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DUES FOR SHIPMATES/HONORARY GALS AND MEN: The dues for Shipmates/Honorary Males and Gals are dues October 1st of each year. For shipmates it is \$20.00, and mailed to me at the address in the letterhead, and make the check out to USS GALVESTON CLG-3 and not to me. Galveston Gals and Honorary Females is \$10.00 and mailed to Jane Bakos, 2826 Custer Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15227, Phone #: 412-882-1591 and make the check out to Galveston Gals. Male Honorary Members dues is also \$10.00, mailed to me and make the check out to USS GALVESTON CLG-3 and not to me. Any questions feel free to contact me or Jane.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We were informed by Bonnie Dunkle that her husband and our shipmate William C. Dunkle, SN, 60-62, OI Div. passed away on July 12, 2013 and will be buried with military honors on July 15, 2013. Our sincere condolences to Bonnie and their family. He will be added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and was remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. Bonnie is now a "HONORARY MEMBER".

29TH REUNION 2014: The 29th reunion 2014 site is as follows: Holiday Inn and Suites North Beach, 3900 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451, dates are Wednesday, September 17, to Sunday, September 21, 2014. Room rates are \$99.00 (plus tax) a night. For reservations, phone 757-428-1711 and inform them you are with the USS GALVESTON CLG-3 reunion. The reunion farewell will be Saturday, September 20. Any questions feel free to contact me. My cell # is: 609-784-6722 or at home toll free 866-398-2655. Soupy

DECEASED SHIPMATE: I saw a message on facebook from shipmate Dave Love saying that our shipmate Mike Almasey had passed away. I called and spoke with Shirley, Mike's Wife and she verified that her husband and our shipmate Mike Almasey, BM2, 66-68 passed away due to cancer. Our sincere condolences to Shirley and their family. Mike is added to the shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and will be remembered in the two bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis. Shirley is now a "HONORARY MEMBER". MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: I received a e mail from shipmate Keith Hedley informing me that we had lost a shipmate. To verify this I called the phone # of the shipmate. I spoke with Gene Van Winkle and he informed us that his father and our shipmate Glindell "Rip" Van Winkle, RDC, 68-69 passed away on July 29th. Glindell will be added to the shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis. For those who were at the reunion in Memphis TN, Glindell made that reunion. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. His son Gene is made a "HONORARY MEMBER" and is a part of the USS GALVESTON family. Our sincere condolences to the family.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We have been informed by Becky, the daughter of our shipmate Lilbourne "Rusty" Draper, LCDR, 63-65 that he passed away on aug 9th due to multiple health problems. LCDR Draper will be added to the shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. His daughter Becky is made a "HONORARY MEMBER" and is a part of the USS GALVESTON family. Our sincere condolences to the entire family.

DECEASED GALVESTON GAL: We have been informed by shipmate Yorke Nelson that his wife Gladys passed away on August 19 due to years of dementia. Gladys will be added to the Gals "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis. Our sincere condolences to Yorke and their family. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

28TH REUNION: After the dust settled and all the cancellations were in, we went from a total count of 184 down to 148 who attended. The Hotel was beautiful and the Staff was Outstanding in all respects. They couldn't do enough for us. From all the compliments from the Gals and Shipmates I believe everyone also loved the hotel and the staff. More to follow.

Gals Sec/Treas Note: Thanks to all that made this years Auction a sucess. I am on the mend, a BIG THANK YOU for all the Prayers, and well wishes. Looking forwar do Va Bch. Jane

Shipmates Asst Sec/Treas Note: Hope everyone who bought a Reunion Shirt enjoys your piece of history. We have started to work on a unique design for the Beach. Watch the newsletters for a preview, and ordering info. Bob

Gals VP Note: Dear GALVESTON Family, wow! What a wonderful reunion! Several have told me that it was the best one yet! I know for sure that it was great for me! Sorry I didn't get to say good-bye to everyone. I was just plum tuckered out. Too much fun and I had a early date with our newly elected shipmates vice-president to catch a plane. I really appreciated his help getting me settled in a wheelchair and luggage checked. Thanks a million! A quick health check for your info: I have breast cancer and will have a mastectomy on Oct 1. I am going to be fine, so no worries please. Just another bump in the road. I'm ready for Va Bch. I'll see you there. Don't miss it, I understand the the ladies will be doing a fashion show wearing bikinis. As always I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! YOU ARE MY FAMILY AND MY SUPPORT. THANKS FOR ALL THE LOVE YOU SHARE WITH ME! XOXO SWEETHANG Linda

Shipmates VP note: A quick note to congratulate all shipmates on another successful reunion. I was elected as the new Shipmates Vice President with the blessing of my friend John Parker (past Vice Pres.). Although my time on the GAL was measured in months and not years, it was the most memorable of my 26 year military career. My goal is to assist in preserving the legacy of not only the great USS GALVESTON but the legacy of all her sailors, marines and their families. Hope to see you all in Virginia Beach. Earl Fisher

28TH REUNION Cont'd: A great thanks for the Convention Services Manager, Debbie Rayburn and her right hand man Miguel Ganona who took care of every need that came up for our GALVESTON Shipmates and Gals from the day we arrived until the day we departed. Also, the rest of the entire staff at the hotel were outstanding and took great care of all our needs also. The Officers and some of the crew arrived on Sunday. The Officers had their meeting with all the Management Personnel on Monday. Check-in day was Wednesday. We had our Hospitality room in the Clayton Building, which was right next store to the Main Hotel. Everything was running fine. The reunion dinner was on Friday evening (for the last time) and the Pekin High School JROTC, from Pekin, Illinois, put on a performance of the POW/MIA/KIA Gold Star Mother's ceremony. It was so impressive, I didn't see a dry eye in the house. After the performance the whole room gave a standing ovation for their performance. The clock drawing was held at the dinner and the winner was George Dionysius. The 50/50 drawing was held next and the winner was John and Linda Parker in the amount of \$1170. Saturday morning was the Shipmates/Gals Reunion Business Meetings and right after was the Gals Auction. At the Shipmates Business Meeting we had Nominations and Elections for Pres and Vice Pres of the Association. Stan Shock was relected Pres and Earl Fisher was elected Vice Pres, their tour is for two (02) years. Then there was Nominations for the 2015 Reunion Site (West Coast). The winner for the reunion site is Portland, Oregon and 2nd place was San Diego, California. On to Portland, Oregon in 2015. Sunday was Check-out day. Hope to see a great turnout in Virginia Beach, Virginia in 2014.

The Pres and I have already started everything rolling for the reunion in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We have a great hotel picked, right on the beach, and normally our East Coast always has a great turnout for the reunions. So, come on down. Do not forget that the Reunion Dinner is now on Saturday Evening. Our President will be turning in a By Law change to the effect of adding a day to the reunion. In other words: Check-in on Tuesday and Check-out on Sundays. The reason being, it adds a extra day for tours, etc. You will have the opporunty to vote on this if you are at the reunion business meeting in Virginia Beach. Hope to see you all there. If you make it, I guarantee you will have a great time. This year we have the Phillips Tour Company handling the reunions. I am attaching the tours separately. Please keep them somewhere and don't lose them. Any tours you will be attending, please use the form attached, circle the tours you will be going on and mail them to me, along with the check, made out to the USS GALVESTON CLG-3. All tour monies will be turned-in to me and I will disburse them to the Phillips Company when the time comes. Please take note, once you have paid for the tours, there will be NO refunds. Any questions, refer them to me.

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