



# FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

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## COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

The May 7<sup>th</sup> San Antonio Reunion is upon us. If you haven't signed up to attend you will miss another OUTSTANDING CAIMAN reunion. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> reunion since our first in Colorado Springs and will be great fun and enjoyment for all. I have talked to a few shipmates who would like to attend, but because of personal factors and other obligations cannot attend. We will all miss them and hope to see them at future reunions. Smitty and I are always looking for new cities for our next reunions. Our list of requirements is tough. We always send our list to city visitor bureaus demanding that the hospitality suite be complimentary and include six to eight round tables, ice and containers for our own soda and beer, internet connection, video and audio equipment, and the hotel rate is under \$100. We also must have an excursion for all to enjoy. By the way, we have five cases of imported beer donated to us by one of the local distributors in San Antonio and, as always, Bill Bales (CFO, Sierra Nevada Brewery) is getting us some beer. Hope to get more donations from the letters that I mailed out this past month. See you all in San Antonio, Texas!

John "Yeo" Fagereng, Commander

## TRICARE COMPROMISE

Unencrypted backup tapes containing personal data on nearly five million TRICARE beneficiaries were stolen from a government contractor last September. Information on nearly half of all TRICARE patients was on the tapes and, although TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) initially claimed that the risk of compromise was low due to the complexity of the software, some beneficiaries have discovered unauthorized bank transactions and phony credit card charges. Eight class action lawsuits have now been filed, charging the government and the contractor, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), with negligence in the care of sensitive personal and health information. A motion to consolidate all eight cases into one case was made March 9. Concerned patients can call the SAIC Incident Response Call Center toll-free at 855-366-0140; and international callers can call collect to 952-556-8312.

## DECK LOG

I mentioned in the last newsletter that all CAIMAN shipmates are in Deck log. When a change of status, address, etc is sent to me I also update Deck log. I know all the problems of searching for shipmates so I am trying to make it easier for other shipmates to locate each and every one of us. I noted in the last newsletter that if you have problems changing any of your information in Decklog, I could do it for you. Our own "Couth Goat" wanted me to make him taller, slimmer and better looking. I could possibly make him taller and slimmer, but there are limits.

## EMAILS

We still have members that are using spam blockers on their email and have not added CAIMAN's addresses. As a CAIMAN Assn member, email will be sent from [#flamincaiman@comcast.net](mailto:#flamincaiman@comcast.net) and my email [#dbfrider@comcast.net](mailto:#dbfrider@comcast.net). **Remember delete the first character.** It saves me work if you will add these two email addresses to your spam blocker. You will be updated on any changes to your shipmate's status. Thank you.

## REUNION REGISTRATION

If you have not made your hotel reservations, call or email me. Reservations closed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. As long as rooms are available we can squeeze anybody in but the reservation desk will NOT give you our reduced rate – so call me and I will get the special CAIMAN rate. Remember, you need to send me your registration form. We have eight first timers so the sea stories will be different. We can always use more sea stories, only the true ones of course. We have one Plank Owner attending and another trying to fit the reunion into his plans. His daughter is taking him to Europe and didn't plan around the reunion. This younger generation has different priorities. Bug your shipmates if their name is not on the list of attendees.

## RIVERWALK

The San Antonio Riverwalk, which our hotel is on, is a fabulous place to visit. It would take days to see it all. Besides all the shops, restaurants, and other little places to visit, the walk is very enjoyable. The average May temperate in San Antonio is 75 degrees with about 4 inches of rain. It is shirt sleeve weather, but you will still have to wear pants. We will have enough maps and other information in the hospitality suite so everyone will have their own information on what is available in San Antonio. Remember the entertainment that will be available in the hospitality suite.

## REUNION COMMITTEE

Bob "Arky" Bowlin and his wife are having medical problems. Since he can't make the reunion he asked to be relieved from the Reunion Committee. He nominated George "Crunch" Fore. I called Crunch and explained what we look for in a location and he accepted. Crunch has retired in Texas, but he has pushed a big rig around the country for several years so he has seen much of this country and will be an asset to the committee. The five member of the reunion committee are:

Bob "Dings" Dengel  
 Ray Ferbrache  
 George "Crunch" Fore  
 John "Big John" Luce  
 John Troutman

Note: three after battery, two forward battery. They have all traveled around the US of A and understand CAIMAN's requirements for a reunion location. I am sure they will do any outstanding job.

## REUNIONS

CAIMAN's reunions are becoming noticed by several cities. I believe it is due, at least in part, to the number of people we bring in. I have mentioned before that a big reunion for a smokeboat is 40 sailors. Caiman has averaged for the four reunions we have held, 116 sailors plus guests. That is a lot of income for a hotel and the city. Doesn't it feel great to be wanted by someone other than the authorities? The reunion committee, Yeo, and I are getting information from several cities for the location of the next reunion. All the information will be given to the reunion committee and they will pick the locations that fit our requirements. The ballots with the locations will be voted on after the dinner on Thursday night. As before, the location for the next reunion will be announced after the votes are counted. Remember, if the top choices are within five votes we will have a re-vote on the top choices. The location will be chosen by the most votes. If you have any suggestions, give them to a member of the reunion committee.

## PHONE CALLS

Yeo and I will be in San Antonio Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>, before the reunion. This will give us time to do some sightseeing and get the hospitality suite set up. I forward my home phone to my cell phone when I travel so either number will reach me. I am traveling by motorcycle so you may have to leave a message. I will call you back at my next stop. Yeo has someone staying at his house and he drives a pickup so Judy will ensure he gets any messages. Be nice to Yeo as he stores the ships store between reunions and brings the items with him to the reunion.

## CAIMAN COINS

I will have the extra coins from our other reunions for purchase in San Antonio. If you would like a complete collection of coins or have lost one this will be your chance to purchase a coin to complete your collection. We are only selling CAIMAN coins to CAIMANITES.

## ETERNAL PATROL

Since I have talked to all of you and met most of CAIMAN's shipmates, this is the part of the job that I do not enjoy and it does not get any easier. We have had shipmates receive orders since the last newsletter. They will be missed.

FROMM, Carl EM2(SS) (62/64) 9 July 2011  
THOMASSON, Albert MoMM1(SS) (45/46) 16 Nov 2011  
BARTON, D. Orland EM1(SS) (59/62) 1 December 2011  
BAINS, Richard ET2(SS) (53/56) 12 January 2012  
FARA, Tom QM2(SS) (?/55) 12 February 2012  
SMITH, George H. CWO3 (46/50) 15 March 2012  
Sailor, rest your oars

## SAILING LIST

Here are the latest figures. I am still looking. The numbers have changed since the last newsletter. As I have said before, we are still looking and will quit when the Lost List is ZERO. Once again any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sailing List:	1256
Expected at the next reunion:	559
Eternal Patrol:	697
Lost List:	169

## GOLF

As before, Phil McGaughy is the ramrod for the golfers on Thursday afternoon. He must be doing a good job as I have not heard any complaints and he keeps volunteering for the job. I am sure glad he does as I know nothing about pasture pool. Yes, contrary to what Yeo says, there are things I do not know.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

If any of you fit this category, I have good news. We will have a couple of nurses that will be attending as guests. Some CAIMANITES were smart enough to marry a nurse or send their daughters to nursing school. Now the rest of us get the added benefit. We know they won't be needed as we all have led a very healthy lifestyle.

Some people still don't understand why military personnel do what they do for a living. This exchange between Senators **John Glenn** and **Howard Metzenbaum** is worth reading.

Not only is it a pretty impressive impromptu speech, but it's also a good example of one man's explanation of why men and women in the Uniformed Services do what they do for a living.

### Senator Metzenbaum to Senator Glenn:

"How can you run for Senate when you've never held a 'real job'?"

### Senator Glenn:

"I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I served through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook; it was my Life on the line. It was not a 9 to 5 job where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I ask you to go with me, as I went the other day, to a Veterans Hospital and look those men with their mangled bodies in the eye and tell them they didn't hold a job.

You go with me to the space program and go as I have gone to the widows and orphans of Ed White and Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee, and you look those kids in the eye and tell them that their dad didn't hold a job. You go with me on Memorial Day coming up, and you stand in Arlington National Cemetery, where I have more friends than I'd like to remember, and you watch those waving flags, and you stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell me that those people didn't have a job.

I'll tell you, Howard Metzenbaum, you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men - SOME MEN - who held a job. And they required a dedication to purpose and a love of country and a dedication to duty that was more important than life itself. And their self-sacrifice is what made this country possible.

### I HAVE HELD A JOB, HOWARD! What about you?"

***"These dolphins, once you pin them on your chest, leave deep marks, right over your heart, long after the uniforms have been put away."***

# 2012 REUNION

NUM	LAST	FIRST	NICK	GUESTS	FROM	RATE	YRS
1.	AIELLO	Pat		Lidia Aiello	Evergreen, CO	TM2(SS)	62/65
2.	AMATO	Sam	Sam	Libby Amato Michael Amato	Austin, TX	QM3(SS) (DV)	68/71
3.	BAER	Greg	Hawkeye	Alice Baer	Gig Harbor, WA	STSC(SS)	69/71
4.	BERE	George	Whitey	Terry Smith	Mountain Lakes, NJ	SN(SS)	47/48
5.	BILDERBACK	John	CAPT	Dorothy Bilderback	Gulf Shores, AL	CAPT	62/63
6.	BRYAN	Tom	Tom		Hermiston, OR	ETCS(SS)	66/69
7.	CLARK	Frank		Pat Nichols	Fairfax, VA	LCDR	67/69
8.	COFFEY	David	Dave		West Lawn, PA	STS2(SS)	65/69
9.	COLEBANK	Phillip		Harriet Colebank	Morgantown, WV	TM2(SS)	67/70
10.	CUNNINGHAM	Phillip		Patricia Cunningham	New Port Richey, FL	EM2(SS)	62/64
11.	DENGEL	Robert	Dings	Renay Dengel	Post Falls, ID	EN2(SS)	64/68
12.	EHRNSCHWENDER	David	Lucky	Carol Ehrnschwender	Brookville, IN	CS3(SS)	68/71
13.	ELLIOTT	Michael	Slick	Sherry Elliott	Rolla, MO	QM2(SS)	66/69
14.	ERB	Ron	Big Ron	Helen Erb	Camp Nelson, CA	TM2(SS)	58/62
15.	FAGERENG	John	Yeo	Judy Fagereng	Santa Rosa, CA	YNC(SS)	67/68
16.	FARRIS	Carlyn	Carl	Ginny Farris	Canyon Lake, CA	EN3(SS)	54/55
17.	FLORIANIC	Harvey	Yeo	Elgia Florianic	Houston, TX	YN2(SS)	61/61
18.	FORE	George	Crunch	Janet Fore	Sierra Blanca, TX	RM2(SS) (DV)	57/60
19.	GAIDOS	Jack		Juanita Demas	Honolulu, HI	SO1(SS)	52/55
20.	GAMBLE	Michael	Mike	Terry Miller	Keyport, WA	YNC(SS)	63/64
21.	GARCIA	Hugo	Cia	Terry Garcia	San Antonio, TX	TM2(SS)	66/70
22.	GIFFORD	Jerry	Giff	Sharon Gifford	San Antonio, TX	EN2(SS)	63/67
23.	GOMES	Joseph	Joe		Port Richey, FL	EN2(SS)	51/53
24.	GROVES	James	Sleepy	Janelle Groves	Las Cruces, NM	CWO4	51/53
25.	HARDIN	Mason	Hog		Galax, VA	EMCS(SS)	70/72
26.	HARRER	Neil		Ferrol Harrer	Clayton, CA	ET2(SS)	59/62
27.	HART	Bud	Bud		Klamath Falls, OR	CAPT	61/64
28.	HARTMAN	David			Aiken, SC	EN2(SS)	55/57
29.	HARVEY	Charles	Harv	Gayle Harvey	Grand Bay, AL	QM2(SS)	58/60
30.	HAYES	Charles	Gabby		Morro Bay, CA	RM3(SS)	53/55
31.	HNATOVIC	Ronald	Lefty	Laurel Hnatovic	Seabeck, WA	EMCS(SS)	58/58
32.	HUNNICUTT	James	Buckets		Pensacola, FL	YNM(SS)	68/69
33.	KREH	Richard		Connie Kreh	Stuart, VA	FTG2(SS)	64/66
34.	KURATH	Craig			Sherwood, OR	QM2(SS)	68/70
35.	LOWE	William	Bill		Westminster, CO	CDR	58/60

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36.	LUCE	John	Big John	Laura Luce John Luce	Green Valley, AZ	EN1(SS)	60/66
37.	MAES	Dennis		Regina Maes	Golden, CO	TM2(SS)	66/70
38.	MAHONY	Terry	XO	Beverly Mahony	Seattle, WA	CAPT	67/69
39.	MALSBURY	Gary			Bay City, OR	IC2(SS)	65/66
40.	McCRACKEN	Lester	Mac		Joplin, MO	RMCS(SS)	56/59
41.	McDONALD	Byron	Big Mac	Alice McDonald	Kittitas, WA	ENC(SS)	62/63
42.	McGAUGHEY	Philip	Phil	Christina McGaughey Joanne Frost	Bremerton, WA	LCDR	57/59
43.	MEAUX	Richard	CAPT	Bobbie Meaux	Lafayette, LA	CAPT	70/72
44.	MILLER	Robert	Reb	Erik Miller	Meredith, NH	ETN3(SS)	64/65
45.	NESTER	Cletis	Nes		Virginia Beach, VA	CDR	55/57
46.	NIELSON	Don		Christine Nielsen	Idaho Falls, ID	EN2(SS)	59/60
47.	O'TOOLE	James	Tooley		Anchorage, AK	EN2(SS)	66/70
48.	PITTS	Jack			Horseshoe Bay, TX	RM3(SS)	53/54
49.	PLUMLEE	Marion	Scotty		San Diego, CA	MMCM(SS)	68/71
50.	POSPISIL	Warren	Pops		Washington, DC	TMC(SS)	70/71
51.	REEVES	Walter	Ned Indian	Karla Reeves	Lucedale, MI	TMCS(SS)	65/68
52.	RITSCHER	Bernhart	Bernie	Evelyn Ritscher	Shingle Springs, CA	TM2(SS)	44/45
53.	RUGGLES	Larry		Loren Ruggles	Scottsdale, AZ	ETR2(SS)	63/64
54.	SCOBLIC	Tom	Big Stone	Nancy Scoblic	Ortonville, MN	ST3(SS)	67/70
55.	SCOTT	David	Scotty		Oakland, CA	IC2(SS)	60/62
56.	SEID	Bill		Delores Seid	Casper, WY	IC1(SS)	60/61
57.	SHAFER	Gerald	G. T.	Lori Shafer	Tucson, AZ	LT	64/68
58.	SMITH	Douglas	Smitty	Cheryl Coffey	Bremerton, WA	ET1(SS)	67/69
59.	SMITH	Marvin	Mo	Janet Smith	Summerville, SC	TMCS(SS)	51/54
60.	SORRELLS	Robert		David Sorrells	Shoals, IN	EN2(SS)	51/55
61.	STAHL	Norman	Stumpy	Susan McGill	Henderson, NV	ICC(SS)	58/61
62.	STARR	Gerald	Jerry	Charlotte Starr	Cross, SC	CSCS(SS)	62/63
63.	STEARRETT	Tom	Yeo	Vickie Christensen	McCall, ID	YNCS(SS)	66/67
64.	STOKES	Paul			Kettle Falls, WA	TM3(SS)	44/45
65.	SWEENEY	Thomas	Tom	Kathy Sweeney	Tempe, AZ	ETR2(SS)	65/66
66.	TANEY	George			Carlisle, PA	ENC(SS)	69/72
67.	THORNHILL	Robert			Beaverton, OR	EN2(SS)	51/52
68.	TIPTON	Jim	Tip		Tulsa, OK	ICC(SS)	69/72
69.	TROUTMAN	John		Claudia	Clarksville, MD	LCDR	66/68
70.	TURNER	Samuel		Rubye Turner	Carrollton, AL	MMCS(SS)	66/68
71.	UNDERHILL	Art		Shelley Underhill Mike Sedor Nancy Sedor	Willow River, MN	RM2(SS)	71/72

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72.	VASSAR	Albert	Lee	Allene Vassar	Henderson, NV	IC3(SS)	71/72
73.	WHEELER	David		Jean Wheeler	Miles City, MT	RMCS(SS)	66/68
74.	WHITWELL	Ivan	Whit	Yvonne Smith	Nicole McMurphy	ENC(SS)	64/70
75.	WILLETTE	Lloyd	Willie	Donna Willette	Bremerton, WA	EMC(SS)	58/61
76.	WILLIAMS	Edwin	Greasy Willie	Sharron Williams	Commerce, OK	EN2(SS)	67/70
77.	WILLIAMS	Steven				Son Richard Willams	45/46
78.	ZEMAN	Gerald	Zeke	Nancy Zeman	Bangor, PA	IC2(SS)	58/59
79.	ZINER	Anthony	Doc	Mary Ziner	Dayton Beach, FL	LCDR HM1(SS)	62/63