

PRESIDENT OF THE GALS NOTE:

I understand now why Soupy gets so emotional and sentimental every year at the reunions.

We have such a great group of people, and the friendship, love and support is overwhelming

I could write pages of accolades, but I'll make it short and sweet.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation the Galveston Gals and the guys for all their help in making our reunion a success. A special THANK YOU to my sidkicks Linda "Sweetthang" Hawkins, Carol LaBarth and my hubby Stan for all their hard work and support.

Everyone have a great year and hope to see you in Kentucky.

CORRECTION: In the October 2006 Newsletter I put the Head Count of Attendees at 236. Please correct that to 242 attendees. The highest attendance of all reunions so far.

THANK YOU: A big thank you goes to Art Tilley's Wife Jane who did a wonderful job displaying the GALVESTON Welcome Logo and Memorabilia.

LOOKING GOOD: Ralph Batson and Bill "SOB" Ball looked great in their uniforms, but somebody should have told them to get their cover off when inside and in the chow line ha ha ha ha ha.

REUNION SITES: At the reunion in Covington, Kentucky this year we will be having Nominations and Elections for the offices of President and Vice President. We will also have Nominations for the 2009 Reunion site (West Coast). Please, if you are going to nominate a City have some background to present to the shipmates such as places to see and tour, and try to think about an airport being near the site.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations are in order for Matt Underwood. For info, Matt is the Grandson of (Captain William Underwood, Plankowner, deceased), and is on active duty in the U.S. Navy. He recently made LT (put his railroad tracks on). Congratulations Matt.

23rd REUNION 2008: We will be having the reunion in Savannah, Georgia (home of the Georgia Peach Sweetthang).

REUNION NAME BADGES: If you are going to attend the reunion and are you are attending your first reunion, if you haven't been to a reunion in a couple of years or if you lost/can't find your Reunion Name Badges please let me know so I can order you a name tag.

CORRECTION: I made the same mistake three (03) times now. Gene Stecklair has attended three reunions and I have been putting him down as being with his wife Sandra. He has been alone on all three reunions. My apologies to Gene and his wife Sandra.

REUNION 2008: The Reunion will be at the Quality Inn Conference Center, 301 Governor Truett Drive, Pooler, Georgia 31322. Phone #: 912-748-6464. The dates are Wednesday, September 24 (check-in) thru Sunday, September 28 (check-out). Price \$84.00 (plus tax) per night for Singles and Doubles. Triples \$94.00 and Quads/Suites \$104.00. It is still too early for further information. More at a later date. Any questions contact me.

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REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE:

PLEASE PRINT: I will be attending the Reunion at Covington, Kentucky: Names:
(Include any guests names that will be attending with you):

The following will attend the Reunion Dinner, Friday, October 5th. Price \$25.00 per person.

There are Two (02) tours for our 2007 Reunion at Covington, Kentucky.

TOUR #1: Thursday, October 4th, Presidential Tour of Wright-Patterson, Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 45433. Bus scheduled to depart the hotel at approximately 0730 and depart the base at approximately 1330. Price per person \$20.00. Names:

TOUR #2: Friday, October 5th, Argosy Casino Tour. Bus scheduled to depart the hotel at approximately 0930, and depart the casino at 1400. Price per person \$15.00. Names:

I will need the tour and dinner paid for before the reunion again. You can include the dinner and tours on one check/money order. Make the check out to USS GALVESTON CLG-3 and not to me. Mail the check/money order to Soupy Campbell, 310 Monroe Avenue, Beverly, New Jersey 08010-1822. Cut-off date not later than September 15th.

DUES 10/2006-10/2007: According to my records, there are 153 shipmates who have not paid the 06/07 dues as of this Newsletter; ; At \$20.00 per person that brings the total to \$3060 that would sure look good in the checking account. If anyone is having problems and can't pay their dues, please contact me, we'll work something out. Also, if you do not wish to belong to the association, please inform me.

NEW YEAR: On behalf of the Association and Gals, Joanie and I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2007. I hope we have another great turnout for the reunion in Kentucky this year like we had in San Diego last year. I know you will like the hotel, it is a beautiful hotel and the staff is great also.

JOANIE: For those of you weren't aware of it, Joanie had cancer surgery and nine (09) months of Chemo Treatments in 2005 into 2006 and was declared cancer free. Shortly before the reunion commenced Joan was rushed to the hospital by a emergency squad. She was having a hard time breathing. She had four (04) mini heart attacks while in the hospital, they rushed her into the operating room for open heart surgery. She had a large valve replace and one (01) by-pass done. As of now at the time of putting out this newsletter she is doing alright, and hopefully keeps getting better. She thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls during her hard time.

TAPS:

We were informed by Shipmate Bob Wright of the passing of Shipmate Stanley Truitt who died in 2000 in a tractor accident. He was on board the GAL from 67-68. He is added to our "DECEASED ROSTER". May He Rest In Peace.

We were informed by Shipmate Joe Stillo of the passing of his Wife, Christine on November 2, 2006. Our sincere condolences go out to Joe. Christine is added to our "DECEASED ROSTER". May She Rest In Peace.

HEAD COUNT: As of the wrap-up of this newsletter we have 391 Shipmates and 37 Honorary Members.

VIET NAM: For those who served on the GAL or another ship in Viet Nam and are having medical problems that might have to do with this, Shipmate Bob Schol has mailed me information concerning this. If you wish a copy of this I can make a copy of the material and mail it to you.

QUESTIONS: If anyone ever has a question about anything pertaining to the association or reunions please feel free to contact me, either by e-mail, snail-mail or toll free 1-866-398-2655. Also, if anyone wishes to put a note in the newsletter just mail it to me. That will be it for this newsletter. Next newsletter in April.

Tom "Soupy" Campbell Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer