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USS THOMAS J GARY
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Greetings Shipmates,

I'll introduce myself first. I was an Electronics Technician aboard the T.J. Gary, March 64 to May 66. My last cruise was Operation Deepfreeze 65-66 (Antartica support). After being out 16 years I joined the Naval Reserve and was Sailor of the year 1985 at my reserve center. Because of my work in retention and education my name has been submitted for the Navy Achievement Medal.

I graduated from Oswego State in 1970 and have taught High School Industrial Arts for the last 17 years. My wife, Sheila, is a Home Economics teacher. We have three children Lisa a junior, Katrina a freshman and Geoffrey in the 4th grade. We live in the country in Northern New York. We are 8 miles from Canada on the St. Lawrence River. Our neighbors are mostly farmers plus some Amish who only use horse and buggies

My hobbies are woodworking, restoring antique gas engines and visiting historic sites and museums which probably accounts for my interest in keeping memories of the T.J. Gary alive.

Enclosed is a letter from Harry to whom I am very grateful for having started the T.J. Gary reunions. It has been an expensive venture for him and he deserves alot of thanks. Also enclosed are plans for our third reunion.

We have decided to ask for a \$2.00 donation from each member of the T.J. Gary group. This is due to the cost of postage, envelopes etc. This will be an annual donation. We will maintain a file with the names and addresses of every shipmate contacted, only those donating will receive newsletters. Make checks payable to "USS Thomas J. Gary Reunion Fund". Mail them in care of me. About 160 shipmates have been contacted.

Until you hear from me in the spring with more reunion news have a safe and happy holiday. Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Your shipmate from
the T.J. Gary

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