



FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALE

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COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone!!! I hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and survived the holidays. It is now a downhill slide until our May 17-20 reunion. If you have not made hotel reservations, here is the number to call 1-800-648-5010 and we want option #1. The total room per night including tax is \$44.27 (pretty good price). You have until April 15th to get our special room rate. We picked tax day so that it will be easy for everyone to remember. Just a reminder – KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESSES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES UP-TO-DATE. Also, be thinking about places to hold our 2012 reunion. Keep in mind that the majority of our shipmates live west of the Mississippi. I have received quite a few invitations from convention bureaus and hotels in the western states. I will bring them up at our May planning session and we can discuss some of the pros and cons before selecting a site for our next reunion. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!! Send in your registration form as soon as you can so we will be able to finalize the reunion at the Circus Circus Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada. SEE YOU THERE!! John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

REUNION DATES

As several of our shipmates have noticed, there was an error in the last newsletter. The reunion dates are May 17th to the 20th, 2010. In our Commander's Scuttlebutt, he listed the end date as the 22nd. I suggested we send Yeo back to typing school or A School. He said his keyboard stutters. You now have the correct dates. The secretary/editor/mailler is not responsible for the accuracy of articles submitted. This allows me to point fingers and blame someone else.

NEWSLETTERS

We are now offering either email or snail mail for the newsletter. Our mailing list is over 600 now and it is becoming to expensive to mail the newsletter at \$1000 for each quarterly edition. We believe we have found a way to cut expenses so we will have more money to buy beer at the reunions. You can continue to receive the newsletter through snail mail or we now offer an email option. All our shipmates that have furnished us with their email address have received an email offering this option. If you have not received an email we do not have your current email address. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter via snail mail do nothing, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email send your email address to #flamincaiman@comcast.net. Yes, this is a new email address just for CAIMANITES. To stop spam programs from pulling a valid email address off the web page we add an invalid character to the front of the address. So if you use the email address in the web version of the newsletter, delete the first character. Any questions call me at 360-377-4763.

DRESS

This is casual time so dress accordingly. Most of us are in Levis and tee shirts or polo shirts. Many wear shorts and sandals. The banquet is business casual or pants and a shirt. Vivian will have to ensure that the Goat wears pants. As long as you are dressed for the street it will be OK. We are at the reunion to enjoy ourselves so let's do it. Ladies, please dress comfortably and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

REUNION REGISTRATION

The reunion registration and the hotel reservations close on April 15. Yes, it is in the newsletter twice for a reason. Guess what the reason is? You will need to make reservations at Circus Circus or where ever you plan to stay AND SEND ME BOTH SHEETS OF THE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM THAT IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. I need both sheets. One is your registration information and the other is your order form and the name tag we will use on your bag of goodies.

NAMES

After being around submarine sailors for a few years, I know that many of us go by names that are not on our birth certificates. So make sure your wife writes in the name you want on your name tag. Yes, I know who the brown baggers have to fill out their registration form.

REGISTRATION FEE

If your Association dues are paid till 2010 or later, you and your guests are free. So you have a choice of \$10.00 Association dues or \$20.00 reunion registration fee. Tough decision isn't it.

LUNCHEON

The Tuesday luncheon is a buffet. After the luncheon we will have some short introductions and then some fun and a very short business meeting. The business meeting will include two votes, 1) to change the reunions to yearly or leave at every two years and 2) our Vice Commander is up for re-election. Remember to campaign for votes Hoofs will buy the beer Tuesday afternoon. Make sure you are there to listen to his campaign promises. Then you can help us hold him to all the promises he makes.

VIRGINIA CITY TOUR

The Virginia City Tour includes a round trip bus trip, a train ride around Virginia City and lunch. If anyone stays at the hotel instead of taking the tour, I will have the hospitality suite opened for them - if I can find a responsible person to be in charge.

BANQUET

For the final banquet you will have a choice of three main dishes. Or should I say you can pick one of the three main dishes. After the banquet we will have a drawing for several prizes. Tickets may be purchased when you register or in the hospitality suite.

SAILING LIST

If you check the appropriate space a copy of the latest sailing list will be in your goodie bag. Since this is a complete sailing list with addressees, phone numbers, and email addresses, we ask that you do not leave it lying around. Your board works to keep this information away from anybody other than a CAIMANITE. I have had other subs email me for a shipmate's contact information. I tell them I will contact the CAIMANITE and let our shipmate decide if they want to contact the other sub. You make the decision on who receives your contact information.

GOLF

There will be a golf tourney for the pasture pool fans. If you are interested in playing, place the number in your party that will be playing in the appropriate blank on the registration form. The good news is I am not planning this, a golfer is. He knows the questions to ask and understands the answers.

SCOOTERS

If you will need or want a scooter place a check in the blank on the registration form. You will have to pay the rental fee, but depending on the number we rent we should get a good price. We will have the scooters waiting at the hotel.

POLO SHIRTS

We worked with our supplier and have found some good quality polo shirts in lieu of tee shirts this year. We tried to place a good representation of the colors on the order form. After you make your selection, (size, color, pocket, dolphins, and embroidery choice) compute the total and transfer the dollar amount to the front page. I know everyone will want 5 or 6 and don't forget all the grandkids. They would be thrilled to have a shirt with the name of the sub Grandpa rode. Yes, I will check your math and I get to keep any over payments.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Circus Circus has an airport shuttle that starts at 0530 and runs every half hour. You do not need to call the hotel. After you pick up your baggage, go out Door "D". The shuttle will pick up you there. If it is not there it will be along shortly.

MOTORCYCLISTS

If you plan to ride a motorcycle to the reunion, write MC on the top of page 1 of your registration form. I will arrange special parking for us in the garage. Since I am arranging the parking you know it will be close to the door of the hotel. If you haven't guessed I am riding. Remember safety in numbers. Usually the more bikes parked together the better our chances of keeping people and kids off them. Why is it ok to sit on my bike but not ok to sit inside or on top of someone's car.

PARKING

For all you unfortunate people that have to ride inside one of those 4 wheeled devices, Circus Circus has a covered parking garage. There is a covered walkway into the hotel/casino. There is uncovered parking for motor homes next to the covered garage. You **CAN NOT** stay in a motor home parked at a hotel in Reno.

HOSPITALITY SUITE

As per CAIMAN's SOP, the hospitality suite will be open every day until midnight. This is where the sea stories will be flowing. It will be in your best interest to visit often and stay late to ensure that all the "true experiences" where your name comes up, are told correctly. In other words blame the guys that did not make the reunion. Most stories start with "Do you remember the guy" or "Do you remember when".

SHIPS STORE

The CAIMAN ships store will be in operation at the reunion. We will have many of your old favorites and some new items. As you probably guessed CAIMAN makes a couple of bucks on everything we sell. So be sure and spend so you can have free beer at the reunions. We take checks and that green stuff.

REUNION COMMITTEE

We will be asking for volunteers for the reunion committee after the luncheon. Anyone that would like to make suggestions, campaign for a city or area is welcome to join. The committee will come up with 4 or 5 places to hold our next reunion and then all CAIMANITES at the banquet will get vote for their choice. The location chosen will be announced at the banquet. As per our bylaws only CAIMANITES will vote, but I am sure all the wives/lady friends/partners will be able to voice their opinion. I know my wife would have. If I had listened I would still be "happily married".

ETERNAL PATROL

We have had some shipmates receive orders for Eternal Patrol. They will be missed
GREENE, Joseph CWO2 (52/53)
LAMBERTSON, Tommie LCDR (53/54) June 2009
CHAQUICO, Howard IC2(SS) (63/64) September 2009
KLEFSKY, Arthur TM1(SS) (49/55) September 2009
ALGER, Charles G. EMCM(SS) (46/_) October 2009
McINNIS, Carl L. TMCS(SS)/LCDR (49/49) October 09
PRICE, Horace T. RMC(SS) (63/68) November 2009
Sailors, rest your oars.

STILL COUNTING

We have had some changes in our numbers since we found a couple of shipmates that were not on the lost list and I had the honor of changing one shipmate from Eternal Patrol to live and kicking. He was glad to learn he was not on Eternal Patrol. If you attend the reunion, you can count on: 1) telling true stories with your old shipmates and 2) have fun meeting new shipmates. We always have a huge turnout. (Other boats are envious) We are out to set a new attendance record of 150 CAIMANITES plus guests. So, set your course for Reno in May and get ready for the best ever USS Caiman reunion. Here are our latest stats:

Sailing List:	1215
Expected at the next reunion:	579
Eternal Patrol:	636
Lost List:	212

"Think of it this way: Where can you go to sea in the most AWESOME piece of equipment ever built, have great chow, outstanding shipmates and piss off Ivan AND GET PAID FOR IT?"



U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323)
2010 REUNION REGISTRATION

May 17 – 20, 2010 – CIRCUS CIRCUS, RENO, NV

Reservations 800-648-5010

(Hotel and all event reservations will close April 15, 2010)



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____

NAME DESIRED ON NAME TAG: _____

GUEST NAME _____

GUEST NAME TAG _____

GUEST NAME _____

GUEST NAME TAG _____

LIST ADDITIONAL GUESTS NAMES AND NAME TAGS ON THE BACK

PLEASE CHECK ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE USED:

CIRCUS CIRCUS ROOM _____ RV PARK _____ OTHER _____

REGISTRATION \$20.00 (includes GUESTS) \$ _____
(ASSOC MEMBERS AND GUESTS FREE)

WELCOME BUFFET LUNCHEON (TUESDAY) # _____ @ \$25.00 PER PERSON \$ _____

VIRGINIA CITY TOUR (WEDNESDAY LUNCH) # _____ @ \$45.00 PER PERSON \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER (THURSDAY)

PRIME RIB # _____

CHICKEN PARMESAN # _____

PORK TENDERLOIN # _____

TOTAL # _____ @ \$35.00 PER PERSON \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

CAIMAN POLO SHIRTS TOTAL (FROM ORDER PAGE) \$ _____

DOOR PRIZE TICKETS # _____ @ \$3.00 EA, 4 FOR \$10.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO & SEND THIS PAGE AND POLO SHIRT ORDER PAGE TO:

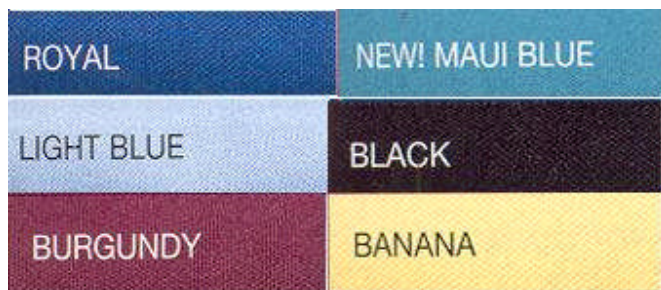
USS CAIMAN SS 323 ASSOCIATION
3835 B MAPLE AVE
BREMERTON, WA 98310

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____

CHECK FOR A COPY OF THE SAILING LIST (DELIVERED AT THE REUNION) _____

IF PLAYING IN GOLF TOURNAMENT (THURSDAY) LIST NUMBER OF PLAYERS _____

CHECK IF YOU WILL NEED TO RENT A MOTORIZED SCOOTER _____



TO ORDER POLO SHIRTS:

- 1) LOCATE SIZE DESIRED,
- 2) CIRCLE THE COLOR DESIRED,
- 3) CIRCLE POCKET - IF DESIRED,
- 4) CIRCLE THE DOLPHINS DESIRED,
- 5) CIRCLE LETTERING DESIRED.
- 6) WRITE TOTAL NUMBER ORDERED FOR EACH SIZE ON THE LINE TO THE RIGHT.
- 7) WRITE TOTAL POLOS ORDERED AT THE BOTTOM AND MULTPLY BY \$23.00.
- 8) TRANSFER TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT TO FRONT PAGE.

SMALL	ROYAL BLUE	LIGHT BLUE	BURGUNDY	MAUI BLUE	BLACK	BANANA	POCKET	
	SILVER DOLPHINS	GOLD DOLPHINS						
	USS CAIMAN SS 323	US SUBMARINE VETERAN						_____
MEDIUM	ROYAL BLUE	LIGHT BLUE	BURGUNDY	MAUI BLUE	BLACK	BANANA	POCKET	
	SILVER DOLPHINS	GOLD DOLPHINS						
	USS CAIMAN SS 323	US SUBMARINE VETERAN						_____
LARGE	ROYAL BLUE	LIGHT BLUE	BURGUNDY	MAUI BLUE	BLACK	BANANA	POCKET	
	SILVER DOLPHINS	GOLD DOLPHINS						
	USS CAIMAN SS 323	US SUBMARINE VETERAN						_____
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	SILVER DOLPHINS	GOLD DOLPHINS						
	USS CAIMAN SS 323	US SUBMARINE VETERAN						_____
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	SILVER DOLPHINS	GOLD DOLPHINS						
	USS CAIMAN SS 323	US SUBMARINE VETERAN						_____

TOTAL _____ X \$23.00 = _____
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PLAN OF THE DAY

- **Monday, May 17th**
 - 1000 Hospitality Room Open. Early bird Registration
 - All day - Soft drinks and beer
 - 2400 Close Hospitality Room
- **Tuesday, May 18th**
 - 0800 Hospitality Room open. Continue Registration
 - 1200-1400 Welcome Luncheon
 - 1400-1500 Business Meeting following Lunch
 - 2400 Close Hospitality Room
- **Wednesday, May 19th**
 - 0800 Hospitality Room open.
 - 0930 Board Buses for Virginia City Tour and Train Ride
 - 1500 Return from Virginia City Tour and Train Ride
 - 2400 Close Hospitality Room
- **Thursday, May 20th**
 - 0800 Hospitality Room Open
 - 0900 Golf Tournament
 - 1600 Photography session
 - 1700-2300 Cash Bar
 - 1800-2300 Banquet
 - 2400 Close Hospitality Room
- **Friday, May 21st**
 - See you in two years!
 - Have a safe trip home