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Dear Shipmate,

November 2014 Newsletter

This fall Sheila and I traveled by truck camper to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Canada. We went by ferry from North Sydney, NS to Argentia, NF. It was a 17 hour ferry ride. I understand the Gary used to stop in Argentia in the early 60's. We rode the ferry several times, in & out of NF, to Fogo Island and to Labrador. We had a great time and the people were very friendly (Also met many Canadian Sailors). Had a dusting of snow today but many of you have much more than that.

I now have about 140 people on email and 250 on regular mail. Your email saves on future mailing costs.

Had a great time at the reunion in Fort Worth, Texas. Attendees: Vilnis & Elie Pakalns; Jim & Cathy Bennett; Fred & Diane Eichenberger (Amanda & husband); Ron & Sheila Day; Frank Perrella; Alan & Colleen Baker; Tom & Sherrie Pritikin; Bob & Wanda Cincar; George & Susan House (son Cliff); John & Roemehl Dewey and Bill & Wenda Holman.

**Mini Reunion in Umatilla, Florida** will be held around the week of Feb. 16, 2015. I will send out an email with info; otherwise contact me sometime late Jan.

Passed: Randall Fitzgerald 72-74 HMSN

New Shipmates: Ralph Heitzenrater 64-67 EN2; Bill Stanford 67-69 GMG3;

Michael Murphy.

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

I have 4 Gary Polo Shirts (2 large – 2 X large) at \$25 each postage paid. First come first served.

Ben Turner sent me a note about his granddaughter being honored at an art exhibit at Texas A&M. One of the other awards was for a picture of a ship clearly identified as DER 326, T.J. Gary. He tried to find out who was responsible, but never got a reply. Can anyone help?

2015 Reunion – Bill Buttmer and Frank Perrella did a great job in helping me set up the 2015 Reunion.

### **2015 Reunion Danvers (Boston) Massachusetts June 18-21 2015**

I have contracted with the Comfort Inn (978-777-1700) 50 Dayton Street Danvers, MA 09123 for the above dates. Cost is \$110.58 per night which includes tax. Includes a full hot breakfast. You must mention you are with the USS Thomas J. Gary group. There are 2 extra days ahead and 1 after if you want

to stay longer, again mention you are with the Gary group to get that rate. Make your reservations by **May 18, 2015**.

### **Banquet Detail**

Our banquet will be Sat night at 5:30PM. Dress is casual. It will be held at Calitiri's next to the hotel. It will be a buffet including ziti/meatsauce, chicken Marsala, broiled haddock plus usual: salad, veggies, dessert etc. Cost is \$40 per person which includes tax, tip and hospitality room. **Please have your banquet reservation with money to me by June 1<sup>st</sup>** so I can give them a final count. I have to pay the bill in full before the banquet.