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"Always on the Go"

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Reunion News

Shipmates we are rapidly approaching the October 5 thru 8 2008 reunion dates. Please take time to fill out the attached Registration Form, mail it to Bob Ahlersmeyer, and make your hotel reservations today. Don and Marilyn have spent a lot of time to see that our trip to the Quad Cities in October will be an enjoyable one.

One of the possible side trips to the "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville may require the rental of a Fifteen Passenger Van, the cost for this would be about \$150.00 plus gas. That would be about \$20.00 per person if at least fifteen people go.

There are thirty rooms blocked for the dates 5-8 October. Reservations must be made by 5 September to guarantee the \$89.00 per day rate. For those flying into Quad Cities and want shuttle service to the Stoney Creek Lodge, it is recommended that you call the Lodge before leaving home to schedule the shuttle service and then call upon arrival to have the shuttle dispatched. The trip is about 15 minutes, so there may be a slight delay before you are picked up. If anyone is arriving by bus, the bus station is about two blocks from the lodge, and there is no shuttle service. Amtrak's station is about fifty miles from the Quad Cities, and no shuttle service is available from there.

When talking to the hotel I was informed that there were several reservations made for three days checking out on 8 October. Remember the closing Banquet is scheduled for the evening of 8 October.

If calling the 800-659-2220 number for reservations, press 1 for Illinois and then 4 for the Quad City site.

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A message from our President

I would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming 7th annual NOXUBEE Shipmates Reunion October 5th - 8th. Don and Marilyn Andress have truly gone all out to make sure there are lots of activities for all. So let's repay their efforts with a strong attendance! The hotel sounds great as well as the location - right on the Mississippi River. Please contact fellow shipmates who possibly haven't attended recently and encourage them to attend. As Dick states, "Please complete the registration from now and get it in the mail". Time flies, as we all know, so please mark your calendars, and make plans to attend this great event.

Thanks!

Gary & Betty Hall

Vietnam Vets Exposed to Agent Orange

There are several men that served aboard the Noxubee while the ship was operating in Vietnam being treated for the effects of Agent Orange. There are others that have requested VA assistance and have been turned down for the same treatment. Anyone who served during that period are encouraged to contact your shipmates and offer assistance with letters verifying boots on the ground; mail runs, stores runs, fueling, and any other reasons for being on shore in Vietnam. From information received it appears close to ten percent of the crew could have been affected. This number only reflects those that I have had contact with and does not include shipmates from that time that we have not located to date.



Ernie Raposa, BM3

Hi Everyone,

I'm Cindy Loney, widow of Gregory "Greg" P. Loney. Greg passed away on 4/21/08, and I'm trying to get an award from Agent Orange. Greg and I had tried to get benefits before he passed, but they turned us down. He had only written a claim for asbestos. I was told I needed fellow shipmates to write a letter for me verifying that Greg had boots on the ground or someone from his unit that is receiving an award for Agent Orange.

I don't know if this will help me, but Greg did write a story in the web site called "Navy Days and Navy Nights". In it he refers to the dates he was assigned to the Noxubee in June 1969 until August 1972. I would really appreciate any help I could get from any of his shipmates or anyone that has been in the same situation and has since been approved for coverage.

Sincerely,
Cindy Loney

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Shipmates that Crossed the Quarter Deck

As you have read in a few earlier newsletters Greg Loney had been fighting cancer and the many other problems it caused. It is with regret that I report Greg Crossed the Quarter Deck 21 April 2008.

George Bradley	LTjg 1955-1957	27 August 2007
Ernest Edgemon		Feb., 2008
George Hahn	BM3 1967-1970	16 April 2008
Greg Loney	RM3 1969-1972	21 April 2008
*Jose Tony Flores Torro	SN 1955-1956	28 April 2008



Other Shipmate News

Newly Located Shipmates

Rick Hunt HT2 1971-1973

Shipmates Directory

Where did John Steindorf go?
Last mailing was returned.

Attention

Your Association Secretary and Editor will be on the road for a period of time. You may contact me via e-mail: dicbarber@aol.com or cell phone at 706-540-3494 (GA) 707-460-3085 (CA)



Gregory "Greg" Perry Loney, 57 a native of Oskalossa, Iowa, and resident of Houma, died at 6:05 Monday, April, 21, 2008.

Visitation was held from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to funeral time Thursday at Chau in Funeral Home. Religious services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Rogers-Matheme Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Kraemer Loney of Houma; one son, Trent P. Loney and wife, Tammy, of Raceland; one daughter, Jenny M. Loney of Lafayette; his father and stepmother, Roy O. Loney and "Aunt" Ruthy Loney of Knoxville, Iowa; one brother, Michael "Mike" Loney and wife, Lola, of Houma; one sister, Michelle C. Wambolt and husband Marc, of Phoenix; two grandchildren, Triston P. Loney and Tanner P. Loney; his mother and father-in-law Chester P. and Deloris Kraemer; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Timmy and Robin Kraemer, Debbie and Mark Chatagnier and Eddie and Sandra Kraemer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, LaVeda Irene Shives Loney.

He worked for Oceaneering International with HSE and was a U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Noxubee AOG56 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers and American Legion Post No. 0031. He was a loving husband, father, son, son-in-law, and grandfather "Pops". He loved his job and was an avid fisherman and football fan.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

USS Noxubee Crew 1946 in Newfoundland. Lower center of Photo Lt.Cmdr Ginn next to Lt. George Bednarz. George sent this photo to Hank Henderson who forwarded it to me. Hank reported aboard after the picture was taken.

Can you help identify others in this photo?



2008 USS NOXUBEE SHIPMATES 7TH ANNUAL REUNION
 QUAD CITIES - MOLINE, ILLINOIS
 OCTOBER 5TH-8TH, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2008

PAYMENT DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1,

2008

Make your room reservations by calling Stoney Creek Inn, Moline, Illinois at 1-800-659-2220 and press #4 for the Quad Cities location. You can also dial direct at 1-309-743-0101.

Mention that you are with the USS Noxubee to get the reunion rate of \$89 per night.

Registration form below can be copied and pasted into you word processor program and mailed to:

Bob Ahlersmeyer, Treasurer
 8022 Seiler Road
 Fort Wayne, IN 46806

NOTE: Set your left and right margins to .25

Names as you wish them to appear on nametags:

Contact information:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Old Salt Gathering Place

(Saturday 3pm - Wednesday midnight)

Required for all attendees

\$35/person _____

Welcome Dinner (buffet) (Sunday evening)	\$30/person _____
John Deer Experience (Monday all day)	\$20/person _____
Rock Island Arsenal & Mississippi River Visitors Center (Tuesday morning)	\$20/person _____
Annual Banquet (buffet) (Wednesday evening)	\$27/person _____
Total Registration Fees if attending all events is \$132/person	Registration Total _____
2008 Dues. If you haven't paid your dues, and would like to do so now:	\$20/year _____
	Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks/money orders payable to: Noxubee Shipmates Assoc.

Mail to: Bob Ahlersmeyer, Treasurer
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Fort Wayne, IN 46806

For questions about the reunion contact hosts Don & Marilyn Andress at 309-292-0690 or horsekid1@frontiernet.net .

For Noxubee shirts and hats contact Dick Barber at 706-245-6110 or [dicbarber@aol.com](mailto:dickbarber@aol.com) .