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We hope that each and every one had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Prayers for the ill and confined and most sincere condolences for the loss of loved ones.

Reunion - Niagara Falls –Buffalo 2004

June 17 –20, 2004

Hotel name change only:

Park Plaza Airport Buffalo
4243 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York 14225

(716) 634-2300
1-800-814-7000 (NEW NUMBER)

Reservations:

Individual reservation may be made by calling the hotel directly at:
(716) 634-2300 or
1-800-814-7000

When making your reservations you must identify yourself as members of the Salamonie group.

Be sure to inform the hotel if you are in need of a handicap room.

All reservation must be made by 4 weeks prior to June 16, 2004 and a deposit of at least one night in the form of a check, money order, or credit card.

All sleeping room rates are net, non-commissionable and are subject to all applicable taxes.

Each individual will be responsible for his or her own room, tax and incidental charges.

Room rate is \$75.00 per night for single/double/twin/triple/quad in the main building.

For the club level, single/double is \$89.00.

Check in time begins at 3:00 PM.

If anyone arrives before that time and your room is ready, you will be allowed to get into your room.

If your room is not ready, they will have a place for you to store your luggage.

Check out time is 12:00 noon on the day of your departure.

The hotel said that a shuttle van is for all guests, to be used within a 5-mile radius.

There are several churches in the area for those who wish to go to church on Sunday.

They will have shuttle service to and from the airport. Notify them of your schedule.

Host's 2004 Reunion:
Tom and Jackie Graham.

On Wed. June 16, 2004 Tom and Jackie Graham will be arriving. Anyone who would like to come before June 17th or stay after June 20th will get the same room rate of \$75.00.

Send all Banquet and tour checks to:

Mr. Tom Graham
11 Wood Drive
Enfield, CT. 06082
(860) 698-9911

Reunion Itinerary:

NIAGARA FALLS TOUR
FRIDAY: JUNE 18, 2004

Note: Passengers are responsible for having with them proper documentation when crossing and Internal Border.

All U.S. citizens must have either Birth Certificate along with picture I.D. "OR" a passport. (Outdated accepted) DMS cannot be responsible for any passenger denied entry at the Border.

Return will be the passenger's responsibility and "NO" refunds will be issued.

After crossing into Canada via one of our International Bridges, we drive along the flower-lined streets of Queen Victoria Park, bordering the Niagara Gorge. A stop at the brink of the Horseshoe Falls with time on your own to take pictures, stroll the area, visit the Gift Shop or have lunch. (Cost on your own)

Continue sightseeing: Niagara Green House, Sir Henry Oakes Garden Theater, Spanish Aero Car, Queens land Heights Park, Clifton Hill, Casino Niagara, School of Horticulture and the world famous Floral Clock.

Take time for a cruise in the Maid of the Mist. (Cost on your own) Your tour guide will assist you.

Enjoy dinner overlooking the falls in the Penthouse of the Sheraton Hotel.

Tour includes: Deluxe motor Coach, Sightseeing, Dinner, Tolls, Parking and Professional Tour Guide.

Options Available: Maid of the Mist Cruise, Journey Behind the Falls, Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens.

TOUR TIME: 6 Hours – Cost \$59.00 p.p.

TOURS: SATURDAY: JUNE 19, 2004

Naval & Military Park and Buffalo City Tour. The Buffalo naval Park is the largest inland park of its type in the nation.

Tour the USS Little Rock, The USS Sullivans, and the WWII USS Croaker submarine.

There will also be a short wreath ceremony for us.

Lunch will be served on the fantail of the USS Little Rock.

Take time to visit the museum that includes uniforms and memorabilia along with two rooms depicting the Korean War Veterans and individuals that served on destroyer escorts.

A driving tour of the City of Buffalo features famous architectural and historical sites.

If time allows, we will visit the world famous "Our Lady of Victory Basilica National Shrine".

Tours includes: Deluxe Motor Coach, naval park Entrance Fee, Lunch, City Tour and licensed Tour Guide.

Tour time: 6 hours – Cost \$47.00 p.p.

Banquet Menu – Saturday night - 06-19-2004

Choice of Broiled Fish
Roast Prime Rib of Beef
And a combination sliced Filet Mignon & Stuffed Chicken Breast.

If anyone wishes a vegetarian plate they need to specify when they send in the money for the banquet tickets.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

A hospitality room will be made available for us.

Continental breakfast Buffet and Full breakfast buffet will be set up in the café.

Each guest should wear their name badge to receive 20% off the standard rates at that time.

We have to have the banquet money in to the hotel by 10 days prior to our arrival.

Again, send banquet and tour checks to Tom Graham as soon as possible.

Event Photography:

They will do the album for us. They are the same one's who did our Dayton Album.

DUES:

Your 2004 dues are now due.
Dues are from 01/01/04 to 12/31/04.
\$20.00 for the year.

Life Membership:

Age 70-74 \$80.00
Age 75-79 \$60.00
Age 80-84 \$40.00
Age 85-UP FREE

We have a new dues card for this year.
Please remit your dues to Tom Keske.

TOM KESKE
771 127TH AV. NE.
BLAINE, MN. 55434-3185

Treasurers Report:

All bills paid.
No outstanding bills.
All funds combined
Balance 01/09/04 \$3677.32
(This mailing expense has not been totaled yet)

CARE PACKAGES (TROOPS)

The Red Hat Ladies of Warren, Indiana are still sending 4 care packages a month to our troops in harms way. (Iraq)

The Salamonie Association has previously made a donation to help with the expense of the postage, and would like to continue with this worthy endeavor.

Thank you to the individuals that have voluntarily contributed and if any one else would like to contribute, they may send their money to me and I will forward it to the lady in charge.
Ms: Lilly Nutter is the Grand Dame in charge of this project.

New: Shoulder Patch:

John Moliere has donated at his expense the Official Shoulder patch like we wore on our uniforms. "USS SALAMONIE"
The patch is 4 3/4 x 5/8 long
The patch is \$3.00 ppd and can be ordered from me. The money from these patches has been earmarked for postage for our troops care packages.
Patch can be viewed at Salamonie Web Site.
"THANK YOU JOHN MOLIERE"

I was also able to obtain a real nice license plate holder for your vehicles.
It reads across the top our saying:
Any time, Any Weather, Any Where
And in big letters on the bottom.
"USS SALAMONIE AO-26"
I obtained 20 and can get more if needed.
They are \$10.00 ppd apiece and can be ordered thru me.

Ship's Stores:

Book (Memories of ole Sal)	\$20.00 ppd
Hat	\$12.00 ppd
Ships Patch	\$12.00 ppd
Lapel Pin	\$12.00 ppd
License Plate Holder	\$10.00 ppd
Bumper Sticker	\$ 5.00 ppd
Shoulder patch	\$ 3.00 ppd

Honor Roll:

Brian Carter Hume	LTJG	58-61
Mac. A. Cunningham	BT3	59-62
George C. Pappas	YN3	43-46
Roger (Tom) Holton	SN	46-48
Richard Kelderhouse	?	?

Welcome Aboard:

Edward Brousseau	SN	59
Donald Boe	BMSN	56-58
Robert J. Burns	FCSN	47-48

Once again several Crewmembers have moved and left no forwarding address.
Please notify me of any address changes.
Paul Pollara, (FL), John Morrill (NY),
Robert Swartout (VA), Gus Danis (NY)
(WHERE ARE YOU NOW?)

There is a new Tankers Association that has been formed and they are going to have their first reunion in Branson, MO. in September.
More to follow in the next newsletter.

WEB SITE:

WWW.SALAMONIE.HOMESTEAD.COM

Tom Applegate has added two new links to the web site that is of great interest to all.

One link is to the web page for Salamonie Service Ribbons.

The other link is about veterans digest and is very informative to all hands.

Tom has done a lot of work on our web site and is to be commended for all his fine work.

Without him, we would not be where we are today. Thanks Tom.

Special Accolades:

John Moliere QM3, 1962

John has been a faithful and loyal supporter of the Salamonie over my short tenure and has helped us out in several ways.

John was most recently appointed to a very prestigious appointment.

PRESS RELEASE- For Immediate Release:
Moliere Named to Board of the Association for Disabled Veterans.

Effective November 13, 2003, John P. Moliere was appointed to the Board of Advisors for the Association for Service Disabled Veterans.

John Lopez, Chairman of the Board for the ASDV states, "For his considerable experience and expertise in veterans matters, his practical entrepreneurial experience in the federal procurement process and the on-going tireless effort that Mr. Moliere has demonstrated working on behalf of veterans everywhere, especially shepherding H.R. 1460 on both sides of CAPITOL HILL while meeting the needs of his family, business and home American Legion Post 295 in Middleburg, Virginia where he is the current Commander, it is my extreme pleasure to welcome John to our Board"

Mr. Moliere is a service connected disabled Vietnam-era Navy Veteran small business owner.

He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Boston University, which he earned on the G.I. Bill and has done graduate work at the University of Virginia.

Congratulations John from the USS Salamonie

New Life Members:

Varge Wagner, Linwood Giddeons, William Merrow, Edward Ermak, Elbert Neely, James VanAirdale, Lon Fugate, Jack Kaufman, Dick Jones, Edward V. Cincotta.
(Honorary - Mrs. Ellen (James) Thomas)

Salamonie Museum at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center in Warren, Indiana.

According to Ms: Marilyn Morrison,
The work is progressing very well for our room.

They have hired an outside contractor to complete the needed work.

We hope to be able to go back to Warren sometime late in March for the dedication and deliver some more items for the museum.

We are in need of any and all items that you might want to donate to the museum.

Please send to me or contact me.

February 1, 2004 will be our one-year anniversary on the meeting with the committee for the museum for the USS Salamonie at Warren, Indiana.

Medical report:

Wilburn Pulliam is in a home recuperating from injuries. Please send him a get-well card.

Wilburn Pulliam
745 Lucas St.
Scottsburg, IN. 47170-1427

Carl Seiberlich and Raleigh Masters, both had surgery and are recuperating at home.

Robert McCall is doing better and at home.

Gordon Cook is recuperating at home.

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