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Dear Shipmate,

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We are starting into winter. Today is 17 degrees and breezy, we didn't walk very far today.

Due to some very generous donations, we are keeping everyone on the mailing list plus sending letter by email. About 100 people will receive their newsletter by email and about 300 people will receive it by regular mail. If you have an email address and received this by regular mail please email me your email address as this will save on future postage. Your email address will not go to anyone else. Once in a while I email news of interest to fellow shipmates.

The reunion in Cleveland was a lot of fun (lots of memories at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame) and attended by the following shipmates & spouses/friends: Bill Thompson; Bill Buttimer; Wade Fleming; Vilnis Pakalns; Bob Cincar; Jim Bennett; Ron Day; Fred Eichenberger; Alan Harris; Tom Pritikin; Dave Gubanc; Frank Perella; Tom Popejoy; Bennett Covitz; Ken Wells; Dick Schreiner: Keith Edwards; Bill Stewart.

New Shipmates: Don Manzolini RM2 63-65; Gerard Starks QM 68-69; Don Montgomery FT3 58-59; Leonard Singleton SH2 68-72.

Passed: John Rohrbacker Sonar 43-46; David Needles; Ed Elsenhimer RD1 62-66 Ed was aboard with me and exemplified what a sailor should be, always squared away.

I still have Gary ball caps at \$18 post paid.

I have heard that a Congressman/Senator from a southern state had introduced a bill to cover Blue Water Sailors that may have come in contact with Agent Orange. If this affects you do some research.

I have talked about a one day reunion in Florida (like Alan Baker hosted for several years) as we have many shipmates there in the winter. At this point I have an appointment in Jan. to have my knees examined. So I'm not sure what is going on this spring. If anyone would like to host this, preferably in central Florida, let me know.

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 restaurants nearby (Texas Roadhouse next door). Continental breakfast each day, happy hour with wine, beer, fruit and snacks Tues, Wed, Thru afternoons. Stockyards 10 minutes away. Check it out on goggle. Fred Eichenberger made a visitation for us. Make your reservations by May 19, 2014 at 817-222-2333 or 817-222-9666. Be sure to tell them you are with the Gary group.

Banquet details are not complete at this time but will be in the spring newsletter.

Ron