



## *The Fantail Scuttlebutt*

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**The best antiques are old friends.**

**Remit Dues, \$20.00 Donation to:  
Don Bond  
18946 Filmore Drive  
Goshen, IN. 46528  
(574) 533-8835  
dbondin@aol.com**

**Tom Keske is now our new trustee.**

### **HONOR ROLL:**

**Transferred to a Higher Command:  
Coy E. Turner MM3 WWII  
Richard (Dick) Martin DC1 51-53  
Charles (Chuck) Adamson 62-64**

### **New Finds: Welcome Aboard**

**Cruz J. Gonzales GMSN 59-61  
Raymond Thompson BMSN 62-64  
Bob Allen GMG3 64-67**

### **Sick/Surgery/Treatments:**

**Please keep in your prayers and if able please call or send a card.**

**Cecil Blaine**

**Mike McCallister  
Tom Graham  
Lilly Nutter (Fell – Bruises)  
Jodie McDaniel (Auto Accident)  
Charles Stepanek  
James Richards  
Arthur Delaney  
Lois Perrualt  
Rich Opper  
Francis McPherson  
Al Jirik  
Rose Masters  
Dorothy Lichoff - Accident**

### **Condolences:**

**Boyd Hamp on the loss of his lovely bride, Shirley after 37 years of marital bliss, 7/24/08.**

**Tom and Joyce Keske on the loss of their newborn grandson.**

### **New Life Members:**

**Donald Bond  
John D. Lichoff  
Michael McAllister**

**If you have moved, change address, e-mail, or telephone, PLEASE tell me so that we can keep our records updated.**

**NOTICE:**

**Newsletter will change to three times a year due to postage rates increase. If you wish a hard copy, let me know, otherwise you will have to go to the Salamonie web site to read your news letter.**

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

**My e-mail address is:**

**[jlichoff@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlichoff@neo.rr.com)**

**Note:**

**If you are sending money to Don Bond for a cause, PLEASE specify whether it is for postage, Salamonie Museum, postage for troops care packages.**

**We need pictures of our past captains for the museum. If you have a good large picture of a former captain of the Salamonie, we would love to have it if possible.**

**If you are a paid up life member and you did not or have not receive your life members card or certificate, please let me know and**

**I will get it out to you as quick as I possibly can.**

**ALL HANDS:**

**If you are going to donate your pictures or any personal items to the museum, PLEASE make sure that you do not want them back.**

**I do not mind returning them but I live three hours away from the museum and I do not get there very often to be able to retrieve them and get the item(s) returned.**

**I can understand that the family would like to have the items and I will do my best to accommodate you as soon as I am able to get back and forth.**

**Web Site:**

**Be sure to check out our web site as Tom Applegate has posted some new information vital to all, health related.**

**Lilly Nutter has sent 705 packages to date to our troops in harm's way.**

**The following have made donations to Lilly to help defray the postage.**

**Paul Lotz**

**Mike Seidel**

**Joe Cueno**

**C. J. Wazenegger**

**G. H. Cook**

**Eniar Schavland**

**Dorothy Lichoff  
John Moliere  
F. Malclom Fiester  
Eugene Curwick  
Gene Carwick**

**Please pray for our troops in  
harm's way and for a speedy and  
safe return home.**

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

**Reunion, Warren Indiana.**

**The reunion dates are July 2 thru  
July 5, 2009**

**The Parade will be Friday July 3,  
2009 and our banquet will be July  
4, 2009.**

**I have a bank of room reserved at  
the Comfort Inn in my name and  
or USS Salamonie. Either way  
you can make your reservations.**

**Comfort Inn  
7275 South 75 East  
Warren, Indiana 46752  
(260) 375-4800**

**Reunion 2010 USS Salamonie;  
Due to the large number of  
requests we are returning to  
Branson, MO for our large  
reunion.**

**There is a possibility of some  
changes due to the schedule of  
shows for 2010. If any, you will be  
notified ASAP.**

**Donation to the USS Salamonie:  
Walt Cottrell**

**It is official, DD-214's are  
"NOW ONLINE"**

**I tried it to see if it works and I  
got mine back in 10 days. (John)**

**The National Personnel Records  
Center (NPRC) has provided the  
following web site for veterans to  
gain access to their DD214's on  
line.**

**<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>**

**NPRC is working to make it easier  
for veterans with computers and  
Internet access to obtain copies of  
documents from their military  
files. Military veterans and the  
next of kin of deceased former  
military members may now use a  
new online military personnel  
records system to request  
documents.**

**Other individuals with a need for  
documents must still complete the  
Standard Form 180, which can be  
downloaded from the online web  
site.**

**Because the requester will be  
asked to supply information**

essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on those requests by eliminating the records center mailroom and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependants.

#### **COURTESY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS:**

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military style hand salute during the playing of the National Anthem, thanks to the changes in federal law that took place in February 2009.

#### **SALAMONIE ITEMS ON THE WEB:**

Many sites are offering USS Salamonie shirts, caps, and misc. items for sale.

None of these sites has our permission to use our name for their sales and we do not get any royalties from any of them.

**“ONLY ONE VENDOR SITE”** is authorized and has our

permission to use our name and is a gracious sponsor also to our fund for packages to troops in harm's way (Lilly Nutter).

That is K-T Creations.

Mary K. Woodruff  
749 Head of the Bay Rd.  
Suite 12C  
Buzzards Bay, MA. 02532-2144  
(508) 743-8327  
[KT-Creations1@aol.com](mailto:KT-Creations1@aol.com)

Please give her preference in your purchases of said items.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations are in order to Pat & (Henry RMSN 46-47 Deceased) Selmer.

Their grandson Tommy Batchelor (13) now has the lead role in the Broadway Hit Show “Billy Elliot.”

#### **Salamonie Reunion 2010:**

April 21 – April 25 2010  
Branson Towers  
Branson, Mo.

Thank you Don and Dee Bond for covering for me at the Nashville Reunion due to circumstances beyond my control.