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Dear Shipmate,

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Sheila and I are in the south for the winter; there's been lots of snow at home and very cold. One Sunday it was 37 degrees *below* zero, no school the next day due to cold not snow. We took a cruise out of Jacksonville, FL and one day I was wondering around the cruise boat wearing my TJ Gary shirt. A gentleman stopped me and said he had been on that ship! It was Ira Edgerton & his wife (EMC, 72-73), we had a good chat and he hopes to make the reunion this year.

Shipmates that have passed: Orville Bell, TM2, Plankowner: George Briski, ET3, 66-67; Michael Vinski, DK2, 58-60; Ed Hochhalter, RD3, 65-67; Ed & George were friends of mine on the ship, their wives said they always wanted to go to a reunion but never made it. The moral is: attend a reunion as you never know what tomorrow may bring.

New shipmates: Terry Morrissey, QM3, 60-62; Lowrie McIntosh, RD3, 44-45; Walter Crall, EM3, 61-63; William Leach, IC2, 58; Richard Bewsher, FN, 70; Jeffrey Berlin, OS2, 73.

If you remember Bruce Alan Greenleaf (on Gary around 68, passed 1983) his daughter-in-law and son would like to hear from you about what you remember of him. Contact her at [dannieanne@hotmail.com](mailto:dannieanne@hotmail.com) or me.

I sent \$50 to the WWII Museum in New Orleans which will pay the entrance fee to the museum for 5 WWII veterans.

I still have Gary ball caps at \$18 postpaid.

I also have a few Gary t-shirts – Red- 3 Large, 1 XL and Grey 1-2XL and 1-3XL. When they are gone, that's it!

I received an email from LCDR Charles Ryan (last Gary CO, 73) that he plans to attend the reunion this year. In company with him will be Captain David Somers (XO when I was aboard, 64-66).

**Reunion Banquet:** Sat night 4 June. Grilled Tilapia, Pork Souvlaki, Grilled chicken strips. Greek salad, house salad. Greek potatoes, broccoli. Miniature cheesecakes. Coffee, water, sweet/unsweet tea and rolls. Cost is \$30 (includes tax & tip. **Payable to me by May 14<sup>th</sup>.** I need this as I have to pay ahead.

Charleston, South Carolina – I have contracted with The North Charleston Inn, Charleston, SC for our reunion **June 2-5, 2011.** As usual some people will come in early and some stay for a few days after the reunion. Cost is \$82 per night per room. I have a paid \$337 for a hospitality room which will be refunded when 10 rooms are booked. There is a continental breakfast, swimming pool, and nearby shopping and restaurants. 2 miles to Charleston Int. airport, 8 miles to historic downtown. Check it out at [www.northcharlestoninn.com](http://www.northcharlestoninn.com)

Make your reservations by **May 1, 2011** at 843-744-8281 (I-26 & West Montague Ave., Exit 213A North Charleston, SC 29418).