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Summer is now here and we hope that everyone is making the most of an enjoyable season.

We have a lot of info in this newsletter about all the wonderful things that have happened to the USS Salamonie and her crew.

The reunion in San Antonio was a huge success thanks to the untiring work and effort that was done by John Cooper and his lovely bride Dorothy. At this time we cannot say enough thank you's.

The weather was very cooperative at the reunion.

There were many sites and wonderful things to see. The Riverwalk, by day and night, the Alamo, the cathedrals, buildings and sites.

The banquet was held Saturday night and business for the evening was held.

There was a contingency from the Knight-Bergman Civic Center of Warren, Indiana present. They were Ms. Marilyn Morrison, Janice Jordan and Karen Herr.

Ms. Morrison gave a welcome talk to the association concerning our new museum for the USS Salamonie and her crew.

She then invited all of us to Warren for the Fourth of July festival where they were going to have a float in the parade honoring the USS Salamonie and her crew.

We could ride on the float or walked if we wished.

She then showed a tape that was prepared by Mr. Tom Applegate about the Salamonie and her crew. (It was quite moving and well done)

This tape can be purchased from our web site.

www.salamonie.homestead.com

Tom Applegate is our web master and also “Our Veteran Service Officer”

If you need help with anything, call him at (260) 358-4863 and we can assist you on whom to contact for help.

On Monday we went to Fredericksburg to the Admiral Nimitz Museum for a “SALAMONIE MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION”

The site is very beautiful and the memorial wall is a wonderful site in its self.

The Salamonie is enshrined next to the USS Wasp.

RADM. C. D. Grojean, USN Ret. welcomed us.

Reverend Rollie Polk gave the benediction.

There was an honor guard present and stood at attention while Rollie Masters and Tom Keske unveiled the Plaque

Then the Honor Roll was read and the bell tolled each time as name was read in memory of all who had been re-assigned to a higher command since our last reunion. 42 comrades names were read.

We then had a tour of the entire complex. Then a fine lunch and back to the hotel.

The Memorial Plaque cost was \$2500.00. We received \$1137.00 in donations and gave \$1363.00 from the Salamonie.

The Salamonie Association also donated \$1000.00 for a memorial endowment; where by our plaque, a wreath will be placed each memorial day. The interest money will pay for the wreath. This will be done for as long as the museum will be in existence. John Cooper is our contact person from the museum if anything else is needed.

These monies came from our sales funds. (Books, hats, pins, bumper stickers, donations etc.)

Other new business was the decision for next year's reunion. We did not have anyone to take care of the reunion for San Diego.

Tom Graham sent an e-mail the morning of the reunion stating that if we did not go west that he would host a reunion at Niagara Falls New York for 2004. The floor vote was unanimous for the move.

Herb McIntire has volunteered to host the reunion for 2005 in Florida, somewhere around the Daytona or Orlando area.

Tom Graham and his wife (Jackie) were in Niagara Falls last week and they met with the group in Warren to fill us in on all the details as to date.

The reunion will be June 17 to 20, 2004 at Niagara-Buffalo, New York on the American side.

More will follow as soon as all the details are worked out and finalized.

NOTICE ! NOTICE! NOTICE!

YOU - "WILL NEED YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A PICTURE ID TO CROSS OVER TO THE CANADIAN SIDE" OR YOUR PASSPORT.

Evening tours are being planned for the falls.

Found:

After the reunion in San Antonio, some lady left her sweater at the banquet. It is a white sweater and the tag reads, prophecy by Sag Harbor. If this belongs to your lady, please let me know and I will send it out right away.

After the reunion we had a meeting the following Saturday in Warren, Indiana with state dignitaries.

When the Salamonie was decommissioned, Captain Seiberlich presented a large plaque to the governor of Indiana with the history of the Salamonie on it. It was placed in the office at the Salamonie Dam and was not properly taken care of.

I repossessed it with the help of the people of Warren. A glass cover and some new plaques were made. As politics prevail, they now wanted to present the plaque back to us to present to the museum. To keep peace in the family of politics, we complied. RADM. Seiberlich and several crewmembers were on hand for the presentation along with state representatives.

The Admiral accepted the plaque and then we had a presentation to the museum along with other memorabilia.

To date I have made four trips to Indiana along with other crewmembers taking donated materials to the museum

The fourth of July celebration in Warren was a real nice mini reunion.

The float was beautiful and it was too bad that the weather did not co-operate with the festival.

The sky was clear as a bell and the temperature was 92 degrees. People were boarding the float when all at once the sky turned dark and a severe storm hit and ruined everything. They moved the float about a block under some cover, but everyone still got wet. (But they were having a good time)
The storm was severe and we got 8 inches of rain and a tornado was five miles away from us.
The Salamonie River went into flood stage after that.

The La Quinta Motel, (Official Salamonie motel in Warren) gave us the hospitality room for our get together on the third of July.

The civic center had a nice luncheon for us on the fourth.

We had 18 Crewmen and their spouse's, grandchildren, and family with them. We had 10 states represented.

We are hoping to make this an annual event. An informal mini reunion.

If you are in the area and you stop at the La Qunita, be sure and tell them that you are with the Salamonie and you have a locked in discount rate. It is a perk that they are giving us.

There is a group of ladies that belong to the Red Hat Society, They have adopted four service men that have no family and are in harms way in Iraq. They send them a care package each month and the Salamonie has donated \$100.00 to them for postage for these packages. They are looking for more service personnel to help. If you know of anyone that could use mail and has no one, please let me know and I will tell them.

The Salamonie also made a \$200.00 donation to the museum to help buy showcases for our memorabilia.

There was a six-foot model of the USS Kennebago AO-81 that was given to the Salamonie Association for our museum from Bob Cline, an award winning model ship builder

Larry Owens of Griffith, In. is also going to make a model of the Salamonie for us.

We are in need of any old copies of the Bunker Gazette for the museum. We have copies of 1 to 25 thanks to Al Tankersley. We have them in a portfolio and would like to add more copies if we can. They are on display.

Please continue to check out the web site. Tom is constantly updating and adding links and information.
www.salamonie.homestead.com

DUES:

Your 2003 dues are past due.
They are \$20.00
Please remit dues to:

Tom Keske
771 127th Av NE.
Blaine, MN 55434-3185

Sales:
Book (Memories Of Ole Sal) \$20.00 ppd
Hat \$12.00 ppd
Patch \$12.00 ppd
Lapel Pin \$10.00 ppd
Bumper Sticker \$ 5.00 ppd
Memorial tape (order from Tom Applegate)

If your telephone number, area code, mailing address, zip code, or e-mail has changed. Please let me know.
I have had to drop four names last time because of no forwarding address.

If you don't tell me, and then call and complain as to why you have not received anything. I don't want to hear about it.

If some one passes away and you hear or know about it. Please let me know.

New Finds:

Howard Davey	WT3	46-48
William K. Emmett Jr.	YN3	59-62
Ken Barnes	SN	64
Bill Mucci	BT3	60-62
Homer Moore	RD2	59-63
George R. Prout	CYN3	65-66

Deceased (Honor Roll)

Original Crew *

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Albin T. Cerajewski*		42-45
Delbert K. (Chico) Conover	BM1	48-56
Bernard Jakobowski	BMSN	47-49
Leland McCowan	CS3	62-65
Robert I. Komarek	RD1	50-52
Paul L. Plotts	LTJG	50-52
Larry Johnson	WW2	

Treasurers Report

All Bills are paid.

All Donations have been made.

Complete report was given at the Texas Reunion.

Balance as of: 07/06/03 \$3,664.12
(Tom Keske)

If there is anyone sick or in need or needs help, please call me right away.

Chief Robert McCall is doing well after his surgery.

George and Lois Perrualt each have been given a clean bill of health by their doctors.

I wish to thank everyone who has donated material and their personal treasures to the Salamonie Museum at Warren, Indiana.

With out these items, we could not do it. If you have anything at all that you would like to have in the museum, please send it to me and I will personally take it there.

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Till we meet again, may you and yours have a safe and fun filled summer.

John & Dorothy Lichoff

Marilyn Morrison – Knight-Bergman Center Museum notes and update: We certainly enjoyed the time spent with members and families of the USS Salamonie who made the trip to Warren over July 4th. It was a trip many will not forget as we provided tornadoes, driving rain, gale force winds, and hail as a welcome. For the first time in the thirty-six year history of the Salamonie Summer Festival, the parade was cancelled. However the float has been dismantled and stored for next year. You're all invited for 2004 as preparations are already underway for a week-end of food and fun.

Preparations for the USS Salamonie museum/education room continue, in part due to the financial generosity of members of the crew, which we certainly appreciate. As more and more memorabilia is donated, we continue to update our planning. It is exciting for us and as we spend more time with crew-members and families, we understand the pride felt in the USS Salamonie and our determination increases to make sure your memories are preserved in which you can all be proud.

Marilyn.