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## **Noxubee Reunion, Laughlin, Nevada, 29 July -1 August 2012**

If you haven't made your reservations yet now is the time to do so. We have thirty five rooms blocked and the last day for reservations at the \$22.00 rate plus tax is 27 June 2012. If you wish to arrive a day early, Saturday's rate is \$74.99 plus tax. Stay an extra day, Thursday will be \$22.00 plus tax. Call 1-877-881-5955, Group Code S0NOXU . Group USS Noxubee. There will be much to do in the area. Sunday is the Registration at the reunion, Welcoming dinner that evening. We are planning a trip to London Bridge at Lake Havasau with a side trip to Oatman,, AZ on Monday, 30 July lunch from(at) Subway. This will be a 7 1/2 hour day. Tuesday will be a free day. Shopping, or some water activities on the Colorado lounge on the beach, take a chance in the Casinos? There are other day tours available through the concierge at the hotel. Wednesday the Association Board Meeting, the Association General Meeting, photos some free time and the Reunion Banquet in the evening. We look forward to seeing all our Shipmates on this occasion. **Please take the time to fill out the Reunion Registration form and return it to Bob Ahlersmeyer. Call the Hotel to make your room registration**

## **This information was taken from Laughlin Visitor Information**

Many of the hotels and Casinos are affiliated with transportation companies. Call the hotels and ask if they have transportation from your area. Checking with your local travel agencies and bus companies is another way to find transportation to Laughlin, Nevada. Here are a few that we found:

**Air service:** \*Editors note: Flying to Laughlin/Bullhead City Intl. Airport (IFP) is not available from all destinations. Most travelers will have to fly to Las Vegas then make their way to Laughlin via bus, shuttle, or rent-a-car. Hitch-hiking not recommended.

**Airlines with flights directly to Laughlin, NV.** Sun Country Airlines 1-800-916-000, Flying from destinations in Texas, Iowa, Seattle, Portland and Denver to name a few. Western Express Air from Riverside, CA. with new expanded service to Deer Valley and Mesa, AZ.

SkyQuest Charters; Offering flights from eleven cities in California and various cities in the pacific Northwest, Texas, the Southwest and Midwest onboard a McDonnell Douglas 800 series jet aircraft seating 148 passengers. Associated with Riverside Resort

Fly to Vegas, drive to Laughlin. The best deal we have found is to fly to Las Vegas on Southwest Air, then rent a new vehicle from Fox Rent-a-car at McCarren Airport. (Las Vegas Airport)

**Bus Service: editors note: Avoid the bus, rent-a-car is cheaper, faster**

(A note from Dick B)

Before making arrangements to rent from Fox Auto Rentals look at some of the reviews on line. I looked at Vehicle rentals, McCarran Airport and also Fox Auto Rentals. From Fox it is a mixed bag, some good, some bad. You will need to make that decision. Rentals at McCarran are centrally located except for Fox. A shuttle will take you to the

central vehicle rental, a second shuttle from there will take you to Fox Auto Rental area as they are in a different location.

**Frank Gosselin** has had a book published about his time 1974-1975 aboard Noxubee

Here is a note I received from Frank.

Hi Dick,

Thanks for taking a look at my new book at Blurb.com! You must enlarge the screen when you are in the preview mode. Click on the full screen button at the bottom right corner of your screen once you are in the preview mode. Use the link in this e-mail to take you directly to the latest version. You can only order the book online from Blurb for now, until I find another publisher. \$29.00 for a soft cover is the lowest price for now. The book includes over 90 pictures.

View my book at Blurb:

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/2128999/7922f698a253e461f1be648ca667ee48cbf29764>

Thank you,

fgosselin            The book is now posted at: <http://navy.memorieshop.com/AOGs/56/>

### **Shipmates Crossed the Quarter Deck**

Colin Beegle    ME2 1951-1953    3 January 2012

William E Tucei    QM2 1947-1950    August 2011

Gary Harger      SM3 1966-1968    2 December 2011

James McCall    LtCdr 1967-1969    2006

The information on James McCall is unofficial. The last Newsletter I sent out was returned as undeliverable and unable to forward. Previous mailings (over 5 yrs) were not returned. Telephone number discontinued. Search for a listing came back with a deceased 2006. If any one has specific information on his status please contact me.

### **Shipmate Located** Tom Fuller PN3 1967-1968

**Annual Dues** \$20.00 January thru December of calendar year. Part of dues are used to cover mailing of Newsletters and to maintain the USS Noxubee web site. Please take the time to send your dues to Bob Ahlersmeyer, 8033 Seiler Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46806. Thank you.

Shipmates, you served on active duty, you are entitled to veterans benefits if discharged under honorable conditions. If you have not to date signed up for VA benefits now is the time to do so. Find out more about Vet Centers or find a Vet Center in your area go to [www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov). Additional State and local resources are available through State Veterans Affairs offices and Veterans Service Organizations. Your medical status in the future if service connected will be retroactive to the date you applied for these benefits, not the date your sickness was diagnosed. There are other benefits you may also be eligible for

I have a limited number of Noxubee Hats, also have four Golf Shirts 2 large, 2 extra large w/o pockets. The hats are \$12.00 each the shirts are \$22.00 each all plus postage. Shirts double XX or larger may be ordered at an added cost per shirt. Call me at 706-540-3494. may also be eligible for.

The next page is the 2012 Noxubee Reunion Registration Form. **Fill it out now, mail it to Bob Ahlersmeyer (address is on form). Your Hosts, Dan and Irene Hardel said lets all meet in Laughlin, Nevada this year.**