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Dear Shipmate,

March 2014 Newsletter

This winter has not been very pleasant no matter where you are in the country. Sheila and I will leave Umatilla, FL April 1st. We will stop to see Alan Baker and family, then a couple of weeks in Myrtle Beach to see friends plus our children and grandchildren.

I now have over 100 people on email and less than 300 on regular mail. Your email saves on future postage costs.

We held a mini reunion in Umatilla, FL the end of Feb. Attending were Gary & Pat Coager; Dick & Judy Markland; Ron & Sheila Day; Tom & Sherrie Pritikin; Frank Perella; Rich Bewsher and Bruce "Doc" Nagelen. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Passed: William Dorsick – RM3 Phil Boisseau- BM3- 68-72.

I still have Gary ballcaps at \$18 post paid.

Jose B. Gonzales has info on Agent Orange for the Blue Water Navy. He is a retired Veterans Affairs Officer and you can contact him at jose.b.gonzales@gmail.com.

Richard Campbell (retired Commander) has written a book "The Trident Deception". It is a submarine thriller and has excellent reviews. It is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc. I had emailed this info to Gary shipmates earlier, Henri Lodewyck ordered a copy and said it was excellent.

2014 Reunion Fort Worth, Texas June 19-22 2014

I have contracted with the Comfort Suites North Fossil Creek 3751 Tanacross Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76137. It is \$85 plus tax per night. There are 4 restaurants nearby (Texas Roadhouse next door). Continental breakfast each day, happy hour with wine, beer, fruit and snacks Tues. Wed. Thur afternoons. Stockyards 10 minutes away (shopping). Check it out on goggle. Fred Eichenberger made a visitation for us. Make your reservations by <u>May 19, 2014</u> at 817-222-2333 or 817-222-9666. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gary group.

Banquet Details

Our banquet will be Sat night at 6PM. Pictures at 5:30. Dress is casual. We have not settled on the banquet so I'm going to ask you to send reservations to me by **May 19, 2014**. Right now I'm asking you to send \$30 per person and we will either collect the difference or refund the excess, whichever way it goes... Yours for the Gary, Ron