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This Issue of The Fantail Scuttlebutt is dedicated in memory of:

JAMES (JIM) & ELLEN THOMAS

Jim was one of the original founders of the USS Salamonie Association. Fair Winds and Following Seas.

New Address. Please NOTE. Tom Keske has moved and his new address and information is:

**Tom Keske
N12782 Three Mile Road
Minong, WI. 54859
(715) 466-5956
keske@centurytel.net**

Welcome on board:

**Edward Duszak EN3 66-68
Dennis J. Ryan MM3 65-66
Joseph Perez CSSN 62-65
Salvatore (Jake) Giacobbe
(Accordion Player) BMSN 60-62
Michael N. Fenlon LTJG 62-63
Paul Spilman S/2C 44-46**

Honor Roll:

**Clyde Morris Strohmeyer 44
James Wheeler MMC 53-54
Lawrence (Larry) Owen
CS3 52-54**

**Roy A. Neierendorf LTJG 50's(?)
Jay Bartle MM3 56-62
James E. Parham LT 49-50
Ellen Thomas 7/01/2005**

**Ill and/or Recovering:
Please keep in your prayers:**

**Lois Perrault
Nicki Zoda – Editor Warren Weekly
Junior Isaac
Carl Seiberlich**

**Richard Gilhuber
7300 W. Van Beck Ave
Milwaukee, WI. 53220-2357
(Richard had a stroke- would like to hear from friends)**

**Web site: USS Salamonie:
“Once I was a Sailor” by Chief Ed A. Hughes has been updated and entered into our web page with his permission. Thank you Chief Hughes.**

**New Life member:
Paul O’Connor LCDR 59-60**

If you are a life member and have not received your certificate and card, please let me know.

DUES:

Dues are now past due and they are \$20.00 a year.

Dues period is from Jan 1 to Dec. 31 each year.

Please send "ALL" dues to Tom Keske.

Donation for Care Packages:

**Harry Gill
Herb MacIntyre
Eile Boucher
Thomas Graham
USS Salamonie Association
David Ditz (Capt/USA one of the troops who received care packages from us and now want's to help back)**

**Note:
If you are donating money for a cause, please specify what it is for, postage, Salamonie Museum, or postage Iraq.**

Red Hats:

Lilly Nutter has sent 119 packages so far to the troops in Iraq. This has only been successful do to the generous donations for postage.

Thank you goes out to all the ladies for their fine work to this great cause.

Personal note: Lilly's son is in grave danger with his third heart attack and Lilly has left for Kansas City to be at his side. Please include him in your prayers.

Moved, no forwarding address. If you know where he is, please let us know.

**Richard Norwalk
News Letter:**

Everyone that has an e-mail address gets their news letter 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 LaQuinta Inn, in Warren Indiana has been sold and is now a Comfort Inn.

Ryan and Kristen Patel are now the owners and have assured us that things will stay the same for us as in the past.

They have renamed the conference room to the USS Salamonie Conference Room.

Reunion Cruise:

The reunion cruise was a huge success with the Salamonie group having more fun than what people were allowed to have. Good food, accommodations, friends, good weather, what more could you ask for?

There were 39 of us and everyone wants another cruise down the line.

A great big thank you goes out to Herb and Doris MacIntyre for the work they had done to make this cruise such a success.

New Item, New Item, New Item.

USS Salamonie men's and women's wrist watches.

You can order the watch's direct from the manufacturer.

The cost's are \$47.95 each.

Please go to the following website to view the watches.

<http://www.chiefsquarters.com/>

Click on watch and clocks to see the Salamonie watch.

**The site and address is:
The Chief's Quarters
Bud Bessey HTC USN-RET
1201 N. Old Pacific HWY
Myrtle Creek, OR. 97457
(541) 863-3144**

**You order the watch thru him and
"NOT" thru the Salamonie
Association.**

**They are going to donate a portion of
the sales back to us for the troops care
package program.**

**Micro Film:
I was able to purchase from the
government archives 14 reels of
microfilm of the Salamonie from the
40's to 1968.
I will try to retrieve all the roster info
that I can. This is going to take a
while and I will keep you apprised on
what I find.**

Knight-Bergman Civic Center:

**The USS Salamonie room in the
museum is on the move. The room is
going to be moved from the second
floor to the main floor and directly
across from the Salamonie Valley
Museum.**

**This move and all artifacts will be
completed by the next Fourth of July
ceremony.**

**We will at that time have an official
dedication ceremony and something
special from the city, but they won't
tell us at this time what it will be.**

BELL.

**The bell of the USS Salamonie AO-26
has been "FOUND" and is now in the
museum at Warren, Indiana.**

**It was located by Lt. Richard Wirin in
an Orthodox Church in Randolph,
New Jersey.**

**Richard found the bell thru a rumor
that the bell was in New Jersey and by
finding the right department of the
Navy in Washington D.C. and thru
their records showing when and
where the bell went.**

**After going to the church and
verifying that the bell was there only
to find out that they had given the bell
to a sister church. They had a picture
of the USS Salamonie and documents
that was with the bell.**

**Richard then went to that church and
found the bell and with the priests
blessing, said that we could have the
bell if we could find a replacement.**

**We purchased a bell for the church
and our bell was loaded into the trunk
of Richard's car.**

**Richard and his son then headed with
a 400 pound bell to Warren, where it
was unloaded by the city street
department and placed on a cart and
wheeled into the museum.**

**A permanent frame is going to be
made and will be dedicated to the
museum next July 4, 2006.**

**There are also more artifacts in
storage in Washington DC and as
soon as the necessary paper work is
completed along with the ownership of
the bell, we will be able to retrieve
everything in storage.**

**Hats off and a “Well Done” LT.
Wirin.**

**There were 34 people in attendance
for this year in Warren and for the
banquet.**

**Along with artifact for the museum,
the Salamonie honored the following
personnel for all of their work on
behalf of the Salamonie in Warren.**

**These people were responsible for the
museum, lodging, floats, web sites and
everything else at the museum.**

**Tom Applegate, Marilyn Morrison,
Janice Jordan, Karen Herr, Jodie
McDaniel were all given watches.**

**Lilly Nutter was given a shirt from the
612 Eng Batt. In Iraq for her work
and the Salamonie donated a check
for \$300.00 for the postage fund.**

**Reunion 2006
Host’s Richard & Linda Dailey**

**The 2006 reunion will be held in Reno
Nevada on May 5th and 6th at the Reno
Hilton.**

**The room rate will be \$79.00 a night.
The regular rate is \$109.00 a night.**

**The price for the banquet has not
been finalized yet and will be in the
next news letter.**

**The Reno Hilton Has:
KOA campground for RVs.
Bowling – 50 lanes.
Shuffle board.
Health club and spa.
10 Restaurants.
Pool.
Shopping mall.**

**Free airport shuttle.
Sightseeing tours to Lake Tahoe and
Virginia City.
Out door sky coaster, miniature golf,
Live music, dancing. and headliner
entertainment.
The hotel is about 2 minutes from the
Reno Tahoe airport and a 5 minute
taxi ride to downtown Reno.**

**More information on registration and
details in the next news letter.**

Officer: New Position

**We are in need of a Vice President for
the association. I have had some
health problems and just in case
something ever happens, we need
someone to be able to step in and keep
this going.**

**Too many people have worked too
hard and too long for this fine
association to not be able to continue.**

**I am ok now, but just in case. You
never know.**

Respectfully yours,

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