

Dear shipmate,

March 2013

Sheila & I are still in Florida and will leave at the end of March. We will meet our children and grandchildren in Myrtle Beach. We had lunch a couple of weeks ago with Joe & Brenda Barton (GM3 – Deep Freeze 65-66) and Gary & Pat Coager (MR – Deep Freeze 65-66, 66-67).

New shipmates: Gregory Suthko (RD2 – 60), Charles Casey (OS3 – 72-73), Brook Aldrich (RD2 – 58-60).

Passed: Herbert Sedida (MoMM3 – 44), Malcolm Joslyn (QMC – 67-70), Max Compton (plankowner – Radioman 42-45) and Doctor Bill Ford (Doctor - 65-66 Deep Freeze).

I still have Gary Ball Hats for \$18 post paid.

With the price of postage going up all the time, I have decided to ask those that want to remain on the mailing list please contact me. Contact me by email, phone or mail if you want to remain on the mailing list. You can go back on at any time. At the moment we pay \$180 just for postage per mailing.

It has been requested that I check into a trip to New Zealand. I talked to Gene Spinelli as he goes 1 or 2 times a year. It would require at least 2 weeks for the trip. Flight costs would be somewhere around \$3000 per couple. Add hotel, meals, tourism, I would think we are looking \$6000 to \$7000. If you are interested let me know within a month so I can check into it. I would go for 2015 as it will take time to set up.

2013 Reunion Cleveland, Ohio

June 20-22, 2013

We chose the Double Tree by Hilton. It is located at 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio 44131. Rooms will be \$95 per night plus tax. Breakfast is available on site. Make your own reservations **(by May 20, 2013)** at 1-800-753-4371 and mention you are with the USS Thomas Gary. As usual some people will check in early, some will stay later and others just for the banquet. There will be plenty to do there: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Burke Lakefront Women's Air and Space Museum, USS Cod WWII Submarine, Steam ship William G. Mather Museum to name a few.

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2013 Banquet **June 22 – 6 PM**

The banquet will be a sit down dinner. It will be a choice of Deluxe Top Sirloin with frizzled onion or Breast of Chicken with lemon, garlic, plus garden salad, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, raspberry cheese cake and drink. Cost will be \$40 per person including tax. **Please make payment to me by May 20, 2013 plus I need to know your choice of sirloin or chicken.**