



FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

January 2021

COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

Cabernet Sauvignon – I do not understand why anyone would think of trying one of the prescription medicines advertised on TV after listening to the laundry list of warnings of possible side effects. Here is one that does make sense. Do you have feelings of inadequacy? Do you suffer from shyness? Do you feel stressed? Do you wish you were a better conversationalist? If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask your Dr. or pharmacist about Cabernet Sauvignon. This medicine is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident. It can help ease you out of your shyness and let you tell the world that you are ready and willing to do just about anything. You will notice the benefits of Cabernet Sauvignon immediately and, with a regimen of regular doses, you will overcome obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want. You will discover talents you never knew you had. This medicine may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use it, however, women who would not mind nursing or becoming pregnant are ENCOURAGED to try it. Side effects include: Dizziness, nausea, incarceration, loss of clothing and money, table dancing, and a desire to sing Karaoke and play all-night strip poker. The consumption of this medicine may cause you to tell friends over and over again that you love them and that you are tougher, smarter, faster, and better looking than most people. Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Scotch, Vodka or Bourbon and beer may be substituted for Cabernet Sauvignon, with similar results. LIFE IS A CABERNET OLD SHIPMATES!!!!!!

John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

PLANK OWNER

We have lost a hero. One of our two remaining Plank Owners, Doyle Stiner, received Eternal Patrol orders on 29 May 2020. Paul Stokes is our only remaining Plank Owner. These men became our heroes by taking the fight to our enemy. They endured hardships we can only imagine. Thanks to these men and others like them the enemy was defeated, and the USA emerged victorious. We will forever be grateful to these heroes.

HALF PRICE SALE

Our ship's store stock has increased to a point where it has become a storage problem. At the Albuquerque reunion we will be having a half-price sale for CAIMANITES, Adult Supervisors, and guests. We will compute your total price and then divide by two. The price will be rounded to the nearest dollar. We are not messing with coins. You need to be present at the reunion to take advantage of the sale prices.

INVITING SUB VET BASE

I am sending an email to the Sub Vets base in Albuquerque inviting their members to our reunion. I am doing this to maintain good will and hoping that we can also unload more of our ship's store items. They will NOT receive the half price discount.

ELECTIONS

The Association Commander and Secretary/Treasurer positions are up for election at this reunion. Yeo and I are running. Contact me with any nominations. Yeo is campaigning by buying the beer Monday. I am buying it Tuesday. I picked Tuesday because the beer consumption will be less during the luncheon.

REUNION

I have attached the list of shipmates and their guests that have submitted a reunion registration and the reunion registration form for those that have not signed up for the reunion. You need to make your own room reservations. All reservations were cancelled when the reunion was cancelled. The hospitality room is on the 12th floor and the 11th and 12th floors has been saved for us. There are 22 rooms on those floors so if you hesitate in making your reservation you will be on a different floor. You will then have further to walk for your first cup of coffee or whatever you use for an eye opener. If you are changing your adult supervisor or other guests, please call me at 360-731-5233 or email me at #DBFrider@comcast.net (delete the first character). Also notify me if there are changes for the meals or the tour. We will settle any change in fees at the reunion.

USSVI 2021 CONVENTION

The USSVI 2021 National Convention will be held from August 31, 2021 to September 4, 2021 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, FL. The room rate is \$105.00/night plus tax. This room rate is valid plus or minus three days of the convention based on room availability.

The hotel is providing the following:

- Complimentary basic high-speed internet access in guestrooms and public areas.
- The Hotel does not charge resort fees. All ancillary items are charged upon usage.
- Complimentary self-parking for all attendees and free valet parking with a valid handicap parking permit.
- Twenty-five percent (25%) discount will be offered at the Spa at Shingle Creek for all attendees (exclusive of tax and service charge, and it is not applicable to Spa Packages)
- Twenty-five percent (25%) off green fees at the Shingle Creek Golf Club, exclusive of tax and service charge.
- Twenty-five percent (25%) discount at the hotel's Headwaters Lounge, 18 Monroe Street Cafe, ParTake Cafe, and Smooth Java. This discount is not valid for room service or alcoholic beverages or pre-packaged food items and is exclusive of any applicable taxes, service charges and/or gratuities.

Due to the Covid19 Epidemic effects on central Florida, hotel registration, tours and other events information will be posted on the USSVI Convention website when the information is available. If you have not yet joined the USSVI, you should. Go to ussvi.org on the Internet and select "Find a Base" and join 12,000+ submariners.

WINTER IS HERE

Along with returning to standard time, we will have the winter storms and cold weather. According to the weather service the hurricane season is reaching the end for this year. Many shipmates will be glad to hear this. This is a reminder to keep track of your friends and shipmates that live in areas that storms frequent. If any CAIMANITE has a problem, we need to know so we can possibly provide assistance in some fashion. Submariners are known for helping each other and CAIMAN is the best.

NAVY BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, October 13th was the U.S. Navy's 245th birthday.

The United States established its Continental Navy on October 13, 1775, with the procurement, manning and dispatch of two armed vessels assigned to interrupt munitions shipments to the British Army in America. Over the course of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Navy amassed 50 ships with approximately 20 active warships at its maximum strength. Today we have many more vessels and several types of vessels.

IRS

Our yearly notification to the IRS has occurred again. Yearly we are required to file a simple form to inform the IRS that we are still in business as a non-profit organization and our profits were less than \$50,000.00 over the last 12 months. The IRS forces us to use a third party to report this, so we have to pay \$40.00 to tell the IRS this tidbit of information and we owe no tax.

ALBUQUERQUE SIGHT

There are sights to see in Albuquerque that did not fit our requirements. The Sandia Peak Tramway is one of those and is highly recommended. Dings and I did not select it because many people do not like heights and the tram only holds a few people each trip so we could not do it as a group. The Sandia Peak Tramway is an aerial tramway located adjacent to Albuquerque. It stretches from the northeast edge of the city to the crestline of the Sandia Mountains and has the world's third longest single span. It is the longest aerial tram in the Americas. Tickets for seniors are \$20.00 a person and the rides are 20 minutes each way. There is a restaurant at the top.

2021 COLA INCREASE ANNOUNCED

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announced a 1.3 percent increase in the 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans, and Social Security recipients. The new COLA rate is effective December 1, 2020 and the adjustment will appear in the December 30, 2020 payment.

By law, COLA is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. This is a measure of consumer prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the third quarter of the previous year to the third quarter of the current year. It is a little confusing, but that's how they calculate it. It measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation, and education. Since 2008, the annual COLA has been above two percent only once and has been zero three times.

VACCINE

Everyone is hoping that the vaccine will be available soon. It would be great to have life return to something that resembles normalcy or what normal was before hunkering down commenced. We have all been confined in a small space for long periods at sea, but this pandemic is a lot longer and has become tiresome. Life without a mask and using hand sanitizer multiple times a day will be a wonderful way to live. The producers of products like toilet paper, hand sanitizer, PPEs, etc. will be retooling their production lines hopefully quick enough to return to normal demands. Reminder: Flu season is here. The flu vaccine is highly recommended for us "older citizens", a distinction all CAIMANITES have achieved.

ETERNAL PATROL

Our Eternal Patrol list is becoming longer each newsletter. As I have written several times before this is not an article that I want to have to include in our newsletter, but I am attempting to keep everyone informed about our shipmates and friends. Diesel boat sailors are a fading group, the youngest CAIMANITE is 66 this year. I highly recommend you attend the reunions so you will be able to visit with your friends and shipmates while you can.

Brunger, Darrel EN3(SS) (69/72) 2 September 2020
Campbell, Jack Lee EN3(SS) (69/70) 23 March 2016
Canceko, Silvino D. TN(SS) (66/67) 17 April 2012
Fleming, Kenneth L. ETC(SS) (62/62) 2 August 2019
Hall, Roy L. STS1(SS) (62/64) 28 June 2020
Herman, Joseph FN(SS) (53/54) 17 February 1993
Hester, Robert ENC(SS) (64/67) 15 June 2020
Johnson, Harold K. ET2(SS) (50/51) 6 September 1979
Jones, Jesse J. CSC(SS) (70/72) 17 November 2008
Stearrett, Thomas YNCS(SS) (66/67) 26 August 2020
Stiner, Doyle TM3(SS) (44/45) 29 May 2020
Sullivan, John Leo SC2(SS) (45/45) ?
Vail, Jessie L. EMCS(SS) (67/72) 1 November 2020

SAILING LIST

I have located six more shipmates that were on our lost list, but they had received eternal patrol orders. Our lost list has decreased but our reunion attendees are not increasing. One was removed from the lost list because he was only aboard waiting for separation. The requirements to be on our sailing list are: Aboard CAIMAN for duty and qualified in submarines. I predicted earlier that most of our shipmates on the lost list had received eternal patrol orders. It appears, I am sorry to say, that my prediction appears to be correct.

Current status.

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| Located shipmates | 1366 |
| Hopefully at the next reunion: | 435 |
| Eternal Patrol: | 931 |
| Lost List: | 52 |

"No matter where you travel when you meet a guy who's been... There's an instant kind of friendship 'cause we're brothers of the 'phin." "There is a touch of the pirate about every man who wears the dolphin badge."

VETERANS AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES WILL SOON HAVE FREE ADMISSION TO ALL NATIONAL PARKS

National Parks, wildlife refuges and other federal lands will all be free for veterans and Gold Star family members to use starting [Veterans Day](#), 2020. This was announced by the US Interior Department on October 28, 2020.

The change extends to veterans and Gold Star families the existing free admission policy already in play for active-duty troops and their families, as well as Guard and Reserve members. It waives both entrance and day use recreation fees for lands managed by the Department of the Interior nationwide.

While not all of the system's 2,000 public recreation areas charge entrance fees, many of the more popular destinations do such as Yellowstone National Park and Grand Canyon National Park. The fees vary by location. Instead of paying individual entry fees, visitors can purchase an annual "America the Beautiful" pass for \$80. Seniors over age 65 can purchase a lifetime pass for \$80.

Disabled veterans [qualify for the Access Pass](#), which gives free admission and a 50% discount on some costs such as camping or boat launch fees. Other passholders pay out of pocket for those costs.

The new program expands free park access to millions of honorably discharged veterans. To gain access, veterans can present a DoD ID card; a Veteran Health Identification Card; a Veteran ID card; or a state-issued card displaying veteran status, according to the release.

[How to get veteran discounts](#)

While the free pass for active-duty troops can be used by their dependents, the new free-access rule for veterans does not extend to their immediate family members. That means that at parks where entrance fees are paid per vehicle, veterans and their families will be able to enter free using the veteran pass. At parks where admission is paid per person, however, only the veteran will be able to enter free.

Free entrance for Gold Star family members is limited to those designated as "Gold Star" by law. To meet the definition, families must be the "next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a 'qualifying situation,' such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces," according to the release. Gold Star family members will not be required to produce proof of qualification -- at least for now. "For the time being, we will be using an honor system," An individual who identifies themselves as a Gold Star family member at an entrance facility will be thanked for their service and sacrifice and admitted free of charge."

If you are reading the on-line email version of the newsletter, click on the underlined passages above or the links below and you will be linked to web pages for more detailed information:

<https://www.military.com/veterans-day>,

<https://www.military.com/militaryadvantage/2018/04/06/got-va-rating-you-can-get-free-lifetime-national-parks-pass.html>

<https://www.military.com/discounts/how-get-veteran-discounts.html>

2021 ATTENDEES

| NUM | LAST | FIRST | NICK | RATE | YRS | GUESTS |
|-----|--------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------|---|
| 1. | AIELLO | PAT | | TM2(SS) | 60/65 | LIDIA AIELLO |
| 2. | AMATO | SAM | SAM | QM2(SS) | 67/69 | LIBBY AMATO |
| 3. | ANDREWS | JEFFREY | ANDY | QM2(SS) | 67/68 | ALICE ANDREWS |
| 4. | BAER | GREG | HAWKEYE | STSC(SS) | 69/71 | ALICE BAER |
| 5. | BOYER | LAURIN | CLETE | EN3(SS) | 69/71 | JACKIE BOYER |
| 6. | BRINDLE | THOMAS | | EN1(SS) | 63/65 | |
| 7. | BROWN | HAL | | TM2(SS) | 66/68 | |
| 8. | BRUMMERSTED | DAVID | DAVE | LCDR | 65/67 | MAJORIE BELAIR |
| 9. | BRYAN | THOMAS | TOM | ETCS(SS) | 66/69 | |
| 10. | BURY | MIKE | | CS3(SS) | 68/69 | JEAN BURY |
| 11. | CHRISTIANSEN | BENT | YEO | YN2(SS) | 68/70 | COOKIE CHRISTIANSEN |
| 12. | CHRISTISON | RANDALL | MR. C | LT | 68/69 | GINGER CHRISTISON |
| 13. | COFFEY | DAVID | | STS2(SS) | 65/69 | |
| 14. | COLEBANK | PHIL | | TM2(SS) | 67/70 | HARRIET COLEBANK |
| 15. | DAVIS | JOHN | | FTG1(SS) (DV) | 68/69 | VICKEY DAVIS |
| 16. | DENGEL | ROBERT | DINGS | EN2(SS) | 64/68 | RENAY DENGEL |
| 17. | ELLIOTT | MICHAEL | SLICK | QM2(SS) | 66/69 | SHERRY ELLIOTT |
| 18. | ERB | RON | | TM2(SS) | 58/62 | HELEN ERB |
| 19. | FAGERENG | JOHN | YEO | YNC(SS) | 67/68 | JUDY FAGERENG |
| 20. | FARRIS | CARL | | EN3(SS) | 54/55 | DUANE HOUSTON ANDREW SIMMONS KEVIN FARRIS |
| 21. | FIELD | CHRIS | HOOFS | ST2(SS) | 67/72 | CAROL FIELD |
| 22. | FLANSBERG | WAYNE | | EM2(SS) | 55/58 | SANDI FLANSBERG |
| 23. | GARCIA | HUGO | CIA | TM2(SS) | 66/70 | TERRY GARCIA |
| 24. | HARVEY | CHARLES | HARV | QM2(SS) | 58/60 | GAYLE HARVEY CARLA GARRET |
| 25. | JURCHECK | JOHN | | CAPT | 68/70 | NANCY JURCHECK |
| 26. | KREH | RICHARD | RICH | FTG2(SS) | 64/66 | |
| 27. | KURATH | CRAIG | | QM2(SS) | 68/70 | |
| 28. | LUCE | JOHN | BIG JOHN | EN1(SS) | 60/66 | LAURA LUCE |
| 29. | MAES | DENNIS | | TM2(SS) | 67/70 | REGINA MAES DEAN MAES |
| 30. | MAHONY | TERRY | XO | CAPT | 67/69 | BEVERLY MAHONY |
| 31. | MARCOM | LINDSAY | HOT ROD | TM1(SS) | 60/61 | MARGARET MARCOM |
| 32. | MCGAUGHEY | PHILLIP | | LCDR | 57/59 | CHRISTINA MCGAUGHEY |
| 33. | PLUMLEE | MARION | SCOTTY | MMCM(SS) | 68/71 | |
| 34. | POSPISIL | WARREN | POPS | TMC(SS) | 70/71 | |
| 35. | PUNZEL | PHILLIP | | TM1(SS) | 69/72 | MELVINIA PUNZEL |
| 36. | RIGGS | BRUCE | | ET2(SS) | 70/72 | BONNIE RIGGS |
| 37. | RUGGLES | LARRY | | ETR2(SS) | 63/64 | LOREAN RUGGLES |
| 38. | SCOBLIC | TOM | BIG STONE | STS3(SS) | 67/70 | NANCY SCOBLIC |
| 39. | SHAFER | GERRY | GT | LT | 64/68 | LORI SHAFER |
| 40. | SMITH | DOUGLAS | SMITTY | ET1(SS) | 67/69 | CHERYL COFFEY |
| 41. | STARR | GERRY | | CSCS(SS) | 62/63 | CHARLOTTE STARR |
| 42. | TANEY | GEORGE | | ENC(SS) | 69/72 | MARGARET TANEY JAMES TANEY JESSICA TANEY |
| 43. | TROUTMAN | JOHN | | LCDR | 66/68 | SUSAN HEILMAN |
| 44. | TURNER | SAMUEL | SAM | MMCS(SS) | 66/68 | RUBY TURNER |
| 45. | UNDERHILL | ARTHUR | | RM2(SS) | 71/72 | SHELLEY UNDERHILL RON KOHNER MIKE SEDOR NANCY SEDOR FRANK MASSEY KATHIE MASSEY |
| 46. | VASSER | ALBERT | | IC3(SS) | 71/72 | ALLENE VASSER |
| 47. | WHEELER | DAVID | | RMCS(SS) | 66/68 | |



U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323)



2021 REUNION REGISTRATION

April 26 - 29, 2021 – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
1901 UNIVERSITY BLVD, ALBUQUEQUE, NM 87102
RESERVATIONS 877 227-6963 or 505-884-2500
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20 MARCH 2021

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 USED: CROWNE PLAZA ____ RV PARK ____ OTHER ____

REGISTRATION FEE **\$ 10.00**

WELCOME LUNCHEON (TUESDAY)

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

ACOMA TOUR & CASINO (WEDNESDAY) # _____ @ \$65.00 PER PERSON \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER (THURSDAY)

BEEF # _____
CHICKEN # _____
TOTAL # _____ @ \$40.00 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
7050 WHISTLE LANE NE
BREMERTON, WA 98311

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

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