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President's Message: Shipmates....

The plans for Reunion 2004 on 9-12 September are beginning to gel. The Groton Motor Inn and Suites will again be our headquarters. We have solidified a welcome cocktail party on Friday evening, a Banquet with music for your listening and dancing pleasure along with a single keynote speaker on Saturday evening and a farewell brunch on Sunday morning. The keynote speaker is Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, a former Franklin XO who is currently the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (*see page 2*). We have set up another tour of Submarine School that was so successful last reunion. We are working directly with the Commodore of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve on the Submarine Base to set up a tour of an in-port SSN; security conditions permitting. It looks promising this year. We again will offer a golf outing on Friday morning and, new for this reunion, we have chartered the schooner *ARGIA* for a catered sailing cruise out of Mystic on Saturday morning. We are arranging for a photographer to be at the banquet with assured better quality and faster service than last reunion. We have made arrangements with SUBMARINE STORE.COM to make available custom Franklin gear and memorabilia prior to and during the reunion.

The "WE" I refer to is your Association Executive Committee that is working overtime to make this reunion even more successful than the last one. Our annual Association meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon. Only Association members can vote. If you want a voice in the organization, we encourage you to become a member. All Executive Committee elected positions are open for willing participants. If you would like to become an Association Officer, contact Tim "Bear" Quinn, our Vice President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The tours of Submarine School and the SSN, the sailing trip (*Argia*) and golf outing will be limited with respect to the number of people that can attend. As a perk for Association members, we will offer the membership first chance for the available seats to these functions via an early mailing of the reunion package (*see page 2*). Think about becoming a member!

If you would like to become a part of the Reunion 2004 Committee, please contact me (Jack Hogan) as soon as you can. We are looking for some folks that might be interested in running the hospitality suite during the reunion and helping man the registration desk. We can use help in organizing the raffle (even though the wives did a great job in 2002). If you have thoughts and ideas on any issues to help make the reunion successful, please let us know.

The location of the 2007 reunion will be decided by the incoming slate of Association Officers elected at the 2004 reunion member meeting. If you are not interested in becoming part of the Executive Committee, but would like to help decide where/when the 2007 reunion will be, we are also interested in forming a Reunion 2007 Committee that will take charge of putting together that reunion. The driving force as to the location will be the members who step forward to help put it together.

Cheers,

Jack Hogan, *President*



A Message from the USSVI....

Many Submarine Sailors are not aware of U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. (USSVI) that was formed in 1965. *“Silent Service at its best.”*

The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. is always seeking ways for fellow submariners to share the sub vet experience and become part of the Brotherhood of the Dolphins.

One way is to be a part of a U.S. Sub Vet Base (chapter). However, since there are only some 105 bases in the United States so far, there are many shipmates that cannot attend base meetings because there are none near enough for them to do so.

We are continuing to look for our lost Submariners who don't know that the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. organization exists.

We are everywhere! We just need to get the word out. We are over 10,000 strong but should be over 200,000 strong.

For more information, please go to WWW.USSVI.ORG or feel free to contact me: at XSUBNUKE@JUNO.COM

George Boyle
USSVI Base Development Chair



Reunion 2004 Registration Packets to be mailed in April/May

As of 1 April, Len will begin mailing out the Reunion 2004 Registration packets to members of the Association. Non-member packets will be mailed out around 1 May.

The purpose of separate mailings is to allow active members the opportunity to register for activities with limited numbers allowed. Examples include the *Argia* boat ride on Saturday and the sub school graduation and tour on Friday.

It is imperative that members renew their 2004 membership now and non-members join prior to 1 April if they wish to be included in this mailing.



Franklin Merchandise available at reunion from SUBMARINESTORE.COM

Harry Lieberman from submarinestore.com will be attending Reunion 2004 during the registration process. Crewmates will be able to pre-order Franklin shirts, hats, patches, personalized mugs, etc.

When you receive your registration packet from Len sometime in April (members) or May (non-members), there will be an order form for you to complete and e-mail, fax or mail to submarinestore.com. Pre-orders for attendees will be brought to the reunion or shipped. We are hoping that Harry will be able to bring along an inventory with them for those

unable to pre-order. Order forms will also be available during the reunion.



Key Note Speaker Set for Reunion 2004

Ambassador **Linton F. Brooks**, Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration and Gold Crew XO, will be our guest speaker during the Reunion 2004 Grand Banquet.

Ambassador Brooks was sworn in as Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security / Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) on May 16, 2003 following nomination by President Bush and confirmation by the Senate. His duties and responsibilities include designing, producing, and maintaining safe and reliable nuclear weapons for the U.S. military, providing safe, militarily-effective naval nuclear propulsion plants, and promotion of international nuclear safety and nonproliferation.

The Ambassador also served as the Executive Officer on-board the USS Benjamin Franklin (gold crew) from 1972 to 1974 and has graciously accepted the Franklin Association Executive Committee's invitation to address the attendees at this year's second reunion.



2004 Association Membership List

*The following is an up-to-date (as of 17 February) list of USS Benjamin Franklin Association shipmates who have either renewed their membership for 2004, upgraded their membership to lifetime or who've joined the Association for the first time (effective 1 January 2004) and will have **first opportunity to register** for the limited number of spots available for events during Reunion 2004:*

LIFETIME MEMBERS

James L. (Prince) Albert	Woodley E. (Woody) Frampton	George Lynk
Hugh M. (Shorty) Badham	David J. (Dave) Fyock	Roger A. (The Seed) McBeth
Leonard L. (Les) Bailey	William A. (Bill) Fries	William D. (Bill) McConnell
William P. (Bill) Bancroft	David M. (Gabe) Goebel	Wayne E. Miers
Glenn W. (Dinger) Bell	Michael R. (Mother) Glaser	Robert M. (Bob) Morrison
Douglas M. (Doug) Bishop	Robert L. (Bob) Godley	Gary M. (Flash) Paoletti
Timothy S. (Tim) Brady	Paul L. (Pockets) Grammer	W. David (Hymie) Parmenter
Michael R. (Mike) Breault	Thomas W. (Tom) Habermas	Frank L. Pollack
Linton F. Brooks	Robert S. (Bob) Hann	Dale R. Probasco
Charles A. (Chuck) Burgess	John E. (Jack) Hogan	Dan L. Rea
Daniel L. (Dan) Callen	Joseph C. (Joe) Howard, III	J. Guy Reynolds
Thomas C. (Tom) Carty	Mark C. (Cat) Hoyos	Norman E. (Norm) Richards
Melvin E. (Gene) Cashatt, Jr.	Phillip D. (Doc) Hunt	Brian M. (Robbie) Robertson
Frederick E. (Fred) Cochran	Michael J. (Mike) Jackson	Robert W. Schweizer
Christian L. (Cooke) Cook	Steve Jones	William C. (Bill) Shaffer
Christopher V. (Chris) Cunha	Larry E. Jordan	George H. (GHP) Stuckey
Duane L. Daugherty	Clifford D. Ketcham	Timothy A. (Max) Smart
Grant P. (Happy) Day	Rodger B. King	Charles R. (Charlie) Trowbridge
Glenn Dikeman	Vincent P. Kirk	Thomas E. (Tom) Waddington
Charles K. (Charlie) Engelberger	Hugo J. (Budd) Klungler, III	Joseph T. Wieland
Allen J. (Lenny) Exelby	Louis R. (Lou) Logullo	Ross N. Williams
Robert W. (Bob) Felton	John J. (Light Lunch) Lynch	Richard L. (Dick) Young

ACTIVE ANNUAL MEMBERS

Milton Ron Appleton	Rodger B. King	William J. (Bill) Reilly
James A. (Boots) Bayliss	James M. Kane	J. Guy Reynolds
Edward H. (Ed) Barron	Diedrick E. (Dick) Kanning	Randall J. (Randy) Rook
Warren (Boner) Brann	Alfred D. (Denny) Kemp	Peter J. (Pete) Roskopf
Harry V. Bryant	Donald G. (Mom) Landeck	Charles P. (Rosie) Rossell
Thomas S. (Tom) Burr	John D. Leonard, Jr.	Robert J. (Rob) Rossi
William (Chappy) Chiappi	Thomas (Huck) Lowande	Edward H. (Ed) Sassman
Russell (Cloudy) Cloud	Robert L. (Bob) Lowell, Jr.	Richard F. (Rich) Schaller
Gary L. (Cos) Cosendine	Richard C. (Dick) Maloney	David H. (Dave) Schrab
William F. (Bill) Dal Porto	W. Leonard (Len) Martinoli	Ernest E. (Ernie) Schwartz
Robert A. (Bob) Desilets	Francis M. (Frank) Meredith	Henry W. (Hank) Schwartz
Charles B. (Chuck) Emerson	David D. Middleton	John A. Sokolowski
Fredric F. (Fritz) Feldhaus	Donald (Don) M. Miller	Douglas K. (Doug) Space
James E. Franklin	Harold A. (Hall) Nordberg	Elvin B. (Stan) Standrich
Charles L. (Charlie) Fudge	John Jay (No Cokes) Oakson	Thomas P. (Tommy) Tormey, Jr.
William H. (Bill) Gevock	John N. Pechauer	Bennett C. (Ben) Twombly, Sr.
Richard B. (Dick) Gill	Bobby Lee (Cobra) Phillips	Joseph T. Wieland
Scott H. Gongola	Philip H. (Phil) Powers	Richard T. (Dick) Wright
Salvador M. (Hip) Hiponia	Timothy A. (Bear) Quinn	Wayne (Puba) Young
Dennis D. (Swede) Jurgensen	Robert E. (Bob) Ratliff	



USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN 640) ASSOCIATION

Membership Application (check one): *New* _____ *Renewal for 2004* _____

As a former submariner who served aboard the nuclear powered US Navy submarine USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640), or a family member of a former SSBN 640 submariner, the Executive Committee of this Association hereby extends to you an invitation to apply for membership in the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640) Association.

The following membership options are available to you:

- **Regular Member:** _____ \$20.00 per year (due annually by January 1st)
- **Lifetime Regular Member:** _____ \$150.00 (One-time Membership Fee)

Please make your check payable to: ***USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640) Association***

Mail application with check to: **Allen "Lenny" Exelby, Membership Chair**
110 Meriden Drive, Newark, DE 19711

Questions? Call Len at (856) 816-5672 or E-mail him at: *ssbn640blueyeo@aol.com*

Full Name: _____ **Highest Rank / Position held on the Franklin:** _____

Other family members to be included in this membership: _____

Dates served aboard the Franklin (mo/yr): From: _____ To: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

Crews you served on: (check all that apply) () Blue () Gold () Commissioning () Inactivation () Conversion/Refit

- Interested in serving on the next Executive Committee? (please check one): **YES** _____ **NO** _____
- Interested in serving on the Reunion 2007 Committee? (please check one): **YES** _____ **NO** _____

Note: If you served on more than one crew during your tenure aboard the Franklin, please indicate the years you served on each: (Blue): _____ (Gold): _____ (Other): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Date Submitted: _____ **Membership Number (to be assigned):** _____

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