



# "LEAKY T" News

## The Newsletter of the U. S. S. Tolovana AO-64 "WE CARRY THE LOAD"



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

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In my Edition No. 12 I wrote that Jim Dull went into the hospital for a blocked colon. The doctor removed 11 inches of his colon and numerous lymph nodes that appeared to be cancerous. Now Jim is home under the TLC of Barb. Jim says that, every time the doctor came into his hospital room he had nothing but GOOD to say. All tests show NO cancer his oncologist says he wants to see him in a year, and he says the surgeon will probably reverse the colostomy, maybe in April. He lost 15 lbs. in the hospital but his appetite is coming back. He and Barb are going to take some friends to No Way Jose's in Pigeon Forge in celebration and he is going to have a margarita.

The Good Lord answers all prayers. Some times He says NO. This time He smiled on our shipmate.

Howard, I wanted to pass this along to anyone who may be too shy or embarrassed to ask. My hearing, over a period of 18 months, went extremely bad. My wife thought it was "selective hearing". A friend came into my office and suggested that I go to the VA. I thought those people owe me nothing, what with people with no arms, legs, or sight. I went however and was examined. They deemed it a service connected disability and I was issued hearing aids, plus I received a disability payment. The credited cause was prolonged, intense noise from my time in the engine room on the "T".  
Glenn Lorei MM1, M Div '55-to '58

Dear Friends and Shipmates,

Its with great sorrow that I have to inform you that Bill passed away Friday Nov. 5, 2010 from cancer. I wanted you to know how much we enjoyed being with you at the reunions.

Your Friend,  
Norma Neill

Bill and Norma were always a favorite couple for me to visit with at the reunions and Bill will be sorely missed.

Homer, Bill Neill was on the T 1952-53 FR. You that were at the Biloxi reunion will remember Bill wearing his dress blues he wore in the Navy! He was a farmer, electrician, and equipment operator. He told me climbing telephone poles kept him in tip top shape, and he was in great shape. I remember Bill telling me about his 1950 Mercury



he had when he was aboard. He told me the payments (I forgot what they were) took all his money and he couldn't afford gas. Therefore he took his fellow shipmates places and they bought

the gas. Henry Harger said he was one of those shipmates that got to ride around with Bill and the gang.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Norma. May God bless and keep you in your time of sorrow. Howard

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Homer William Neill, 77, of West Point, Illinois, passed away at his home on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 6:30 A.M.

Homer was born January 4, 1933 in Plymouth, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Blanche (Groves) Neill. On July 11, 1954 he was united in marriage to Norma Scanlan in Colusa, Illinois. Homer was a farmer, electrician, and equipment operator and retired in 2000. He was a member of the American Legion in Bowen for 45 years and was also a member of the Eagle's Club.

Homer is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Neill of West Point; four children, Terry Neill of West Point, Julie Zellow of Carthage, Kevin (Sally) Neill of Carthage, and Gary (Michelle) Neill of West Point; grandchildren, Heidi (Brad) White and Terry (Jessica) Neill, Jr., Amy (Jimmy) Palmisano, Jessica (Jess) VanBeck, and Jami and Jaci Neill; great grandchildren, Taylor and Cooper White, Savannah and Benjamin Neill, and Lance, Jarrett, and Jaelynn VanBeck; also nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Misty Neill; and a brother, Marion Neill.

*Memorials may be directed to:  
Hancock County Volunteers for Diabetes  
Living Faith United Methodist Church  
Blessing Hospice of Hancock County*

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My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Norma. May God bless and keep you in your time of sorrow. Howard

Howard, day before yesterday, Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, I had my one year follow-up to radiation treatments for prostate cancer. My PSA is .078 down from .086 at six months! Roy Souders

I am almost hating to open my e-mail as, each time I do, there is a report of another passing. Got an e-mail from Alice Joseph reporting the death of Bill "Ski" Novisel's wife passing away on 13 December. No other data.

I have to accept that we will all go some day but I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT.

Here is another that I have finally found a way to transfer the obit to the newsletter. It is for Chief Francis Carlberg.



Carl was born March 5, 1918 in Arlington, Nebraska and passed on in Sacramento, CA, on October 16, 2010. He

enlisted and served in the Navy for twenty years and was chief petty officer during WWII and the Korean War. After retiring from the Navy he worked as a purchasing agent and price analyst at McClellan A.F.B for seventeen years then worked as a real estate agent investing in rental properties. Carl was preceded by his three brothers Milton (Blanche), Rolin (Gertrude) Walis (Mona); his first wife, Joan (Baksanska), second wife Eunice Lackey and his daughter Carla Ann. He will be forever remembered and missed by his sister, Verda Knoell (Duane); daughter, Dona Zilaff (Denis); grandchildren, Carla and Peter Zilaff; stepchildren, Diedra and David Lackey; and many nieces and nephews. Carl loved to fish and traveled around the world and the United States on multiple occasions. He was extremely generous, setting up the Carla Ann Carlberg memorial trust, after the tragic death of his daughter, which generously contributes to organizations supporting neglected and abused children; abused women; and to organizations that feed and clothe those in need. In furtherance of Carl's wishes, any donations in his name should be made to the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. A Memorial Service to celebrate Carl's life was held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 1040 39th Street, Sacramento CA. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

Douglas Habben needs some help. He recently was forced to retire from his work due to the following diseases: All chronic B Cell Leukemia and Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. Both diseases are listed in Agent Orange information. He has run into a snag with the Veteran's Administration. Doug was on the Tolovana from 1970 - 1972. It was the only ship that he was on in a 3 year enlistment. In order to even be recognized by the V.A. he has to show that he "had boots on the ground." His memory is debilitated but he remembers a party at Danang in 1971. It was a 2 night party with 1/2 the ship's crew attending 1 night and the other half the next night.

Doug's only recollection of a shipmate is of Robert W. Taylor. Alice Joseph has researched all the Taylors in the state of

Alabama (Robert being from Brantley, AL)  
without any luck.

If any shipmate remembers the party at  
Danang mentioned above and knew  
Doug, an FA, please contact Doug Habben  
at 5900 Wishbone Ct, Sun Valley, Nevada  
89433, phone 775-674-2757, or cell 775-  
247-8342

A 1971 Calendar for the T shows the  
following; 19 May- 20 May, AN THOI,  
Vietnam; 20-21 May Market Time Op Area;  
22 May Vung Danang, Vietnam; 22-29 May  
Market Time Op Area, Vietnam; 5 June  
Vung Danang, Vietnam; June 6 -16 June  
Market Time Op Area.

I listed this last paragraph in hopes that  
someone may be able to recall the party or  
the times the ship was washed down and  
swabbed, wringing the mops out by hand  
with no protection.

Leroy and Alice Joseph send the  
newsletters out and Doug has enlisted their  
help. They too, would like to hear from  
anyone that can help. or shed any info on  
this situation.

**Skip Moore, F Div, 1951-1953**  
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