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Reunion News

All activities for the August 2010 reunion are scheduled to be held on the American side. Passports will not be required unless individuals desire to take a trip on their own to visit Canada before, during or after the reunion.

Sunday 15 August; Opening Ceremony Banquet Pearl St Grill

Monday 16 August; Tour of Buffalo Naval Park, Catered lunch to be served on the Fantail of the USS Little Rock at conclusion of tour.

Tuesday 17 August; Bus trip and tour of Niagara Falls: includes a visit to the Robert Moses Power Plant and Maid of the Mist Boat Ride. Lunch at The Anchor Bar, Home of the original Buffalo Wings. (Cost not included in tour)

Wednesday 18 August; free time and Closing Banquet at Adams Mark Hotel
Entrée choices Prime Rib; Stuffed Chicken Breast or Grilled pork Loin

"Anchor Bar, The Original Since 1964"

On a Friday night in 1964, Dominic Bellissimo was tending bar at the now famous Anchor Bar Restaurant in Buffalo, NY. Late that evening, a group of Dominic's friends arrived at the bar with ravenous appetites. Dominic asked his mother, Teresa, to prepare something for his friends to eat. They looked like chicken wings, a part of the chicken that usually went into the stock pot for soup.

Teresa had deep fried the wings and flavored them with a secret sauce. The wings were an instant hit and it didn't take long for people to flock to the bar to experience this new taste sensation. From that evening on, Buffalo Wings became a regular part of the menu at the Anchor Bar.

The phenomenon created in 1964 by Teresa Bellissimo has spread across the globe. Although many have tried to duplicate Buffalo Wings, the closely guarded secret recipe is what makes Frank & Teresa's the proclaimed "Best Wings in the World."

We are still looking forward to a Cruise for 2011. We should have another update in the next newsletter after the Buffalo reunion. Come to Buffalo this year with thoughts and suggestions.

Agent Orange (from FRA newsbytes 2/22/2010)

Presumptive Agent Orange Exposure for Some Navy Crews

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) acknowledges that some "blue water" Navy veterans were exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides while their ships operated on inland rivers of Vietnam. Proving exposure may be easier now that the VA has released a list of vessels with confirmed participation in "brown water" operations. FRA strongly encourages all Vietnam Navy veterans and retirees to review the following list of "blue water" Navy vessels and operation dates released by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) and is posted with this story on the News page of www.fra.org. If a veteran's service aboard one of these ships can be confirmed through their military records during the time frames specified, exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further proof, thus expediting the VA claims process.

If you or someone you know served aboard any of these vessels during the times indicated, a VA claim for exposure to an herbicide agent should be filed as soon as possible. To start a claim, contact your nearest VA Regional Office (a list is available at www.vba.va.gov/VBA/benefits/offices.asp) or contact Chris Slawinski at vafra@fra.org or 1-800-FRA-1924 (ext. 115).

The USS Noxubee is not on the list. Does anyone have copies of the ships log showing transit into areas considered Brown Water in Vietnam?

FRA (Fleet Reserve Association) also strongly supports pending legislation (H.R. 2254 and S. 1939) that would grant presumptive status to all blue water Navy retirees and veterans exposed to herbicides, not just those who served in Vietnam's inland areas. All veterans are encouraged to visit the Action Center at www.fra.org and ask their elected officials to support these measures.

.Note: Enlisted Veterans and Officers with at least one day of active duty in an enlisted status of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are eligible to join the FRA.

Another lesser known benefit; From Alan Hardie VP48 newsletter:

www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/docs/aid-and-attendance.doc A veteran's seldom used benefit. Please pass this along to all veterans, families of veterans or individuals with veterans in their family. "Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes. To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable

Newly located Shipmates

Emanuel "Manny" Iglesias QMSA 12-15-1948 thru 1949

James J Mulderig SA 12-15-1948 thru 08-19-1949

Lost Shipmates

Dino Rotatori's mail has been returned, has anyone been in contact with him? If so please contact me
Check the Missing Shipmates list on the web site, please contact me if you know the whereabouts of a lost shipmate

Lost shipmate checks in

Richard Whorley made contact, he is back on Shipmates Directory with contact information.

Shipmates Crossed the Quarterdeck

Francis A Dinan FN

01-08-49 thru 03-29-51 28 Sept 2009

Leland F. Allen SKC

06-05-50 thru 05-16-51 21 Oct 2009

Francis P Lessel DCW3

10-14-50 thru 07-12-51 02 March 2010

Shipmate looking for assistance

Shipmate Michael Border is looking for anyone that has developed a hearing problem from gunnery shoots while the ship was undergoing ORI prior to deployment. If you have and are getting assistance from the VA for this problem please contact him or me.