



# FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

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## COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

Greetings to all shipmates and families – Our 5<sup>th</sup> reunion has been finalized as Smitty and I traveled to San Antonio to set it up. The best deal was at the "Holiday Inn Riverwalk" which is better than all the other hotels in San Antonio that are near the downtown area. Topping that is our Wednesday tour to Fredericksburg, Texas to visit the Nimitz Museum which is the best museum in the country on WWII in the Pacific. This is an all day event with plenty of eating and shopping establishments. As always, we will be riding from our hotel to the museum in big busses which are comfortable and relaxing. The Riverwalk is one of the most interesting and fantastic places to visit with shops and restaurants of all kinds. Small personnel barges are available to tour the entire river for a one trip fee of \$6, or \$10 for all day where you can exit and enter the barge as many times as you want. Not too shabby. The Holliday Inn Hotel is just 3 blocks from the Alamo. There is a lot to see. It's one of the most interesting places I have ever visited. Smitty and I spent a little time there and we think you will all find it very worthwhile. TO EVERYONE – SAVE YOUR DOLLARS and come to San Antonio next May. I will GUARENTEE that you will not regret it. I expect at least 220 shipmates, wives and friends to attend this reunion. John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

## EMAILS

As I have mentioned before, as a CAIMAN Assn member you may receive emails from two addresses concerning your shipmates [#flamincaiman@comcast.net](mailto:#flamincaiman@comcast.net) [#DBFrider@comcast.net](mailto:#DBFrider@comcast.net). We still have shipmates email addresses that I get returns from because they use a spam filter and have not put these two addresses in as exceptions. It will be much easier for you to enter these addresses in your spam filter than for me to answer emails that require me to get permission, wait for an answer, then send you another email telling you about your shipmates. If you do not list these email addresses as exceptions– you will not receive emails with information about your shipmates. Thank you to all of you that have entered our email addresses as exceptions.

## ELECTIONS

After the luncheon at our reunion in San Antonio, it will be time to vote for the Commander and Secretary/Treasurer to serve for the next four years. Yeo and I will be running along with anyone else that would like the job. If you nominate someone make sure they want the job before you submit their name. To help you decide, Yeo is buying the beer on Monday (all day) and I will buy the beer Tuesday - until the luncheon. The Commander position pays better, so Yeo can afford more beer than I can. If you would like to be nominated, please contact me so we can determine the day you will buy the beer.

## DETERRENT PARK BRICKS

CAIMAN is on five bricks at Deterrent Park, Bangor. Four shipmates have bought bricks, Bob Dengel (64/68), Ed Lovejoy (48/49), Douglas Smith (67/69) and Lloyd Willette (58/61). As I mentioned in the last newsletter the USS CAIMAN Assn has a brick also. Bricks are sold by the Bremerton Base of U. S. Submarine Veterans Inc (USSVI or SubVets) for \$40.00 each. Anyone can buy a brick for themselves or as a memorial for a husband or father. If you have any questions, call me at 360-377-4763 or email me at [#DBFrider@comcast.net](mailto:#DBFrider@comcast.net).

Remember if your copy of the newsletter is from the web site delete the first character in all emails listed here.

## 2012 REUNION PLANNING TRIP

Yeo and I are back from our planning trip to San Antonio. What a fabulous city!! As most people know the Alamo is located there, but the Riverwalk is something you will have to see. Our hotel, The Holiday Inn – Riverwalk, is about three blocks from the Alamo and right on the Riverwalk. In the two and a half days Yeo and I were there we did not have time to explore more than 6 blocks from the hotel on the Riverwalk and could not have eaten in all the restaurants within that small area. The Riverwalk goes through all the downtown area and has more restaurants and shops than an Engineman can count. This is going to be a great reunion and visit to San Antonio. So make plans to be there!!!

## REUNION HOTEL

The reunion will be at The Holiday Inn – Riverwalk. CAIMAN's room rate is \$85.00 a night plus 16.75% tax for a total of \$99.24. Rooms normally go for \$129.00 plus tax so we got a good deal there and no matter how hard we tried, we could not get the tax changed. All of San Antonio hotels charge for parking. The good news is it is on site and covered. The normal rate is \$16.00 a day – CAIMAN's rate - \$8.00 a day. We did talk the hotel into 1 comp night for every 20 nights CAIMAN rents (same as Reno) and four comp parking places. They, as usual, will be in the drawing. Wireless internet (WiFi) is free though out the hotel. The hotel restaurant serves a buffet breakfast that normally costs \$15.00. It will be \$10.00 for all people wearing a CAIMAN nametag. The restaurant also serves a regular breakfast at a reasonable price. The restaurant serves all meals and is open late.

## RV PARKING

There are two RV parks that were recommended by the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau. KOA has a park about eight miles from the hotel. Fort Sam Houston, about eight miles away, also has an RV park for retired sailors. The hotel's parking garage does NOT have room for RV's. There is a lot a short distance from the hotel for parking of empty (no living in) RV's. I will have more information in future newsletters.

## AREA INFORMATION

The San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau will furnish us with maps and information pamphlets about the area. Copies of this information will be available in the hospitality suite. You will want one of these packets as there is a lot to do in San Antonio. Yeo and I plan to arrive the Friday or Saturday before the reunion starts so we will have the tourist information for others that like to arrive early. The CAIMAN rate will be available three days before and 3 days after the reunion dates. More in future newsletters.

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## HOSPITALITY SUITE

The hospitality suite is big enough for all hands and we get to bring in our own drinks and snacks. The hours will be the same as usual, 1000 to 0000 Monday and 0800 to 0000 Tuesday through Thursday. Who ever does not go on the tour on Wednesday will have the key. Coffee and doughnuts will be available every morning.

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## LUNCHEON

Tuesday we will have our Welcome Luncheon. It will be a buffet as usual. We didn't get as good of a deal as we did in Reno but it isn't bad. The board will be introduced as well as CAIMAN Captains and XO's that attend the reunion. That is a hint to the Captains and XO's, show up or we (I) will talk about you. The only CAIMAN business is the election of the Commander and the Secretary/Treasurer for the next four years. Ron Erb will be passing "Pull My Finger Fred" to the next lucky shipmate. Remember, if you are the lucky shipmate, you have to make the following reunion to pass "Fred" along. Since I got the last shot at CAIMAN's own "Couth Goat" Sanderlin, there is no doubt in my mind; he also will have something to say. I have a couple of "candidates" for the 2012 reunion roast. I am sure at least one of them will be there - if both show I will flip a coin.

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## TOUR

Thanks to Bud Hart's recommendation, on Wednesday we are going on a bus ride to Fredericksburg, Texas to visit The National Museum of the Pacific War. Everyone we talked to said this is a tour all will remember. The museum is a self guided tour that takes awhile to complete. The town of Fredericksburg is a German settlement that has many restaurants and shops. After the museum visit, there will be many places for us to have lunch and shop. We believe we have a good price for the buses and we get a group rate on admission to the museum. Here is the web site for the museum <http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/index.asp>

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## FINAL DINNER

For our final banquet on Thursday you will have two choices – beef or chicken. The banquet cost was a similar deal to the luncheon cost. We did the best we could. Just remember if you do not like it – it's the Yeo's fault. The drawing will be after our dinner. So far, the CAIMAN Assn has three items for the drawing, the comp nights, and the comp parking spaces. I have been contacted by some of our shipmates with donations for the drawing also. I doubt we will have as many items as in Reno but I expect that there will be several prizes. Let me know if you would like to donate a prize.

## TRANSPORTATION

The San Antonio airport is huge. All the major airlines and several smaller airlines service the airport. There are two types of ground transportation from the airport. There is the San Antonio Shuttle which is \$18.00 per person or a cab which will cost \$25.00 - \$30.00 a trip. So, if there is more than one of you – take a cab. Car rentals are available at the airport. Car rental may not be the best choice as the hotel is located on the riverwalk and a short distance from the Alamo which will be the main areas that will be visited. Also remember all hotels in San Antonio charge for parking.

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## DUES

Now is a good time to pay your 2010 – 2012 dues. Dues are from reunion to reunion. As usual we will ask a registration fee from all that do not have their dues paid up. It is your choice two years dues is \$10.00. Registration fee will be \$20.00. Or you can send me \$75.00 for life membership and ignore this section of the newsletter forever. I realize three choices sometimes is a load on us, so I suggest you send in \$75.00 and never have to make the decision again. Also, if everyone pays life membership, I can leave this out of future newsletters. That is a hint guys. Plank owners and CAIMAN widows are honorary life members

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## ETERNAL PATROL

This is an item in our newsletter I wish I did not have to include. We received copies of Eternal Patrol orders for the following:

LIBRIZZI, Marjorie, wife of Victor (52/55) 6 Nov. 2010  
MAYTUM, Paul CS3(SS) (50/52) 15 November 2010  
HURTT, Raymond M. STCM(SS) (52/53) 12 March 2011  
ECK, John, TMC(SS) (47/?) 18 March 2011  
MINNIGERODE, John H. B. CAPT (63/65) 1 April 2011  
Sailor, rest your oars.

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## SAILING LIST

We have located six more CAIMANITES since the last newsletter. One was easy - he found our web page. Thanks to Hawkeye's work on the web page as this shipmate, like me, he has a common name. Here are our latest figures. I will continue to ask for any lead on these lost shipmates. If you know the area they are from, another boat they served on, where their wife was/is from, where they lived at anytime, let us know. I have located CAIMANITES using all those methods. Any hint will help. We have CAIMANITES living in every state and Washington DC except Delaware, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Vermont.

Sailing List:	1234
Expected at the next reunion:	560
Eternal Patrol:	674
Lost List:	192

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## REGISTRATION FORM

The registration form will be in the January 2012 newsletter. Out procedure will be the same. Mail them to the address on the form.

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**We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm. –**

George Orwell

While at the reunion in Reno, I was sitting at a table with Goat, Hog, and Rat. This started me thinking about submarine nicknames. We have quite a collection on CAIMAN. The list below is all the nicknames I know from CAIMAN. How many do you recognize?

A J	Cuddles	Harv	Marty	Sib
Ace	Dancing Bear	Hawkeye	Mini COB	Ski
Ang	Dave	HGDU	Monk	Skip
Arky	Dib	Hip Hip	Moose	Slats
Arro	Dill	Hog	Morg	Sleepy
Augie	Ding Dong	Hoofs	Moses	Slick
Baby	Dings	Horse Wink	Mother	Smitty
Barney	Dobie	Hose Nose	Mr. C.	Smokey
Bebop	Dubious	Hot Rod	Muddy	Soup
Beetle	Duck	Hots	Ned	Spook
Beez	Dusty	Huck	Nes	Spooks
Biff	Ed	Indian	Nick	Spud
Big John	EJ	J K	Old Folk	Square
Big Mac	Electric Boat	J. Ratt	Ozzie	Squirrel
Big Ron	Ernie	Jack	Packy	Steve
Big Stone	Eyeballs	Jake	Pappy	Stogie
Black Jack	Fat Arthur	Jan	Pete	Stokes
Boog	Feet	JC	Phil	Stumpy
Bosco	Flotsam	JD	Pig Pen	Subs
Bruno	Foots	Jeff	Pinky	Swede
Buch	Fred	Jes	Pops	TC
Buckets	Frenchy	Joe	Prok	Tess
Bud	Fritz	JP	R C	Tiger
Butch	Frosty	Killer	Rags	Tip
Casey	Gabby	Lefty	Razor Ass	Tom
Cass	Geno	Lensan	Reb	Tommy
CD	Giff	Lewie	Red	Tooley
Chappy	Goat	Little Eva	Robbie	Van
Chico	Golden Sword	Little Joe	Rock	W D
Chief Wahoo	Gordy	Little John	Romy	Warrie
Cia	Greasy John	Lou	Sammy	Whit
Clean Willie	Greasy Willie	Louie	Sandy	Whitey
Clete	Greek	Lucky	Scotty	Wild Bill
Coon Dog	GT	Luke	Scurvy	Willie
Couth	Ham	Mac	Sea Pig	Windy
Crank	Hammerin' Hank	Mag	Shakey	Wizard
Crunch	Harry	Maggie	Si	

Rate or job nicknames -  
How many can you get correct?  
Answers on the back

1	A GANGER
2	GREASY FOOT
3	GROUND CHASER
4	IC MAN
5	IRON HEAD
6	MESS CRANK
7	PING JOCKEY
8	QUARTERGASKET
9	SPARKY
10	STEW BURNER
11	TUBES
12	TWIDGET
13	YEO

**ANSWERS**

1	AUX GANG
2	ENGINEMAN
3	ELECTRIAN
4	IC ELECTRIAN
5	ENGINEMAN
6	MESS COOK
7	SONARMAN
8	QUARtermASTER
9	RADIOMAN
10	COOK
11	TORPEDOMAN
12	ELECTRONIC TECH
13	YEOMAN