



"LEAKY T" NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE U. S. S. TOLOVANA AO-64 "WE CARRY THE LOAD"

"If you were thirsty, we gave you a drink."



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

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Skip Moore has informed me that he can no longer write our newsletters as his constant companion Authur Itis has told him he can't type as much as he used to. Skip has written all of our newsletters for the past 10 years, since we first began having reunions in Biloxi in 2002. Skip has done an outstanding job with the newsletters and keeping the roster current and will be sorely missed by yours truly. Skip was good at finding "lost" shipmates using the whitepages and finding telephone numbers. Skip will now spend his time reading and working on his genealogy. Lets all give Skip a big thank you!!

Bad news comes in bunches like bananas it seems as Alice Joseph, widow of Leroy Joseph, SK1, 1950-52, called to tell me she also was quitting her work on Tolovana communications. No one has done as much as Alice to keep the roster current and to send the newsletters to the guys without email. Alice and Leroy spent many hours and much money out of their pocket doing this. All they asked was for those that could send them stamps. She thanks those that sent her stamps and \$ for this effort. Alice has phoned most of the shipmates at one time or another and spent many hours searching for "lost" Tolovana shipmates. She helped get the Tolovana on the Agent Orange list and helped get medical compensation for several sailors. Her work was too numerous to mention in this article and telling her thanks seems inadequate.

Let's all give Alice a big thank you and wish her well.

I will attempt to write and distribute the newsletters and maintain the roster until I can get someone to take it over. Any volunteer's?

It is an ill wind that blows no good however, because when I appealed for help maintaining the roster at the reunion I got three (3) volunteers!! Don & Karyn Fahey, Joe Pryor and Bob Kemp offered to help with the location of shipmates and keeping the roster current. Don and Karyn had compiled their own listing of shipmates and they know how to find "lost" shipmates using the internet/phones/etc. Thanks for volunteering guys!!

Jerry Hunter, CSFN, 1962-64, wrote me: "I am a member of the American legion post 490 in Houston, TX which is across the street from Ellington Field (USAF). If you hear of anyone that is traveling thru Houston, and need a trailer or motor home site, we have 4 with water, electricity, and dump station. We only charge \$15.00 per night. The reason I am telling you this is because there is a lot of vets that come to Houston when in need of medical help at the VA hospital and may need a place to stay and be around other vets. If you know of anyone, please feel free to contact me.

We have 4 sites for people traveling in their travel trailer or motor home. You do not have to be a veteran to rent spaces. We are the largest post in the state of Texas and have 3 members that work for the VA hospital system. If anyone is here for a medical reason we will be glad to help them get organized. We are about 5 miles from the medical center and have several people every year that need help with paper work, directions or anything we can do, but if anyone is just here for vacation they can also rent a space."

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2012 REUNION IN MYRTLE BEACH SC

If you missed it you missed a good one. We had one of the best reunions we have held and we have had some good ones. The banquet was held in the LandMark hotel and we had 46 attendees. Below are some pictures of the group and banquet attendees. Known attendees not shown in the group pictures are: Don Pearl & Larry Fogleman in the men's group; and in the women's group Shelia Hensley, Mildred Fogleman & Betty Baumgarten.



Seated L-R David Koehler, Ray O'Neal, Tony Visconti, Bob Kemp, Tony Mann, Rick Haskell, Jim Dull, Bob Hensley, Joe Moore, Wayne Schultz, Fred Husak. Troy Inman, Don Fahey, Alan Ward, Cecil Hensley, Jerry Peel, Joe Pryor, Bobby Newell, Ashton Carver, Michael Marcellus, Darrell Fowler, Fred Eaker, Howard Hensley.



Seated L-R Joanne Fowler, Linda Newell, Linda Mann, Kathy Haskell, Rose Ann Husak, Mavis Schultz, Carol Marcellus, Barb Dull.
Standing L-R Karyn Fahey, Rosalie Visconti, Laura Inman, Peggy Krepelka, Bethany Husak, Virginia Hensley, Tula Carver, Mary Ann Peel, Mary O'Neal, Kim Husak.



Banquet view LCW Bob Kemp, Tony & Linda Mann, Kathy & Rick Haskell, Joe Pryor, Lloyd Evans, Bob Hensley, Shelia Hensley.



CW Carol & Michael Marcellus, Linda & Bobby Newell, Barb & Jim Dull, Jerry & Mary Ann Peel, Virginia & Howard Hensley.



CW Rose Ann & Fred Husak, Mildred & Larry Fogleman, Joe Moore, Alan Ward, Aston & Tula Carver, Kim Husak.



CW Mavis Schultz, David Koehler, Peggy Krepelka, Betty Baumgarten.



LCW Don Fahey, Karyn Fahey, Rosalie Visconti, Tony Visconti, Mary O'Neal, Ray O'Neal. Standing is Linda Hotel staff & Cecil Hensley.



LCW Betty Baumgarten, Don Pearl, Fred Eaker, Darrel & Joanne Fowler, Wayne & Mavis Schultz.

A raffle was held with two lucky winners, one was for a beautiful blanket made and donated by Bodil Moore, and one was for 1/2 of the raffle money.



The raffle blanket is displayed by Kim Kusak and Mavis Schultz.

Bodil Moore also donated a blanket for the Long Beach reunion last year. Thanks Bodil!!! Bobby Newell won the blanket, lucky guy.

Rose Ann Husak won the \$215.00 half of the raffle proceeds. Rose Ann took some ribbing as her daughter Bethany drew her name from the pot – hmm?

The raffles have increased the reunion monies and if you have anything to donate for future reunions for the raffle, like blankets, pictures, patches, buttons, etc, it will be appreciated.

Cecil Hensley, this year's reunion host, informs me that we now have \$912.64 in the reunion kitty!!! Cecil did an outstanding job with the reunion. The price for rooms in the hotel was terrific and the ocean view was fantastic. The ocean water was 75 degrees and very much fun to swim in after you got in for awhile. There

were plenty of sites to see in the surrounding area for everyone to entertain themselves. Good job Cecil.

The 2013 reunion will be hosted by Ray and Mary O'Neal in Hot Springs Arkansas in October, the exact date TBD. Let's all help Ray and Mary in any way we can to make the 2013 reunion a big success.

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