana) during the Korean conflict. Alice didn't work for the first few years, but the family moved to Guam in 1954 and she went to work for the Board of Civil Service Examiners. Upon returning to the Los Angeles area, Alice worked for the Corps of Engineers.

The family relocated to San Jose upon Leroy's retirement from the Navy. Alice worked in the payroll department of NASA in Mountain View and met many of the astronauts of the day.

The draw of the North State and "home" was strong and the family moved back to Shasta County in the mid '60s. Alice transferred to the US Forest Service's payroll department and later went from there to the accounting department. She was later transferred to the Supervisor's office as a purchasing agent. Often during the summer, she was sent to various locations, including Alaska twice and San Diego, to purchase supplies for large forest fires. She left before reaching full retirement age when Leroy retired from his job at the Redding School District in 1980.

During their retirement, Alice and Leroy traveled through many of the western states and up into Canada. They went to a huge mall in Edmonton, Canada which amazed them for hours with all its indoor "outdoor" stuff (ice skating and a beach). I'm not sure they even bought anything, but Dad used his new video camera to make a movie. They attended the Calgary Stampede, saw the Charles Russell Art Museum and many other things. After wanderlust lost its allure, they settled their RV into a spot on Hat Creek where they summered and fished for many years.

HOWARD HENSLEY

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