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DUES FOR SHIPMATES/HONORARY AND GALS: The dues for Shipmates/Honorary and Gals are due on October 1st. For shipmates it is still \$20.00 and are mailed to me at the address in the Newsletter letterhead, and make the check/money order 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/money order out to Galveston Gals. Male Honorary dues is also mailed to me and is \$10.00, and make the check/money order out to USS GALVESTON CLG-3 and not to me. Any questions, feel free to contact me or Jane.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: Shipmate Bob Schol, USMC has informed us that he found out a buddy of his passed away around 10 years ago. His buddy served on the GAL, Terence L. Danielson, SGT, USMC 65-67 and then transferred to NAM, where he received two (02) Purple Hearts. Terry is added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and will be remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in Colorado. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE.**

DECEASED GALVESTON GAL: We were informed by shipmate Jack Kaufman, USMC, that his wife and our Galveston Gal Barbara Jean Kaufman passed away in her sleep 19 June after a losing battle with cancer. Our sincere condolences to Jack and his family. Barbara will be added to the Gals "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in Colorado. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We were informed by Eric Gongola (Nephew) that his Uncle and our Shipmate Bob Sala, FTSM, 62, has passed away. Bob resided in Concord, NH. He will be added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in Colorado. Our sincere condolences to the family. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE.**

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We were informed by Shipmate Bob Schol, USMC, that he found out that another Shipmate from the Marine Detachment John M. Neilsen passed away approximately 20 years ago due to cancer. He is added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and will be remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We were informed by Charles Titus, that his father and our shipmate Elmer Titus, BT1, 65-66 passed away due to Diabetes. He is added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and will be remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in Colorado. His wife Barbara is added to the "HONORARY MEMBERS" Roster. They resided in Baltimore, Maryland. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We have been informed by Shipmate John Folsom that he was trying to track down one of his shipmate friends and instead found his obituary. The shipmate was William R. Marinak Jr. He was in the X-1 Division in 1965, and retired from the U.S. Navy after 21 years. If any shipmate happened to know him and what his rating was please advise the Secretary/Treasurer, Soupy Campbell. He will be added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and remembered in the two bell ceremony at the reunion dinner. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

TAPS:

ATKINS, LARRY, FT2, 2012
DANIELSON, TERENCE L., SGT USMC, 2002
KAUFMAN, BARBARA, 2012
MARINAK, WILLIAM R. JR., 2011
NEILSEN, JOHN M., USMC, 1992
ROCKWOOD, JAMES D., 2012
SALA, ROBERT D., FTCM, 2012
SCHOEMICK, LINDA, 2012
TITUS, ELMER I., BT1, 2012

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

28TH REUNION 2013: We will be staying at the Hilton St Louis Fontenac, 1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St Louis, MO, 63131. The dates are Wednesday, September 11 (check-in) thru Sunday, September 15, 2013 (check-out). Rooms are \$89.00 (plus tax) per night. For reservations call 314-993-1100 or 800-325-7800 and tell them you are with the USS GALVESTON CLG-3 Shipmates Association. Reservation hours are Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM and Saturday 9AM-1PM. Cut off date for reservations is Wednesday, August 21, 2013. E-Mail reservation: www.stlouisfontenac.hilton.com. There is Shuttle Service to the hotel from the airport and from the hotel back to the airport.

DECEASED SHIPMATE: We have been informed of the passing of Shipmate Larry Atkins, FT2, *58-59 (Plankowner) on Nov 2. He is added to the Shipmates "DECEASED ROSTER" and will be remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis, MO. His wife Paula is added to the "HONORARY MEMBERS" roster. Our sincere condolences to Paula and the family. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

DECEASED GALVESTON GAL: We have been informed by shipmate Jerry Sschoemick of the passing of his Wife Linda on Thanksgiving. Our sincere condolences to Jerry and their family. Linda will be added to the Galveston Gals "DECEASED ROSTER", and remembered in the two (02) bell ceremony at the reunion dinner in St Louis, MO. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

The 27th Reunion in Colorado Spring, CO. Started off without a hitch. Unfortunately we had two shipmates who had to cancel their attendance due to Heart Problems, Harry Reich and Jack LaBarth. While at the reunion we had our Gals Vice President Linda "Sweetthang" Hawkins went down and had to be taken to the hospital. They found out that her body had stopped producing protein for her body. They had to keep her in the hospital even until the reunion was over. Just for information, Sweetthang, Harry and Jack are all coming along very well. The reunion had one of our smaller groups attending in the amount of 154. The tours were handled by a tour company for the first time. Unfortunately, due to the fires, the tour of the Flying W ranch had to be canceled. All in all in spite of the people cancelling, those of us at the reunion still managed to have a good time. The reunion Farewell Dinner went well. Our Color Guard was a High School NROTC from the Wasson High School, and they did a OUTSTANDING performance. At the reunion business meeting there was a nomination again to have the reunion farewell dinner on Saturday evening rather than Friday evening. The nomination was approved. Commencing with the reunion on the East Coast Norfolk, VA 2014, the reunion farewell dinner will be held on Saturdays.

After the reunion was over I was scheduled for a operation to have a small mass removed from my Colon. I was informed by the surgeon that the mass was not cancerous, which was good news. Unfortunately while I was in rehab for the surgery I had a bad heart attack and was Helicoptered to a different hospital. To make a long story short, after four (04) weeks in the hospital and three (03) weeks in a rehab home, I was able to go home. This was why there was no October Newsletter put out. I am doing well now and back in the saddle. I hope to see a great big turnout of shipmates/gals and honorary members at the reunion in St Louis. There are no tours scheduled, just like it was at the reunion in Galveston, TX. You can make your own tours. Maybe the Hotel can help you in this area.

50/50 TICKETS: I am including the 50/50 tickets in this Newsletter, and that is why everyone is getting a hard copy and not e-mail. As always I mail 10 tickets to everyone and of course it is not mandatory to buy or sell these tickets. If you do not buy or sell the tickets, please do not mail the tickets back, just throw them away. The tickets are 10 dollars for 10 tickets. If you are buying them or selling them, please just send the half of the ticket with the name and address on it, not the other half. The winner of the 50/50 for 2012 drawing was Merle and Sharon Apel who received \$1100.00. Congratulations to them. You do not have to be present to win the 50/50, if you are not present you will be mailed a check as soon as I get home from the reunion. We will also be having our USS GALVESTON Clock Raffle (one clock). The tickets are 10 dollars for 5 tickets (two dollars each). If you wish to get tickets for the clock raffle just mail me a check and I will mail you your stubs and put your tickets in the pot.

BLUE GALVESTON SHIRTS: Years back we used to have in the Ships Store a Short Sleeved, Navy Blue Golf Shirt (w/pocket), and over the pocket was embroidered in Gold Letters "USS GALVESTON CLG-3", and that is all there is (no pictures screened). I have had shipmates asking about them. If you wish to order one of these shirts the price is \$34.00 (with shipping charge of \$6.00) each. Just mail me a check with a note giving me your size. I have also been informed by the dealer that if you wish he will embroider your name on the other side of the shirt for a charge of \$7.00. If you wish to have your name on the shirt, please put that on the note along with your size. If you have any questions concerning this note, please feel free to contact me.

28TH REUNION DINNER: (Please Print), I will be attending the Reunion Dinner.
Names: Please include any guests attending with you.

The above will attend the dinner Fri., Sep 13, 2013. Price \$39.00 per person.

REUNION BUSINESS MEETING: At the reunion business meeting this year we will have nominations for the reunion site for 2015 the West Coast. If you want to know what states that entails, go to the Verizon Yellow Pages and look on Page 17, Customer Info Guide. Also, remember if you make a nomination be prepared to give a presentation as to airport availability and tours there would be to go on. There will also be nominations and election for President and Vice President. Any questions feel free to contact me.

REMINDER: This is just a reminder to ALL HANDS, if you are attending the reunion that while you are at the reunion we DO NOT talk politics or religion while we are in the hospitality room. We are there to tell our SEA STORIES, drink, socialize and renew old and make new friendships. ANY QUESTIONS????????
Soupy Campbell (the enforcer) ha ha ha.

REUNIONS: This note is for those of you who have never attended a USS GALVESTON reunion. You don't know what a GREAT time you are missing out on by not being there. It doesn't matter when you served on the GAL, 58-70, when we all get together we all tell our sea stories. It is just like being with family and old friends. If you don't believe this come to a reunion and see for yourself. Soupy

SHIPMATES VICE PRES NOTE: John and Linda wish all the Shipmates and Gals and their families a Very Merry Christmas and the best for a Happy New Year. Hope to see all of you later, meet me in St Louis. God Bless all of you. John and Linda Parker

GALS VICE PRES NOTE: Hey Ya'll, Merry Christmas from the sunny south and a New Year filled with happiness, good health, and lots of love and kisses. Since I missed just about all of the reunion in Colorado Springs, I can truly say that if you were there, you probably had a much better time than I did. My bout with Geiring Barre Syndrome was very scary to say the least. If this had to happen I was in the very best place to receive treatment. I must say a special thanks to you guys that appeared out of nowhere and lifted me into a chair. All I know is that Donna and I were walking to breakfast and were in the hallway all by ourselves and then wham: I fell and there you guys were. You can't imagine what a comfort you were to me. Thanks to whoever called the EMS! They were there by the time the guys had me in a wheelchair. Time is of the essence when this condition hits. I saw the concern in every ones eyes when I finally realized that I couldn't feel my legs. However I questioned whether it was necessary to go to the hospital. Thank goodness I finally said ok. An extra big THANK YOU to my BFF Donna. She went with me and stayed with me as long as she could, sleeping in a push back chair beside my bed. Special hugs and kisses to each one that took the time and effort to come to the hospital to see me. This gal really felt the love! I know that it was hard for some (Soupy) to come. It was such uplifting for my heart and spirits! Linda Parker sat with me while Donna had to run back to the hotel--you're an angel!!!! The gifts, flowers, cards, phone calls, texts and most importantly your prayers were greatly appreciated. I enjoyed each and every one. Prayers definitely were heard and answered. Mama I loved your visit and your words of comfort. Your cards still bring me strength. You now have another daughter that you didn't give birth to. We all LOVE you so much and me in particular! I am making progress every day, still in therapy and still using a walker (but am walking with it), and the most annoying thing is that I still can't drive! Hoping to do that some time after the first of the year! My heart is full every time I think how much I love each of you and how much love you show me all the time and even more when I am sick. Thank you more than words can ever say. Now, the time to rejoice is now! Soupy and I are looking for the upcoming year to be great. We have had so many that were and are sick that I can't mention them all--you know who you are and you are on my prayer list.

I love you and look forward to seeing you in St Louis!! I owe each and all an extra hug and a few extra kisses when I see you!! I'm way behind since I didn't even get to see some of you in Colorado. I'm on pins and needles waiting to see you then! In the mean time, know that this Georgia Gal, Southern Belle love you-you

TOURS FOR REUNION IN ST LOUIS: We will not be running any tours for the reunion in St Louis, MO., just like Galveston, TX. Those wishing to go on tours may contact the Visitors and Convention Bureau and ask to speak to Jenny Malone, phone number: 314-342-5091 or e-mail to jmalone@explorestlouis.com. Any questions feel free to contact me.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: I know I put out the same message every reunion, but this year it really matters. I am telling you that if you are coming to the reunion and staying at our hotel then please try to make your reservation early. This year we will be having our own building for the early reservations people and after those rooms are filled the rest of you will be in the regular hotel, which is across a walkway about 30-40 feet from the other building. Also, the Hospitality Room will be in our own building (where the snacks and booze will be) ha ha ha. So as I said, I highly suggest that you make your hotel reservations very early this year. Once again, any questions feel free to contact me.

DUES FOR 10/2012-10/2013: According to my records the following listed personnel have not paid the Association Dues as yet: AFRICA; ALTADONNA; ALTVATER; AMOS; ANDREWS; ANSBERRY; ANTONINO; ARENDT; F. ARNOLD; ASHTON; ATIEH; AUDYATIS; AUSTIN; T. BAILES; BAKER; BATTERSON; BEASLEY; BERGER; BIERCE; BOWERS; BRAWNER; BRINER; T. BYRNE; CALDWELL; BOBBY CAMPBELL; BURIE CAMPBELL; CANNOE; CAVANNA; RANDY CHAMBERS; CHERRY; JIM CLARK; COCCO; CONNOR; JIM COOPER; CRETE; CROSS; CRUDDAS; DAMBOISE; DANGLER; DASINGER; F. DAVIS; W. DAVIS; DE ARMAN; DEBS; DETEMPLE; DICKEY; DIFRULO; DONALDSON; DOTTS; DOWLAND; DOWNEY; DUSTMAN; ELLIOTT; EVANS; FARMER; FELTON; FERGUSON; FERNANDEZ; FIELDS; D. FISHER; E. FISHER; FORTE; FRASSATO; FREITAG; FULFER; GAHAGAN; GEE; GIBBS; GLEASON; GUNN; HAMILTON; R. HAMMER; HAMMOND; HANLON; R. HAWKINS; HAYES; HAYHURST; HEDLEY; HEYZA; HIERS; HILL; HOFSTETTER; HONEYCUTT; HORNE; HIORSTHEMKE; HOULE; HUDSON; JANNEY; JEFFREYS; JOHNSON; E. JORDAN; KERNER; KERSEY; KILE; KIRK; KROLL; LABARTH; LAKEY; LALLY; LANDON; LARGENT; LARSEN; LEITCHMAN; LEVINE; LONGFELLOW; LONGSTREET; LOVE; MACLERAN; MARSDEN; MCFARLAND; MCGINNIS; MCMILLEN; E. MCNAMARA; BOB MEREDITH; MESSER; METZKER; MICHAUX; MIDDLETON; K. MILLER; MING; MISKE; MITCHELL; MOFFA; MOODY; MORRELL; MOY; MOYNIHAN; MUIR; MUNDA; MURRIN; NAPLES; NEWTON; NIEHOFF; NORQUIST; OLDENDORPH; OLLER; ONDIC; ORGITANO; PATRICK; PAZE; PENNINGTON; PHILLIPS; PIASKY; PICKERING; PICKLE; POLLOCK; POTTS; PREISZ; PURVIS; RAINEY; RANDOLPH; RANSEN; RARAIGH; REPA; REYNOLDS; RICE; F. RICHARDSON; W. RICHARDSON; RICHMOND; ROBBINS; ROSEBUSH; ROSS; ROUCH; RUIZ; SAWYER; SCARBRO; SCHUBERT; SCHULTES; SEDLENIEK; SENIRES; SETH; SHALALA; SHAW; SHUQUIST; SIFORD; SIMON; SMALL; SMIQIELISKI; DAN SMITH; DAVE SMITH; J. SMITH; W. SMITH; SPRING; STAZRIS; STEELE; ST JOHN; STRAH; SUDDUTH; SYDELL; TATE; THIRION; TOLIN; VANDEN BOSCH; WALSH; D. WELCH; E. WELSH; L. WELSH; WHALEN; WHEELER; WICKMAN; WIEFERICH; WILLIAMS; A. WILSON; W. WILSON; WINFREY; G. WOOD; R. WOOD; WOOTEN; YETZ; YORK and YOUNG. If you think my records are wrong please contact me.

SHIPMATES PRES NOTE: Hoping everyone had a joyful Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I want to thank everyone who sent cards to Donna and I, we enjoyed them very much. As usual we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in St. Louis. Last year we had a couple of setbacks that kind of darkened the reunion in Colorado Springs, but all in all it turned out well. This year your officers (as usual) will try to make this reunion the best one yet. We have a couple of new things for you which are still in development yet so I can't say too much now, so stay tuned, I, in turn, will work on my public speaking skills which now are pretty bad. Fair winds and smooth seas. Stan Shock

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2013. Soupy Campbell