



FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

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COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

Season greeting to everyone. I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and wishing all of you and your families a Happy and Wonderful New Year. Next year is the year for our third CAIMAN reunion in beautiful Branson, Missouri. Doug "Smitty" Smith and I will be headed for Branson this coming April to setup and finalize the reunion for the Spring 2008. The Branson Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau is hosting a 3 day planner's conference that Smitty and I will attend. We will see the shows, museums, and taste the restaurants. One day will be set aside where properties will sit with us and explain what their hotels can offer. At this conference we will make sure that CAIMAN shipmates receive the best deals for the 2008 reunion. I talked to Bent Christiansen just before Christmas. His home repair is progressing just fine. Plumbing, electrical wiring and sheet rock are in. The process is slow because of so many homes requiring work to be done and the limited amount of good qualified contractors to do the job. Just a reminder that membership dues through the 2008 reunion are \$10 payable immediately or \$75 for lifetime membership. If you want the complete sailing list from the FLAMIN' CAIMAN web site, current dues are required.

I hope everyone that is able, health wise, to come to Branson next year will start planning on it. When Smitty and I return from Branson we will keep everyone posted as to the dates and the activities that are available for all of us to enjoy. I wish everyone good health and a Very Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope Santa was nice to all of you. There is not a doubt in any of our minds that you were all good boys this year. Keeping this in mind, I hope each of you received everything on your Christmas list – I know all of you deserved everything you asked for. I heard a couple of young ladies made the statement that they knew what you wanted – but did not know how to wrap it.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We recently had two shipmates go on Eternal Patrol, Capt Jack Hawkins and Efrain "Butch" Guingona. As I am informed of the health problems or passing of CAIMAN shipmates, I have been sending emails to the men that served with them. I need to have accurate email addresses to continue this. To inform me of any shipmate's condition, or if you have any doubts as to the information I have for you is correct, please contact me at Smitty's email or through the web site www.flamincaiman.org. One of the purposes of the USS CAIMAN ASSOC. is to keep our members informed of our shipmates.

REUNION IDEAS

If anyone has any ideas on what to add, expand, or delete from the next reunion please contact me. We are always looking for ideas. Remember these brilliant ideas you come up with have to be acceptable in mixed company. There are a few of our shipmates that their suggestions will be looked at very carefully. If you do not have email – my mailing address is:

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HOLLAND CLUB

The Holland Club membership is an honor that US Submarine Veterans Inc (Sub Vets) bestows on a member that has been qualified for 50 years. Joe Waller became a member of the Holland Club in Dec. Pictures are on the web site. At his ceremony, I was honored to present Joe with a letter from the USS CAIMAN Assoc. acknowledging his accomplishment. There are 50 CAIMAN sailors that are members of the Holland Club.

SAILING LIST

Our current Sailing List is up to 893 shipmates. The Sailing List is the shipmates we have located, both still with us and on Eternal Patrol. The lost list is the shipmates we know about and are attempting to locate. Current totals are:

Sailing List:	893
Expected at the next reunion:	548
Eternal Patrol:	345
Lost List:	555

CAIMAN SWEETHEARTS

Carol Field, our Vice Commander's adult supervisor and CAIMAN Sweetheart coordinator, received several emails after the announcement in the last newsletter. She will keep our prettier half's informed as to what will be planned for them. Since Carol is still a bride, she probably does not have any nasty tricks planned for us good guys. Remember, we wore white hats.

HEALTH

As we age we become more concerned about our health. As you might have noticed, our Commander, John "Yeo" Fagereng, has put on a few pounds since our time on CAIMAN. The good news he has lost 23 pounds recently. Judy, his adult supervisor, says she is really proud of the stamina that Yeo has demonstrated during his exercise periods. She also adds that if he keeps up the good work she will be happy to sell, at a reduced price, the cattle prod she purchased a couple of months back. Judy has suggested we add them to our ship store.