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Reunion 2010

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

IN THE YEAR 2010, THE REUNION WILL BE HELD IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PART OF OUR COUNTRY. WHERE ELSE IS THERE A BETTER PLACE THAN THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE. FOR THOSE SHIPMATES THAT WENT THRU BOOT CAMP OR NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL AT THE GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER, THIS MAY BRING BACK SOME FOND MEMORIES OF WEEK END LIBERTY CALL. THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THIS EVENT IS SHIPMATE JOHN RIGONI. HIS CREW HAS BEEN BUSY MEETING WITH VARIOUS HOTELS IN THE AREA TO COME UP WITH THE BEST VALUE FOR THE MONEY FOR LODGING, AMENITIES, ENTERTAINMENT, FREEBEES, ETC. THIS IS THE FIRST PRIORITY IN SETTING UP A REUNION AND A VERY TIME CONSUMING TASK. THANKS JOHN AND CREW FOR TAKING CONTROL OF THE TASK AT HAND. LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT GATHERING OF SHIPMATES FROM THE ROCH.

Chaplain's Corner

Frank West

TRANSITIONS

The word “transition” has been used frequently in the past few months in the news media. A definition of the word means passage from one form, state, style or place to another. Our country is involved in major transitions. A new president is in the process of taking office, transitions are being made in Congress and the Senate. Our finances have already transitioned into the tank.

Transitions were made on the Rochester. I transferred into the “R” division and this gave me new opportunities. After Korea, we transitioned into some fun activities and travels that were enjoyable.

While reflecting on transitions and the things we have to face in life, I reviewed the 23 Psalm from this viewpoint. The Lord is our Shepherd. I encourage you to read the Psalm from this perspective. The daily issues of life are cared for and it closes with the comfort, “I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever”.

Some of our shipmates and honorary members are transitioning through the difficult situations in life. Perhaps the “Love” of God as expressed in John 3:16 can be a source of comfort.

Frank West
Chaplain
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New Members

We wish to welcome aboard (again) the new USS Rochester Association members:

William "Bill" J. Fanning, IC3, E Division
DOB 58-59

Frank Delanore Rimmer, QMC, CS Division
DOB 54-57

Association Officers

Garry L. Phillips, President	Richard Becker, Executive VP
Gordon W. Cargill, 1 st VP	Donald Schnirel, 2 nd VP
Joseph S. Hill, Sec./Treasurer	Frank West, Chaplain
Jimmy Young, MAA	Larry Stone, Storekeeper
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www.rmasc.org

TAPS

The following shipmates were reported to have passed away recently. If anyone has additional or different information, please let us know.

Name	ST	Yr	Div	OnBd
Robert I. Carter	OR	2008	A	52-59
Robert L. English	FL	2008	?	52-56
Edmund D. Lovegrove	TN	?	?	55-??
Thomas G. Roberts	MI	2008	S-1	56-59
Robert G. Stalsburg, JR	MI	2008	5 th	52-56

Membership & Mailing Information

DUES FOR 2009 ARE DUE NOW

Cookeville, TN – Dues for 2009 should have been mailed soon after January 1st. Hopefully those who are behind will mail their dues in soon. If you are unsure of your status, check the address mailing label of your News Letter. An example: Pete Smith 09 would indicate your dues have been paid up for the year 2009. Joe Hill will be glad to verify your membership status. Joe can be reached at 4011 Ditty Road, Cookeville, TN 38506-7663. Phone Number 931-432-4848.
E-Mail: NiteCrawl@twlakes.net

There are still quite a few shipmates who have not sent in their dues for the year 2008. The number following your name on the address will indicate when your dues have been paid. If you are one of those shipmates, this will be the last News Letter you will be receiving. Please send in your dues now so that you will continue receiving the News Letter. **These are difficult times we are living in and the Officers of the Association realize that there may be those who are not able to pay their dues.** If there is a financial problem in paying your dues, the Association will grant and waive the dues requirements.. The Association **WILL NOT ATTEMPT INVESTIGATION, AND WILL ACCEPT YOUR WORD.** If this situation exists, contact Joe Hill.

SNOW BIRDS SNOW BIRDS SNOW BIRDS

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES ESPECIALLY YOU SNOW BIRDS WHO MOVE WITH THE WEATHER SHOULD SEND THESE CHANGES TO JOE HILL.

Notification of changes will keep the mail following on a steady course.



Ship's Store

Larry & Mary Stone

THINK SPRING !!! IT'S BEEN SO COLD HERE IN THE MIDWEST, THAT'S ONE OF OUR FEW CONSOLATIONS. THE SEED CATALOGS ARE ARRIVING DAILY AND THEY'RE ALWAYS A WELCOME SIGN.

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW CHANGES TO OUR ORDER FORM. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT SOME OF THE PRICES ON CLOTHING ITEMS HAS GONE UP. THESE WERE FOR NEW SUPPLIES ORDERED SINCE THE REUNION. STOCK WE HAVE ON HAND HAS NOT CHANGED. HOWEVER, MAILING COSTS HAVE INCREASED. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PRICES ON THE ORDER FORM.

WE DO HAVE AVAILABLE ON SPECIAL ORDER "MY GRANDFATHER'S SHIP" T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HOLD THOSE PRICES IN LINE WITH THE REST.

SOMETHING NEW: WE ALSO HAVE ADDED THE SHIP'S SILHOUETTE ON THE BACK OF THE ADULT GRAY SWEATSHIRTS WITH THE SHIP'S LOGO ON THE FRONT. THESE SHIRTS WILL BE \$2 ADDITIONAL.

WE HAVE BEEN RE-ARRANGING STOCK AND STREAM-LINING SOME OF OUR PROCEDURES HERE AND HAVE EVERY GOOD PLAN TO SPEED-UP THE TURN-AROUND TIME ON ALL ORDERS.

IN CLOSING, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. REMEMBER: CHOCOLATE IS BETTER THAN THERAPY AND YOU DON'T NEED AN APPOINTMENT.

**YOUR STOREKEEPERS,
LARRY AND MARY STONE**

Crew News

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No input received

Plank Owner Ceremony of Cutting Cake at D.C. Reunion

Gene Bieber has made a request that if anyone took pictures of the cake cutting ceremony to let him know or send him a copy of the pictures taken. Gene will be more than glad to reimburse anyone for the pictures plus postage. You may reach Gene Bieber as follows:

CDR Gene L. Bieber
333 W. Lake Howard Drive, #304D
Winter Haven, FL 33880-2315.
Phone number: 863-293-2095.

**SUCCESSFUL, IN LOCATING A LOST
SHIPMATE. TRY IT ANYWAY.**



Do You Know Where He Is?

ARE THERE ANY SHIPMATES THAT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANDY HOYEM? AT THE TIME HE WAS ABOARD SHIP AS A LTJG AND WOULD BE DURING THE 58-60 ERA. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INQUIRIES AS TO WHERE HE MIGHT BE. IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT GARRY PHILLIPS, JOE HILL, OR THE NEWS LETTER EDITOR.

IN LINE WITH THIS REQUEST, SHIPMATE WALTER HUNTINGTON, GM3, 50-53 HAS SUGGESTED THAT ANY SHIPMATE THAT MAY HAVE REMEMBERED SOMEONE BUT DOES NOT KNOW THEIR WHEREABOUTS SHOULD TRY THE FOLLOWING. WRITE TO THE TOWN CLERK, CITY CLERK, AS TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AND EXPLAIN THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LOCATING THAT PERSON. MANY TIMES THEY MAY HAVE AN ADDRESS, FORWARDING ADDRESS, OR THE EDITOR OF THE LOCAL NEWS PAPER THAT YOU CAN INQUIRE ABOUT HELP IN FINDING THE SHIPMATE. IT IS AN EASY WAY, NOT ALWAYS