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SSBN 640
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Old Ben's Almanac

President's Message:

I cannot believe it's been six months since REUNION 2004. Memories of the event are slowly fading and it's time to begin to look to the future. Before we do that, I want to thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work and effort that made REUNION 2004 even better than REUNION 2002.

Besides the Executive Committee we need to thank Submarine School for the graduation and tour event along with the Silver Dolphin Color Guard that presented the Colors at the banquet. The efforts of Commander Submarine Group Two, Commander Submarine Development Squadron Twelve and USS SAN JUAN in putting together the SSN tour was no small feat and is greatly appreciated.

With the weather cooperating and a fine crew working so diligently, a number of us had a great time on the sailing vessel ARGIA. The banquet was an outstanding success. Ambassador Brooks delivered a moving address that showed us it was all worth it. If you would like a copy of the speech, you can download it from the FRANKLIN website. Last but not least, the Groton Motor Inn and its staff once again out did themselves in providing quality support and great food to make the event a great one.

Next on our agenda is the election of Executive Officers for the Association. Shortly, all active Association members will be receiving a ballot with a slate of candidates. Len Exelby reports that the current "annual" membership numbers are not encouraging in that only "six" annual members from 2004 have renewed for 2005. He indicated that we have two additional lifetime members bringing the total to 85. Only active members may vote, so you gents who are dink on your dues for this year..... get off your duffs and renew.

At our Association meeting at the reunion, the membership voted to hold the next reunion in Branson, Missouri in 2007. If you were like me scratching your head and asking what is in Branson and where is Branson, Missouri, welcome to the club. A little detective work on the web showed that the gents that proposed it knew what they were talking about. It looks like we are in for a fine treat. Dan Callen stepped up to the plate and volunteered to head the Reunion Committee that is going to put REUNION 2007 together. He will be supported by Willie B. Friend and Jim Bayliss. The challenge from the Executive Committee is to make the third reunion even bigger and better than the first two.

In closing, I want to thank all you shipmates that continue to support the organization and help define what camaraderie truly is. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2007.

Cheers,

Jack Hogan, *President*



Reunion 2004 a Huge Success!

Over 200 Franklin shipmates and their ladies attended the second reunion held last September 2004 in Groton, CT.

The weather was delightful and the camaraderie was even better. We added a sailing aboard the Argia that, of course, sold out before we could book a second sailing.

Even Lenny didn't get sea sick!



Reunion 2007 to be held in Branson, Missouri.

The third reunion of the USS Benjamin Franklin SSBN 640 Association will be held sometime during the fall of 2007 in Branson, MO. Dan Callen, Willie Friend & Jim Bayliss have volunteered to be the reunion organizers. Anyone interested in helping can contact any of the Executive Committee members. Please watch for further details in future newsletters.

**Our Key Note Speaker
Linton Brooks**

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

The Ambassador talked about people, specifically, the people who served aboard the Franklin during her 69 patrols. He dedicated that night to our shipmates and the importance the word "shipmate" means. He emphasized the importance of preserving our past and the sacrifices made by those who predeceased us. Ambassador Brooks made numerous references to the cold war and, no matter how mundane we thought those patrols were, there was a great importance in our being there. Winning the cold war without ever having to fight in it was our greatest victory.

If anyone would like to revisit the Ambassador's speech, you can go to the SSBN 640 website.

Photos can also be viewed at our website.



2004 Association Membership List

The following is a list of USS Benjamin Franklin Association shipmates who were members in 2004. It is very important that the "annual" members who have not yet renewed do so as soon as possible. The dues revenues help keep the Association going. As of mid-February 2005, only six of the annual members listed below renewed for 2005. **The rest of you are DINK (haha)! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL DUES (\$20) IMMEDIAEDLY!** A renewal form is on the last page. Thank you!

LIFETIME MEMBERS

James L. (Prince) Albert
Hugh M. (Shorty) Badham
Leonard L. (Les) Bailey
William P. (Bill) Bancroft
Glenn W. (Dinger) Bell
Douglas M. (Doug) Bishop
Timothy S. (Tim) Brady
Michael R. (Mike) Breault
Linton F. Brooks
Charles A. (Chuck) Burgess
Daniel L. (Dan) Callen
Thomas C. (Tom) Carty
Melvin E. (Gene) Cashatt, Jr.
Frederick E. (Fred) Cochran
Christian L. (Cooke) Cook
Christopher V. (Chris) Cunha
Duane L. Daugherty
Grant P. (Happy) Day
Glenn Dikeman
Charles K. (Charlie) Engelberger
Allen J. (Lenny) Exelby
Robert W. (Bob) Felton

Woodley E. (Woody) Frampton
David J. (Dave) Fyock
William A. (Bill) Fries
David M. (Gabe) Goebel
Michael R. (Mother) Glaser
Robert L. (Bob) Godley
Paul L. (Pockets) Grammer
Thomas W. (Tom) Habermas
Robert S. (Bob) Hann
John E. (Jack) Hogan
Joseph C. (Joe) Howard, III
Mark C. (Cat) Hoyos
Phillip D. (Doc) Hunt
Michael J. (Mike) Jackson
Steve Jones
Larry E. Jordan
Clifford D. Ketcham
Rodger B. King
Vincent P. Kirk
Hugo J. (Budd) Klungler, III
Louis R. (Lou) Logullo
John J. (Light Lunch) Lynch

George Lynk
Roger A. (The Seed) McBeth
William D. (Bill) McConnell
Wayne E. Miers
Robert M. (Bob) Morrison
Gary M. (Flash) Paoletti
W. David (Hymie) Parmenter
Frank L. Pollack
Dale R. Probasco
Dan L. Rea
J. Guy Reynolds
Norman E. (Norm) Richards
Brian M. (Robbie) Robertson
Robert W. Schweizer
William C. (Bill) Shaffer
George H. (GHP) Stuckey
Timothy A. (Max) Smart
Charles R. (Charlie) Trowbridge
Thomas E. (Tom) Waddington
Joseph T. Wieland
Ross N. Williams
Richard L. (Dick) Young

ACTIVE ANNUAL MEMBERS

Milton Ron Appleton
James A. (Boots) Bayliss
Edward H. (Ed) Barron
Warren (Boner) Brann
Harry V. Bryant
Thomas S. (Tom) Burr
William (Chappy) Chiappi
Russell (Cloudy) Cloud
Gary L. (Cos) Cosendine
William F. (Bill) Dal Porto
Robert A. (Bob) Desilets
Charles B. (Chuck) Emerson
Fredric F. (Fritz) Feldhaus
James E. Franklin
Charles L. (Charlie) Fudge
William H. (Bill) Gevock
Richard B. (Dick) Gill
Scott H. Gongola
Salvador M. (Hip) Hiponia
Dennis D. (Swede) Jurgensen

Rodger B. King
James M. Kane
Diedrick E. (Dick) Kanning
Alfred D. (Denny) Kemp
Donald G. (Mom) Landeck
John D. Leonard, Jr.
Thomas (Huck) Lowande
Robert L. (Bob) Lowell, Jr.
Richard C. (Dick) Maloney
W. Leonard (Len) Martinoli
Francis M. (Frank) Meredith
David D. Middleton
Donald (Don) M. Miller
Harold A. (Hall) Nordberg
John Jay (No Cokes) Oakson
John N. Pechauer
Bobby Lee (Cobra) Phillips
Philip H. (Phil) Powers
Timothy A. (Bear) Quinn
Robert E. (Bob) Ratliff

William J. (Bill) Reilly
J. Guy Reynolds
Randall J. (Randy) Rook
Peter J. (Pete) Roskopf
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Robert J. (Rob) Rossi
Edward H. (Ed) Sassman
Richard F. (Rich) Schaller
David H. (Dave) Schrab
Ernest E. (Ernie) Schwartz
Henry W. (Hank) Schwartz
John A. Sokolowski
Douglas K. (Doug) Space
Elvin B. (Stan) Standrich
Thomas P. (Tommy) Tormey, Jr.
Bennett C. (Ben) Twombly, Sr.
Joseph T. Wieland
Richard T. (Dick) Wright
Wayne (Puba) Young



**USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN 640) ASSOCIATION
BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS
2005 - 2007**

Slate of Executive Committee Officer Candidates

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	Larry Straight	<input type="checkbox"/>
VICE PRESIDENT:	Tim Quinn (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jim Bohli	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECRETARY:	Jim Albert	<input type="checkbox"/>
TREASURER:	Allen Exelby	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please e-mail your ballot back to Tim Quinn, Nominating Committee
Chairman no later than 01 June 2005 at: timquinn@hotmail.com or mail Tim
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