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Dear Shipmate:

June 2018 Newsletter

I'm slipping on not getting a newsletter out sooner. I was waiting for info on a July Reunion.

Everyone had a great time in Fort Walton Beach in Feb. 2018. Attendees: Jim & Cathy Bennett; Dave & Phyllis Gubanc; Bill Buttimer; Alan & Colleen Baker and Mark; Ron & Sheila Day; Bill & Jean Thompson; Bob & Wanda Cincar; Tommy & Nita Stafford; Ken & Darlene Puckett; Jim Schumpert; Tom & Bonnie Mackie; Vilnis & Ellie Pakalns; Bob & Martha Blum; Fred Smallwood and Joe & Maryann Klein. Ken Puckett, Gary sailor and Panama Canal Pilot (retired) gave an excellent speech about the canal one evening. We had 7 people drop out due to the flu, unfortunately I had already made banquet reservations and could not cancel so we got stuck for those meals. As usual the Gary crew came through and covered them. Made for an expensive meal for everyone!

Ann Riley sister of Vincent Riley 58-61 RD3 ordered 25 Gary hats for a family reunion to honor Vincent. Neat way to give everyone a take home souvenir.

I have hats at \$20 postpaid. Shipping keeps going up.

I am working on the 2019 reunion in Savannah, Georgia.

### ***Special Reunion***

I have had many requests to have a reunion for Frank Perrella, our WWII vet and 90 years old. He never missed a reunion till this year, he was not able to make the reunion in Fort Walton Beach. I have set up a reunion in Gloversville, New York, Franks home town. Info:

**July 11-13, 2018** at Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville 308 North Comrie Ave. Johnstown, NY 12095

Cost is \$129 + tax per night. Make reservations at **518-762-4686**. Tell them you are with the USS Thomas J. Gary group. The cutoff date is July 1, 2018. They have a full service restaurant. We have a free hospitality room but cannot take in our own snacks or drinks, everything has to come from the bar. We will not have a banquet. Any questions call me at 315-528-0642.

