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With the approaching holiday season, the officers of the USS Salamonie wish each and everyone a happy and joyous holidays and health and happiness for the New Year.

New Find:

Ralph Gray BMSN 53-54

Honor Roll:

Mylen Joseph Kai 56-58

New Life Members:

Roger Reller SN 49-50

Edward Cincotta MMR3 54-56

Dick Jones SN/FC 44-46

Donation Care Packages:

The Red hat ladies have mailed 78 packages and are packing 4 more right now.

The funds are down to \$42.85 left in the treasury and they need some more financial help.

If you wish to send a donation to help defray the postage, then you can send it to:

**Ms: Lilly Nutter
801 Huntington Ave.
Warren, Indiana 46792-9402**

Thank you John Steinhauer for your donation.

**Sick – Ill – Surgery - Recouping:
Please keep them in your prayers.**

**Mike Seidel
Rich Opper
Edward Cincotta
Joe Cuneo
Ron Arhar
Gordon Cook
John Steinhauer**

Newsletters:

Everyone that has an e-mail address gets the newsletter that way.

If you do not want e-mail, but a hard copy, then let me know and I will put you on that list.

The newsletter is also posted on our web site for all to read.

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Tom Applegate has done a wonderful job keeping our site up to date with new additions and updates as needed.

Please keep checking it out periodically.

Where are you?

The following have moved and left no forwarding address.

**Edward Crescent
John Sutherland
Richard D. Peoples
Leonard Purifoy
William Stepancik**

If you move, change address, phone, or e-mail address, please let us know.

2005 Dues are due beginning January 1, 2005

We have a “New” Dues card, which I am sure that you will enjoy.

Please remit your dues to:

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

**Tom also has a new e-mail address.
Tkeske@MSN.Com**

Please pay your dues, as this is what keeps our mailing list and expenses going.

We have two big bills that we have in addition to our mailings and supplies, and phone bills.

We have to pay for the web site, but Tom Applegate does not charge for his services.

We also donate to the Knight-Bergman Civic Center \$1.00 per man for the upkeep of our museum.

Shipmates, it all adds up and we “NEED YOU” if we are to keep this wonderful organization going.

I attended the Fleet Tanker Meeting with my wife and Chuck Layton in Branson, MO. in September.

Nothing came out of this and all ships will continue to have their own reunions as in the past.

Branson is a wonderful place for a reunion and I am recommending that we go there in 2007.

I have already made the necessary contacts if we decide to go.

Reunion – Reunion – Reunion - 2005:

The reason for this newsletter being early is because of a turn of events in Florida that we have no control over.

Due to the hurricanes that came thru Florida and Daytona areas, all the hotels were destroyed or damaged.

They are not taking any reservation, e-mails or calls till February 2005.

This is too late for us to respond.

After conferring with all the officers, we will have a reunion cruise to the Bahamas instead.

Herb MacIntyre is making the necessary contacts for us.

The dates have been changed due to the availability of the cruise.

April 10 – 14, 2005

**Carnival Cruise Line
Ship – Fantasy**

Host: Travel Guide

**Midtown Travel
1008 S. Ridgewood Ave.
Daytona, FL. 32114
(386) 257-1800
Fax: 386-257-5485
valtamore@aol.com**

All reservations are to be made via a credit card.

If reservation is made via fax, then you must include expiration date, name on card and billing address.

Identification:

Required -Passport, or a Birth Certificate with original seal, (NO COPY), and a photo identification.

Government requirement is that everyone has to provide their birthday when making reservation.

**Depart Sunday April 10 at 4:30 PM
(Arrive on board by 12:00 noon)**

Monday arrive Freeport from 8 to 4 PM. (shopping and sight seeing)

Depart for Nassau.

Tuesday arrive at Nassau, dock for 24 hours. (shopping and sight seeing)

Wednesday. depart for home.

Thursday - Arrive 7:00 am, Depart ship by 10:00 AM.

Five days and four nights:

Inside Cabin - \$413.16, plus \$49.00 insurance per person.

Outside Cabin - \$453.16, plus \$49.00 insurance per person.

If a handicap room is needed, please contact Mid Town Travel right away. He needs to know you personal needs ASAP.

**If airfare is booked thru Carnival, (Mid Town Travel)
Transfers are at no cost from Orlando airport, otherwise it is \$50.00 PP.**

Herb MacIntyre did some research and there is a company called “ASTER LIMO” that has good rates, i.e. 5 passenger limo \$165.00 Round Trip.

10 passenger vans, \$180.00 round trip. The math is a no brainier, \$18.00 PP for the van round trip.

Parking at the airport for those driving is \$10.00 per day.

If you come in on your own, it is recommended that you come in a day earlier so that you are sure to make the connection to the ship, otherwise if the plane is late, the ship won't wait.

Deposits need to be in by December 8th, (\$200.00 pp) however, if they show some bookings and secure a credit card, they may extend that date.

Gratuities are \$40.00 per person and you can add that to your reservation or you can choose to pay them on your own.

Dinner options:

WE will all be seated together for dinner at 6:15 pm. each day.

Dinner dress will be slacks and shirts. "NO SHORTS"

If you do not feel like dressing up, then you can go to the Lido Deck and eat from the buffet.

Breakfast and lunch dress is casual. Shorts, etc.

Captains Dinner:

Men - Suit, or Jacket and Tie, Pants. No shorts.

Women- dress or dress slacks.

Drinks:

You will be charged for all the alcohol and soft drinks you consume.

Coffee and tea is free at all times.

Food is unlimited all day and night.

The casino is open and the variety shows are supposed to be fantastic.

Please let me know if you are going to go on the cruise so that we can keep a head count.

Our Salamonie hosts are Herb and Doris MacIntyre.

Herb has done a lot of leg work and time getting all of this info for us on such a short notice.

The Salamonie wishes to thank the MacIntyre's for their service.

If you need to contact Herb:

**His phone number is (352) 759-3417
Herbmac1@aol.com**

This will be our 10th anniversary reunion get together.

AT this time my wife and I want to wish each and every one a Happy Thanksgiving and an Early Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Health and happiness to all and we will see you in Florida.

John & Dorothy

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