



# FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

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## COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and wish all a Happy New Year!!!! I will see you in May at our 6<sup>th</sup> CAIMAN reunion in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It is usually a beautiful time of year in Northern Idaho so we can enjoy the lake, the different cruises, golf, fishing, shopping and just relaxing at the resort during our reunion stay. As I have said before, we are not getting any younger and it is sometimes a chore just to stay healthy. So please plan to come and enjoy your shipmates and friends, May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Good news – the hotel has easy access from the major highways into CDA.

From the West on Interstate 90, take exit 11. Take a right and follow the yellow line. Just passed a city park the hotel will be on your right.

From the East on Interstate 90, take exit 11. Take a left and follow the yellow line. Just passed a city park the hotel will be on your right.

From the South on highway 95, after crossing the bridge, take the Northwest Blvd exit. Take a right and follow the yellow line. Just passed a city park the hotel will be on your right.

If you are coming from the North, you live in Idaho and probably know the way.

## RVERS

Blackwell Island RV Park is the closest RV Park to the hotel. They also have spaces to park your RV if you want to stay at the hotel.

From the West on Interstate 90, take exit 12. Take a right and follow highway 95. After crossing the bridge, take S. Marina Dr. into the Blackwell Island campground.

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## WEATHER

Good news, this year has been drier than normal in the Pacific Northwest and the predication is the winter will be mild. This means no problems getting to the reunion next year. You have just lost an excuse for not attending the reunion in CDA. If you haven't already, start making your travel plans now.

## FLIERS

For those arriving by plane, you will land in Spokane, WA. The hotel is giving us a discount on their shuttle from the airport. When you made your hotel reservation you should have told the hotel you need a shuttle ride. If you didn't, call them and add it to your reservation. It is a long walk, so add the shuttle to your reservation.

## WASHINGTON DRIVERS

Since many of you will be driving through Washington State, I believe you deserve a warning. Washington drivers have a fetish, it is beyond a love affair, with the left lane on freeways. You will notice that many, many drivers cruise in the left lane at the speed limit or slower. Why is anyone's guess? The good news it is legal to pass on the right on freeways because it is the only way around many of them.

## REMEMBER

You need to make your own reservations, hotel, RV Park or other, and send me the attached reunion registration form and a check. The first so you have a place to sleep and shower. The second so we know you are attending and will join in the CAIMAN activities. Also we need the number of attendees of each event for planning purposes.

PHONE NUMBERS:

HOTEL 800-688-5253 or 208-765-4000

BLACKWELL ISLAND 208-665-1300

SMITTY 360-377-4763 or 360-731-5233

## SPECIAL DRAWING

We had a diving alarm donated so we are having a special drawing. Rather than put it into the regular drawing the board decided to have a special drawing for the diving alarm as not everybody wants one. For those interested in purchase tickets, they will be the same price as regular drawing tickets - \$3.00 each or four for \$10.00. By the way, diving alarms go for around \$500.00 on the internet. It will make a unique doorbell - if you can convince the wife. That should not be a problem for any smooth talking submarine sailor.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM

Our hospitality room is large enough that we will have plenty of room for telling sea stories, ships store, and, of course, the free beer, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Bring your check book or cash so you can buy some items from the ships store and support CAIMAN's future reunions. Also the Dockside restaurant is next door, so you can take on roughage without having to walk very far. We will have sticky buns each morning and lots of coffee for those than prefer a healthier breakfast than what is served in the restaurant. For those that would like something stronger than free beer, the bar is close and so is the smoking area. Also, the head is a short walk for the deposit of used beer.

## FLAMIN' CAIMAN

As most of you know we have an email address [#flamincaiman@comcast.net](mailto:#flamincaiman@comcast.net) (erase first character). This email address was set up for CAIMAN business so it is not monitored regularly. Please do not use this address for personal use or emails other than ones involving CAIMAN shipmates or other CAIMAN business. So save me some work by not using this address except for CAIMAN business. Thank you.

## MEALS

Our two meals, Tuesday lunch and Thursday dinner, are both plated meals. This means no buffet this time. You will have to choose the main dish you and your guest desire on your registration form. You have two choices for each meal. Don't forget to give me a number on each choice. This will save me calling you and asking how many want each choice. I understand with the big bucks I make in this job I shouldn't be worried about a little extra work – but I am lazy.

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## TOUR

Our excursion this time is a tour of the Coeur d'Alene Lake. We will have an historian aboard to explain the many aspects of the lake. This is a huge lake so it should be very interesting. We will probably see some wildlife also. This is different than the wildlife that we saw in the Horse and Cow. Lunch will be served on board and a no host bar will be available.

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## VICE COMMANDER

The Vice Commander position is up for election this reunion. Chris "Hoofs" Field is running again. So far he is the only candidate. For his re-election campaign, Hoofs is buying the beer Tuesday. If you would like to be nominated, call me and be prepared to buy the beer Monday.

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## EMAILS & ADDRESSES

I have had emails bounce back when I have sent out status of a shipmate. I called and have left messages but have not received answers to all my phone calls. I can't correct your email address unless you tell me your new address. The easiest way is to send me an email with your new email address. This will avoid any confusion in pronunciations and my degraded hearing. My email address is: [#dbfrider@comcast.net](mailto:#dbfrider@comcast.net) (erase first character). Remember we can't mail the newsletter to you if your email address or street address changes and you don't tell us. I know it would be a terrible loss if you didn't receive your newsletter. I want to thank the shipmates that did inform me about an address change.

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## MEDICAL

Since we are all older, excuse me, experienced men, we need to face the fact that we will all get prostate cancer. The only requirements to get prostate cancer are to be male and live long enough for it to show. Every man is different on advancement of the cancer and what treatment is needed. Several of our shipmates have had treatment for prostate cancer. The point is all of us need to get the Goat's favorite exam as often as your doctor recommends.

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## REUNION LOCATIONS

I asked for suggestions in the last newsletter on possible reunion locations. We received one suggestion which I passed to the reunion committee. It does sound like a fun place to visit. Also, I never heard back from St George, UT. I believe it is safe to assume that St. George does not like beer drinking sailors. Their loss. I am still emailing/telephoning some other locations and will pass all information on to the reunion committee. I am sure the reunion committee will have some great choices for us at the reunion.

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## CDA

I have referred to our reunion location as a hotel. A better description would be resort. This hotel/resort has many extras that are not found in the standard hotel. There is a spa with several massages avail with other treatments the ladies will enjoy. The several restaurants have been mentioned in previous newsletters. Of course, a pool and hot tub. If you just want to relax, you can join Dings watching the fish in the huge aquarium while enjoying a latte at the coffee shop. And many shops are within walking distance. The hotel/resort is giving us free parking also. It is covered parking so cars or pickups only, no RVs.

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## QUAL DATE

Remember to have your qual date, month and year, at the reunion in CDA. We plan a little something extra this time. This is everyone – officer and enlisted. Good news, this is not involved with the roast.

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## SUBMARINE MEMORABILIA

This is a reminder that submariners attempt to save our memorabilia either as an association or in a museum. Please be sure your family knows not to throw any submarine memorabilia away. Contact me and I will get it picked up. If you have any items you are tired of storing or your wife doesn't want to dust it anymore – bring it to the reunion. We will either put it into the drawing or give it to a museum. At the reunion in San Antonio, we had several items in the drawing that we received from crewmembers and we also sent some to the submarine museum in Kings Bay, GA.

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## DECK LOG

I update the web site [www.decklog.com](http://www.decklog.com) for CAIMAN. This web site can be used by all submariners to locate shipmates. A non-crewmember can only see general information.

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## ETERNAL PATROL

As always this is a sad duty to have to include this in our newsletter. Our shipmates and spouses will be missed.

Burney, Joseph (57/59) CS1(SS) 3 April 2013  
Gruwell, Roy (65/66) TMC(SS) 18 April 2013  
McKenzie, Marjorie (49/51) Wife 12 September 2013  
Gifford, Jerry (63/67) EN2(SS) 20 September 2013  
Smith, Joseph (56/58) CAPT 16 October 2013  
Shoehigh, Alvin (48/50) YN1(SS) 18 October 2013  
Nester, Barbara (55/57) Wife 23 November 2013  
McDonald, Bryon (62/63) ENC(SS) 26 December 2013  
Sailors, rest your oars.

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## SAILING LIST

Here is our latest stats. As you all are aware the third line is getting larger. I wish I knew how to stop that. I am having trouble reducing line four. Our missing shipmates are hiding well.

Sailing List:	1260
Expected at the next reunion:	533
Eternal Patrol:	727
Lost List:	168

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**Submarine life most of the time is hours and hours of boredom with intermittent terror thrown in to keep you on your toes!**

# FLAMIN CAIMIN MENU CHOICES

## 2 Choice Served Lunch

### CAESAR SALAD

Warm rolls with butter

### USDA PRIME GRADE BEEF MEAT LOAF

Resort made USDA prime grade meatloaf with

Brown-sugar tomato glaze, beef demi glaze

Or

### ASPARAGUS HAVARTI CHICKEN WITH CRISPY PROSCIUTTO

Pan seared chicken with asparagus spears, Havarti cheese,

Chive cream and crispy prosciutto,

### Idaho Mashed Potatoes

### Seasonal Vegetables

Pastry Chefs Dessert Selection

Starbucks® coffee or Tazo Tea

## 2 Choice Served Dinner

### GARDEN GREEN SALAD

Tomatoes, Crouton, Ranch Dressing, Warm rolls with Butter

### FILLET OF COLUMBIA RIVER STEEL HEAD

Pan seared, lemon butter sauce with capers

Or

### ENGLISH SLICED ROAST BEEF

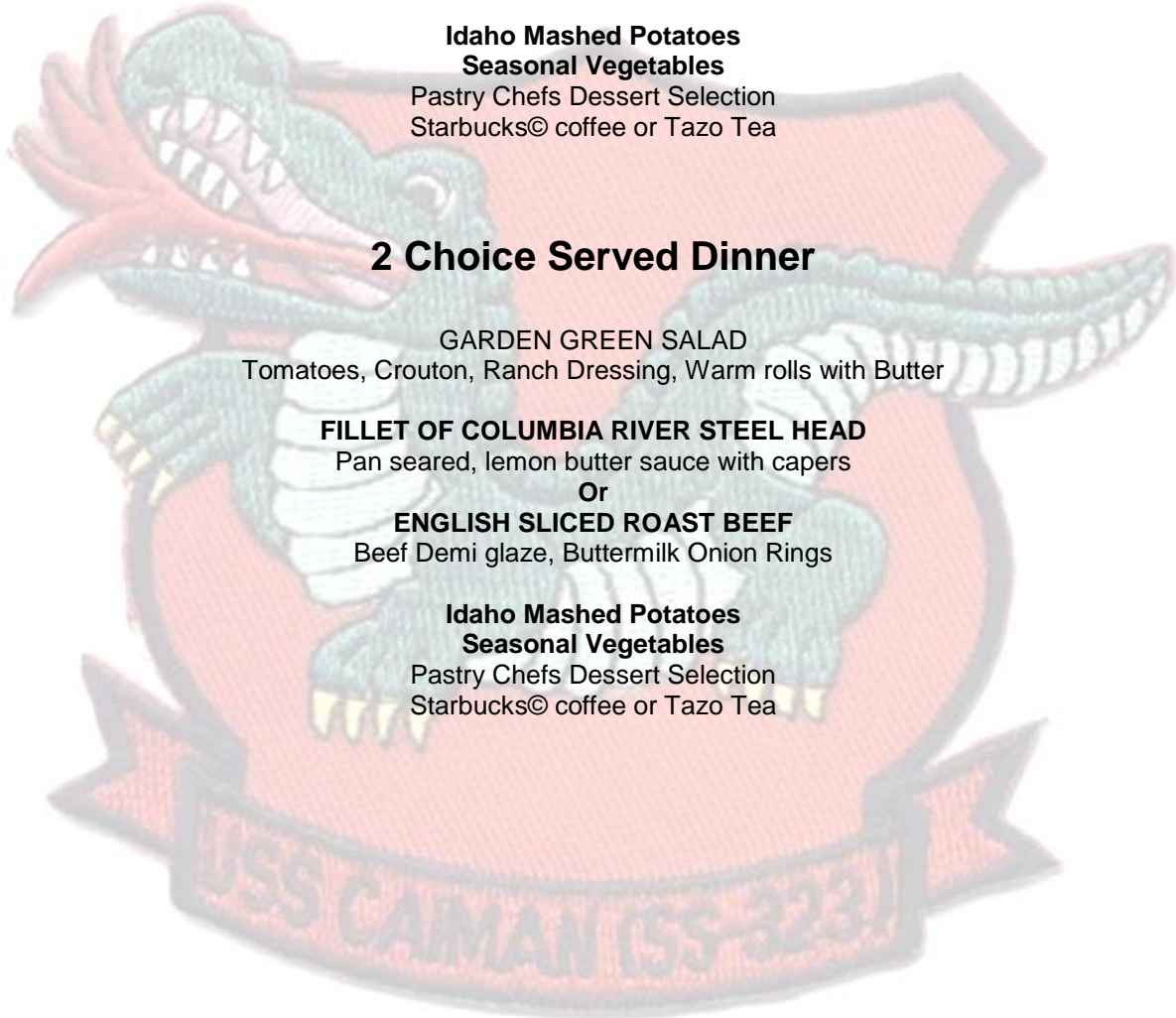
Beef Demi glaze, Buttermilk Onion Rings

### Idaho Mashed Potatoes

### Seasonal Vegetables

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## 2014 REUNION REGISTRATION

May 12 – 15, 2014 – THE COEUR d’ALENE RESORT  
COEUR d’ALENE. ID  
Reservations 800-688-5253  
Or 208-765-4000

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

CHECK ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE USED: CDA RESORT \_\_\_\_\_ RV PARK \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00 (includes GUESTS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WELCOME LUNCHEON (TUESDAY)  
USDA PRIME BEEF MEAT LOAF # \_\_\_\_\_  
ASPARAGUS HAVARTI CHICKEN # \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00 PER PERSON \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE COEUR d’ALENE TOUR (WEDNESDAY) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 PER PERSON \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET DINNER (THURSDAY)  
FILLET OF COLUMBIA RIVER STEEL HEAD # \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGLISH SLICED BEEF # \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$32.00 PER PERSON \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

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

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO & SEND THIS PAGE TO:

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

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

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