

USS T. J. Gary Reunion Group

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Greetings Shipmate:

Sheila and I are enjoying our travels around the south. We left home Jan 8; spent 6 weeks in Gulfport, Miss. Then over to Florida for about a month visiting family and friends. Sheila's Mom had knee replacement surgery while we were there. Then off to Tallahassee for the mini reunion. We are now in Myrtle Beach (where we are doing this newsletter) and will be home about the 1st of May.

The mini reunion was a great success thanks to Alan & Colleen Baker and Frank & Pat Perrella who provided an excellent lunch. We had dinner at Western Sizzlin. This was after an enjoyable day of sea stories. Attending were Alan & Colleen Baker; Frank & Pat Perrella; Jack & Shirley Kidd; John & Karen Phillips; Ed & Betty Elsenheimer; Bob Cincar; Mr & Mrs John Madison; Shawn Baker; Mark Baker and Ron & Sheila Day.

I have to apologize to Bill & Jean Thompson for not listing them with the attendees at the reunion in Branson this past August.

New shipmates are: Martin Dandridge 3310 Drexel Dr. Dallas, TxX75205 EN2 59-62; Ted Martin 4157 51st St. San Diego, CA 92105-2207 STG1 64-65; Don Bonham 200 Birch Lane Summerville, SC 29485; Jack Rogers 896 East Hill Rd. Richmond, VT 05477 TEN3 59-61; Francis McDonald 20 Burns Rd. Pelham, NH 03076 EM3 64-66; Ed Elsenheimer 2854 Vulcan St. Muskegon, MI 49444 RD1 62-66; Welcome aboard!

Deceased: Bob Redmon 17 March 2002, Wm. Hardiman 19 April 2001.

Alan Baker has been corresponding with a lady in Texas who wants to get the local high school named after Thomas J. Gary. Alan will eventually have the info on the web site.

Pat Perrella is working on DE/DER displays on the USS Slater DE 766 in Albany, NY. There is a separate display for each ship and I will be sending her TJ Gary memorabilia

I still have DER hats at \$11pp plus a few polo shirts at \$19pp (nothing larger than L).

Reunions: 2002-Gulfport, MS; 2003-Albany, NY (USS Slater); 2004-Branson, MO November veterans week.

2002 Reunion – Gulfport/Biloxi, Miss 22-25 August. As usual you can attend as many days or only the banquet. **PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY!**

Hotel – President Casino Broadwater Resort Tower 2110 W. Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS 39531. Phone 1-228-388-2211 or 1-800-843-7737. Rooms are \$49 plus 10% tax per night. This includes a continental breakfast and a 2 for 1 buffet coupon for dinner in the President Casino. **Reservations** must be made by **July 15** with the hotel! Mention you are with the Gary reunion group.

Banquet – Sat. 24 August at hotel at 6:30pm. Cost is \$31 per person includes tax and gratuity. Menu is Traditional buffet of sliced roast sirloin, stuffed chicken breast, Seafood AuGratin, salads, veggies, potato, rice, rolls, assorted desserts and beverages. **Reservations** with money to me by **July 15**.

D-Day Museum – I have contracted with Hotard Bus Lines to take us to New Orleans on Friday 23 August. We will visit the D-Day Museum in the morning then lunch and time for some shopping in the French Quarter in the afternoon. This is a great museum about WWII and covers both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Sheila and I have been there and thoroughly enjoyed it. Cost will be \$20 plus museum entrance fee per person (this is for 38 people, if we have more the cost will be less.). Please send me \$20 by **July 15** if you wish to go to the D-Day Museum.

I will be a great reunion with plenty to do and we have a hospitality room so bring your memorabilia. There is plenty to do in the area, 26 miles of white sandy beach and of course the casinos. Any questions call me at 1-315-344-8823.

Finally our fund has gotten down. With the cost of postage plus I have to put money down on the bus to New Orleans. If you can help please send your donation to me.

Have a great summer and see you in Gulfport/Biloxi,


Ron

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