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“ALL HANDS”

We solemnly dedicate this issue of our “Fantail Scuttlebutt” to the memory of SSgt Paul Neff II who answered his country’s call and gave his life in Iraq for the United States of America.

SSgt Neff was member of the 101st Screaming Eagles. On November 7, 2003 his Black hawk helicopter was shot down by an enemy missile.

His father SFP3 Paul Neff served on the USS Salamonie from 1964 - 65.

SSgt Neff leaves behind a small son.

We humbly offer our sincere condolences and prayers to our crewmate Paul, Mrs. Neff and family.

Crew of the USS Salamonie AO-26

Reunion – Niagara Falls – Buffalo 2004
June 17 – 20, 2004

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

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

By calling the hotel directly by the numbers above you can make individual reservations.

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 reservations must be made 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.

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

Any one who would like to come before June 17th or stay after June 20th will get the same room rate of \$75.00.

Club level, single/double is \$89.00

All sleeping rooms 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.

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 for all guests is 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 a shuttle service to and from the airport. Notify them of your schedule.

“Host’s 2004 Reunion”
Tom and Jackie Graham.

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 an Internal Border.

All U.S. citizens must have either Birth Certificate along with a 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 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, Queen Island 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 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”.

Tour 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, or
Roast Prime of Beef, or
A combination Sliced Filet Mignon & Stuffed Chicken Breast.

(Important: When making your reservations, indicate which meal you want, and inform Tom and Jackie Graham (860) 698-9911 of which choice you made.)

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 badges to receive 20% off the standard rates at that time.

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

Again, send banquet and tour checks to:
MR. TOM GRAHAM (as soon as possible.)

Pictures: Event Photography:
They will do the album for us. They are the same people who did our Dayton Album.

Dues:

Your 2004 dues are past due:
Dues are from 01/01/2004 to 12/31/2004.
\$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

New Life Member Certificates:

New Life Members: Gordon Cook,
Raleigh Masters, Edward Wisser,
Arthur Delaney.

Please remit "ALL" dues to Tom Keske.

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

After the banquet meal and before our feature speaker the floor will be open for the nomination and election of officers for the following year. (President, Treasurer, Trustee's (2).

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.

Raleigh Masters wants to know if anyone is interested in a mini reunion in Florida. If enough interest, he would be willing to host one.

Raleigh Masters
P.O. Box 934454
Margate, FL. 33093-4454
(954) 972-3518

Honor Roll:

Reassigned to a Higher Command:

Jessie Maiden	MM1	56-57
Frank Galambos	MM3	65-68
Larry Troeller	EM3	58-60
John (Jack) Fudge*	CWO	41-45
Peter Miller	BM2	49-53
Archie H Snyder *	FM3	41
Walter Marchand	T/C2	43-44

* (Original Crew)

Welcome Aboard:

Andrew H. Gant	ENS	57-58
Billy M. Robertson	BMSN	54-55
Tom Faulkner	SK3	63-66
Fred T. Kelley	RM3	53-55
James A. Schrowder	SN	50-

Allan Craig, SH3 63-65, Father was on PT-109 and on 113 Boat, which picked up Gen. McArthur in the Philippines. Allan's father was also awarded the Silver Star for actions in combat.

Salamonie Museum.

The room is finished and will be dedicated May 1, 2004 to the USS Salamonie and her crew.

RADM Carl Seiberlich will attend and accept the room on behalf of the ship and crew.

All hands that are able are invited to attend on this date. There will be a luncheon breakfast for all attending.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the La Quinta Inn in the name of the USS Salamonie.

(260) 375-4800

Please RSVP to John Lichoff if coming

Mrs. Edward L Beach has donated a complete white uniform of Captain Beach's, complete with his ribbons. They include:

1. Navy Cross
2. Silver Star (x2)
3. Legion of Merit w/combat "V"
4. Bronze Star (x2)
5. Navy Commendation Medals w/combat "V" (x2)
6. Presidential unit Citations (x3)
7. Navy unit Citation (x1)
8. One set Gold Dolphins

9. 1 - Submarine pin w/2 Bronze Stars
10. 1 - White Dress Tunic

These may be viewed at our web site.
www.salamonie.homestead.com

Tom Applegate (Webmaster and Service Officer) has done a wonderful job on keeping our site up and updated constantly, for which we are grateful.

Our Red Hat Ladies in Warren, In. are still sending care packages to our troops in Iraq. Thank you to Lilly Nutter and her Grande Dames.

Items in care package: Dental Floss, toothbrush, toothpaste, cotton swabs, cotton sox, box girl scout cookies, box Cracker Jack "WITH" toy, chewing gum, bubble gum, Chiclets, Kool-Aid, Chap Stix, small can smoked sausage, Beef Jerky, Zip-Loc bags (reqsd because sand getting into stuff), Ramen Noodles (Req), gazillions of hard wrapped hard candies of every flavor & description.

In addition to our sales, the following crewmen have made personal donations to help out with postage of the care packages.

Thank you to: John Moleire, John Lichoff, Dean Bayliff, Leon Wright, Chuck Layton, Ron Hix, Allen Jirik, Richard Lieurance, Mike McAllister.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy project may do so by sending his or her donation to John Lichoff.

The Fleet Tanker Association will hold the first reunion at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson, Mo. Sept. 12 - 15, 2004.

If you have any questions contact:
Mel Woodward - President
17540 Cerro Verde Dr.
Yorba Linda, CA. 92886
(714) 985-0778
w71726@aol.com

Salamonie Days: Warren, In.

July 1-4, 2004

A block of rooms have been reserved at the LaQuinta Inn (260-375-4800) for any one who would like to come to the festival and parade.

When making your reservations, be sure and tell them you are with the USS Salamonie.

The parade will be "Friday night" July 3, 2003. On Saturday there will be a cook out from 11:30 to 1:30 for the crewmembers and family of the USS Salamonie.

All hands are invited to come and join in the festivities. Please RSVP.

Everyone that was there last year had a "GREAT" time.

John Moliere wishes to thank all who helped and supported him in being recognized as one of "The Federal 100" in his endeavors on Capitol Hill in passing a law to help veterans.

Tom Applegate has his "April Veterans Digest" posted at the Salamonie web site. Please check out and read.

KT-Creations (Mary K. Woodruff) has a line of jackets and clothing for sale at her web site. She has been with us via Jim Thomas for items.
<http://www.kt-creations.com/>

Joyce Keske also has Salamonie* shirts for the USS Salamonie for sale. Use Tom Keske's address or call (763) 757-9076

We are still in need of any Salamonie artifacts for the museum that you may have and want to donate in your name. Send your items to John Lichoff and I will place them in the museum.

RADM Carl Seiberlich (Capt. USS Salamonie 1968) had an ICD pacemaker inserted 3-18-2004. The operation was a success and he is doing well. You can send him a card at:

Carl J. Seiberlich
1510 Loudoun Dr.
Haymarket, VA. 20169-1120

John D. Lichoff (RM3 57-59)
14 Morley Drive
Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1909
(419) 668-8666
JLICHOFF@NEO.RR.COM