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Greetings Shipmates:

It is with great feeling and warmth that we hope to find everyone in good health and happiness for 2009.

The Best Antiques are Old Friends:

Welcome Aboard:

**Michael Hennessey LTJG 64-66
Richard Weaver EN3 61-64
John (Jack) Sharkey SFP3 61-64
Noel Kappauf MR3 59-61
Roger A. Johnson SM2 59-62**

HONOR ROLL:

**Transferred to a higher command
Thomas W. Shuford 50-51
James Scruggs GM3/Lcdr 42-44*
*(Enlisted when he was 16)
William Blind WT3 42-44
George Slater Ltjg 41-42
Douglas J. Kramm LCDR 41-43**

Condolences:

Bill Wages, beloved wife, Carol Ann passed away 8/30/08

**Our deepest sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of a family member or a dear friend.
May God grant them eternal rest.**

**ILL/Surgery/Treatments/Recovery
Please keep them in your prayers and send cards to let them know we are thinking of them always.**

**Richard Kelderhouse
Walt Cottrell
Lois Perrualt
Leonard Buck
Charlotte Buck
William J. Merkel
Thomas Keske
Thomas Graham
Michael Fay
Richard Weaver**

“NOTE” IMPORTANT

The newsletter will change to three times a year due to increased postal rates.

If you want a hard copy, then let me know, otherwise you will have to go to the USS Salamonie web site to read the newsletter.

If you want the newsletter via e-mail, then send me your latest updated e-mail address.

**“2009 MEMBERSHIP”
2009 DUES (donation) are due January 1, 2009. \$20.00 yearly**

We now have a NEW Treasurer for the USS Salamonie.

Please remit all dues donations payable to: USS Salamonie AO-26 and not to Donald Bond.

**All Hands, Meet Donald Bond:
Donald Bond
18940 Filmore Drive
Goshen, Indiana 46528
(574) 533-8835
dbond@aol.com**

Note:

If you are sending money to Don Bond for a cause, specify if it is for postage, Museum, Postage for troops care packages, or other.

Tom Keske is now a trustee and still a Valuable Officer of the organization.

At this time we would like to thank Tom for all his hard work and endeavors for what he had done for the USS Salamonie in the past.

Tom was one of the founders and keystone on getting our group formulated and made it a viable group for veterans, shipmates and family for us all to enjoy.

**“THANK YOU THOMAS KESKE
WELL DONE”**

**Please check out our web site:
www.salamonie.homestead.com**

Tom Applegate has posted some new Health related information vital to all.

**New Life Members:
Michael Mini QM3 54-57
Al Jirik SF2 58-59**

Donations to USS Salamonie Museum.

We now have a new Braided Lanyard for the Clapper of the Salamonie Bell, thanks to David Wood RD3 57-60

We now have in our possession the LARGE MOBIL OIL FLAG that we used to fly while we were refueling at sea, thanks to Roger A Johnson SM2, 59-62

We now have an American Flag that was flown and documented on a combat mission in Iraq from TSGT Douglas J. Lichoff and donated to the USS Salamonie AO-26 museum.

The next item is a real nice addition to the museum. We are not sure if the statutes of limitations have run out or not on the next item.

It appears that while the USS Salamonie AO-26 was in the yards in Boston that some nefarious rogues commandeered the beautiful braided life preserver from the Captain's Gig.

After a general investigation it was determined that some Yard Birds had absconded with the item of interest.

Mean while Jack Sharkey SFP3 64-66 and Richard Weaver EN3 61-64 were able to locate the aforementioned item and proceeded to keep it in storage for safe keeping until the appropriate time to display it properly.

We have a book donated to our ships library from Mr. Richard Armbrust. The book is titled. "Battles Won and Lost"

Kt-Creations is the only company that the USS Salamonie has authorized to use our logo and use our name for sales.

Mary K. Woodruff is a sponsor and also a contributor to the postage funds for our troops and donates a percentage back to us from her sales.

Please keep her in mind as you purchase anything that says Salamonie on it.

**KT-Creations.com (web site)
Ktcreations1@aol.com (e-mail)**

Thank You Mary.

If you have any old pictures of our commanding officers of the Salamonie, we would appreciate a copy for our museum.

The Elegant Grande Dame of Warren, Indiana, Ms: Lilly Nutter At this time the Officers and Crew of the USS Salamonie want to wish Lilly a belated 96th birthday. 12/12/08.

Lilly, you are an inspiration to all who know and have met you in all your endeavors in caring for and sending the many packages to our troops in harms way.

God Bless you and Happy Belated Birthday.

To date Lilly has sent 626 packages due to your generous donations for postage.

The following have made a donation to Lilly since the last newsletter.

Mike Seidel
Tom Graham
Mike Stokes
Dale Hunt
Joe & Marge Cuneo
Linda Jo Isbell
Dorothy Lichoff
William Tracht
Paul H. Lotz
Al Jirik

If you want to contribute to the cause, then send to:

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

Thank your Lilly.

If you have an address, telephone, or e-mail address change, let me know.

USS Salamonie AO-26,
Reunion 2009
04/22/09 – 04/26-09
Nashville, Tennessee
Location;
Holiday Inn Select
2200 Elm Hill Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 883-9770
Complete reunion Package
Includes:
Free Air Port shuttle to Hotel

4 Night stay at Holiday Inn Select

8 Shows/Attractions

3 Days of Area

Transportation and Prime Rib Banquet

Hospitality room

Complete Package Price Per Person:

Two in Room \$515.00

One in Room \$770.00

\$50 per person

Registration.

Deadline for Registration.

“FEBRUARY 14, 2009”

YOU CAN “ONLY MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THRU DEE TOURS FOR THE REUNION:

DEE TOURS

PO BOX 6874

BRANSON, MO. 65615

Curtis@DeeTourstoBranson.com

See attached flyers and registration form.

DO NOT call me as Curtis is handling all reservations.

See you there, Be safe.

John D. Lichoff RM3 57-59

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