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Reunion Association Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I don't know how many of your folks keep up with our web site, but it is one of the best on the Internet. Ken does such a great job in keeping things up to date. I just clicked on to our 2007 reunion and decided to reprint the information that Ken put on our website for those of you that might not be able to visit the site.

Reunion 2007

The 2007 reunion will be held September 12-15 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Your reunion committee is already working to ensure it will be another memorable event.
Indianapolis is the crossroads of America. Half the US population lives within a days drive. There are 19 airlines serving Indy and it's only a 10-minute drive from the airport to downtown.
Everyone is encouraged to locate and personally invite a shipmate to the reunion. For all of you located in the Mid-West , we're bringing the reunion to your backyard. This is a wonderful opportunity to renew old relationships as well as make new acquaintances with those whom we shared a common bond 40 (+-) years ago. (Baca Hatchi)
Additional information will be forthcoming on this website and future newsletters.

In the meantime feel free to contact the local coordinators:
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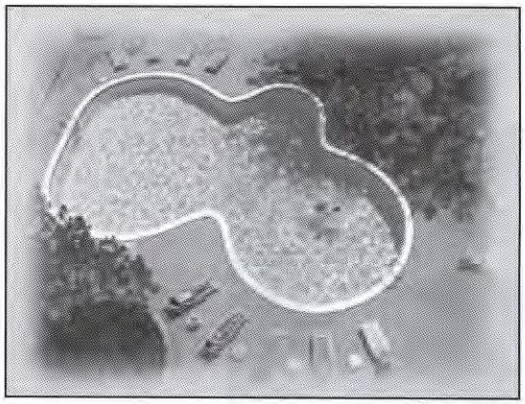
Our reunions get better each year. For those of you who were not able to attend our San Diego bash we all had a great time and the 2007 reunion is shaping up to be another great time. Hope to see you there.
JR



Please send your dues to Jack Timmons, 2006 dues $15 or $60 for 5 years.

NEW MEMBERS (since May 2006)

Richard Tharp RM3 (64-66) Snowflake, AZ
Jim Rodgers SM (65-66) Tomball, TX
William G. Schaefer Jr RM2 (63-65) Watchung, NJ
Tom Henrichs SHB3 (65-69) Merrill, WI
Arthur Rouleau RD3 (65-68) Rumsford, ME
Robert Hibbard ETN2 (68-69) Demorest, GA
Harold Wayne Rindom SN (64-65) Moberly, MO
Roger Brown RD2 (65-67) Senatobia, MS
Edward Shinkle MM2 (60-61) Williamsburg, OH
Andrew M Czilli LCPL (64-66) Oak Hill, OH
Roy Gail Cate SN (62-63) Mexia, TX
Travis W. Brown LCPL (62-64) Yoakum, TX
Robert W. White GMM3 (64-67) Louisville, KY
Michael Jerome MT3 (63-64) Albuquerque, NM
Cliff Ratiff CS3 (68-69) Marriottsville, MD
Michael A. Wassink SN (62-63) Yakima, WA
J. J. Brannon BMSN (65-69) Davenport, FL
Robert O'Malley FTG2 (67-69) Wharton, NJ
Richard E. Large II STG3 (65-67) Tempe, AZ
Gerald "Jerry" Richards ETR2 (62-65) Albuquerque, NM
Clark W. Nungesser ENFN (67-69) Manorville, NY
Robert Haller SM3 (63-65) Evergreen, CO
Kenneth Langdon BM3 (62-66) Chesapeake, VA
David R. Allbee QM3 (63-65) Upland, CA
Jerry Russell MM2 (59-63) Greenwood, IN

TAPS

Norbert Howe SDC (1960) 8/26/06
Ron D. Malone RM3 (55-66) 8/06/06
Don C. Anderson ET2 (62-64) 9/3/06
Roger Ready SN (60-61) 10/29/05
Ronald Malone RM3 (55-66) 8/6/06

IN MEMORIAM

As you entered the dining room this evening, you may have noticed a small table in a place of Honor. Please let me explain. The military caste is filled with symbolism.

The **TABLE** is set for one…allow that 'one to represent all' of our 'sisters and brothers' who are not with us tonight. **REMEMBER!**

The **TABLECLOTH** is white…symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. **REMEMBER!**

The single **RED ROSE** in the vase reminds us of the families who loved them. **REMEMBER!**

The **RED RIBBON** tied so prominently on the vase symbolizes the closeness that we shared. **REMEMBER!**

The **LEMON** on the plate is to remind us of the bitter fate. **REMEMBER!**

There is **SALT** upon the bread plate…symbolic of their family's tears. **REMEMBER!**

The **GLASS** is inverted…they cannot toast with us this night. **REMEMBER!**

The **CHAIR** is empty…they are not here. **REMEMBER!**

WHO CAME 2006 REUNION

Jesse Aragon
Gary Baker
Ralph Beck
James Bennett
Jack Bock, Jr.
Robert Bond
Ernie Boutte`
Dick J. Campbell
Dudley Cass
Jack Connery
Jerry Craig
Walter Crane
Walter Davidovich
Donald Everitt
Lawrence Fields
Tom Eagling
Don Moore
Pat Nellis
Michael Orr
Larry Patriquin
Gale Pfund
Joe Ripley
Linda Roberts
Ernie Rouleau
Robert Schramm
Michael Scott
Victor Sheppard
Raymond Spatz
Tom Stumpf
Egon Werdelman
Bud Zimmerman
Vince Gollee
George Grupe
Ted Haessler
Will Hays
Michael Hight
Arnold Hoel
Peter Houseknecht
Norbert Howe
Paul Hulette
Terry Jones
Jerry Judge
Roger Lewis
Ben Luistro
Steve Manley
Don McFarlend
Norm Malmberg
Mike Neary
Gary Noland
Parky Parkhurst
Jerry Pennington
John Reynolds
Robby Robbins
Arthur Rouleau
Paul Ruby
Austin Schroder
Donna Seaton
Ronald Smart
Jimmy Starr
Jack Timmons
John Woolston

There were also spouses, friends and other family members in attendance throughout the 2006 Reunion.

2007 REUNION

Hotel: Adam's Mark Indianapolis, 2544 Executive Drive. Rates: $79.00 (Single, Double, Handicapped Double, Deluxe King) +15.0% room tax. Rates are good 3 days before to 3 days after (Sept. 8 thru Sept. 18). **Parking at the hotel is free.** The hotel is just ½ mile from the Indianapolis International Airport, and the Adam's Mark also provides **free shuttle** to and from the airport. Visit the below mentioned hotel website to see what a nice hotel we've chosen to host our Mid-West reunion. Hats off to Mr. Reggie Vaughn, Sales Manager, who has been fantastic to work with. We'll have a very nice hostility room free of charge and approval to provide our own drinks and snacks.

You need to make your own reservations. **The cutoff date for the rates above is August 11, 2007.**

Reservation Phone: 1-800-444 ADAM (Local 317-248-2481). Make sure you tell them you are with the USS TOPEKA REUNION.

Accommodations

- High speed Internet access in all rooms
- Remote control color TV
- In-room movies
- Wake up and turn-down service
- Speed dial phone with message alert and modem access
- Non-smoking and accessible rooms available

Amenities

- Free parking for registered guests
- Seasonal outdoor pool
- Health club
- Gift shop
- Same day dry cleaning & laundry
- Express check-out
- Safe deposit and security storage
- Room service
- WiFi in lobby, restaurant and lounge

Internet information on the hotel may be found at **http://www.adamsmark.com**, Indianapolis location.

In addition we would encourage you to visit the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Assn. Website: **www.indy.org**.

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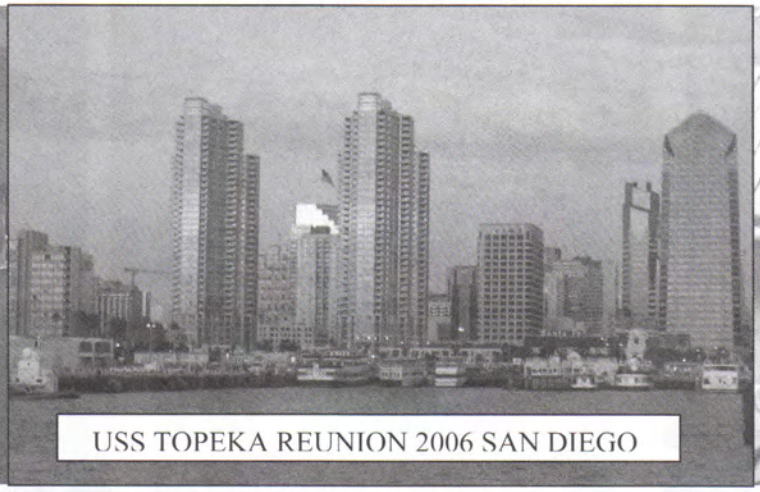
SHIPS STORE

These items are available from the Ship's Store, order now and come to the reunion already dressed out. All orders should be sent to Linda Roberts at 7315 Valley Lane, Hixson, TN 37343-2207. Linda's phone number is 423-842-5147. Include $5.00 shipping with each order and make checks or money order payable to the Reunion Association and send to Linda with your order.

Polo Shirts 2005	
Navy Med, L	$19.00
Blue Med, L	$19.00
Navy w/pocket Small only	$19.00
Ladies Shirts	
White Sm, L	$19.00
Polo Shirts 2003	
Navy/White XL, XXL, White/Navy XL, XXL	$20.00
Navy Jackets	
Medium and Large only	$38.00
Assorted items available	
Ball Caps (on order)	$12.00
Key Chains	1.00
Koozies	4.00
Coffee mugs w/Topeka emblem	5.00
Topeka Note pads (5 pack)	4.00
License Plate Holder	3.00
Plaque	$25.00



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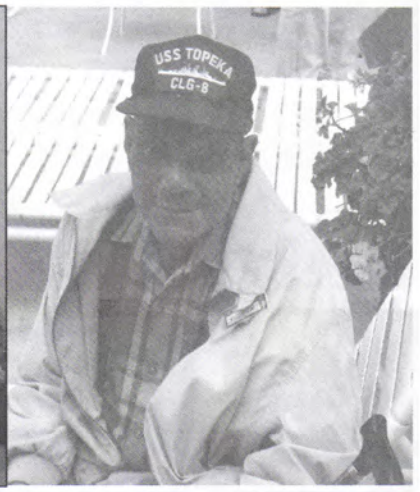

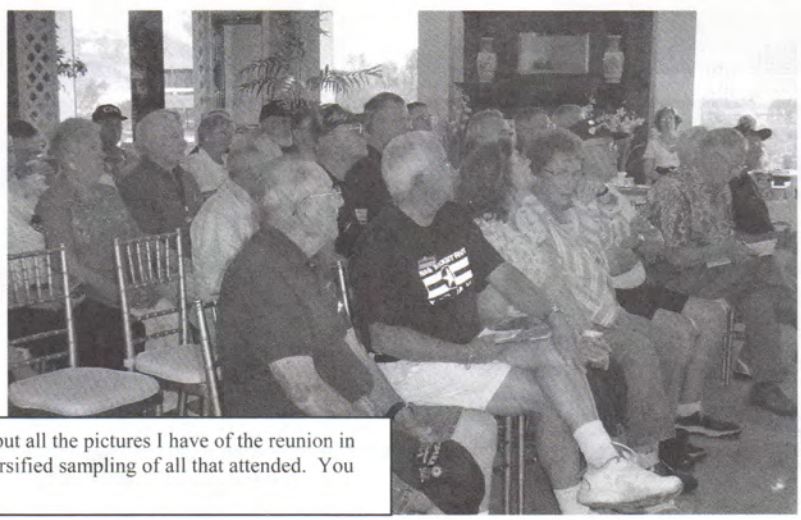

Editors note: Please realize that I cannot put all the pictures I have of the reunion in the newsletter, however I try to get a diversified sampling of all that attended. You can see more photos on our website.

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