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USS MARKAB AD-21/AR-23

NEWSLETTER

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Hello Shipmates,

Reunion 2010 is getting closer and our host this year, Bill Lassner, tells me we need to get our registration and reservations in by July 31! At this juncture we are only about 30 days from the cut off date of July 31, 2010 to secure the special \$78.00 (taxes incl.) a day room rate so please don't wait any longer to make your reservations.

The last count I had was there were 20 couples/singles that have already signed up but I haven't talked to Ida recently so hopefully, that number has grown quite a bit. Let's make this a really great reunion so get in touch with all your old buddies and tell them there will be something special for them in Reno this year.

I know I have already contacted some of my old buddies and found some of have made tentative plans for a vacation or other activities but for those who are still sitting on the fence, I'm urging them to join us in Reno.

You may be interested in knowing that this year we will have a "Plank Owner" attending our re-union.

His name is Raligh Saul and he was member of the commissioning crew of the Markab AK-31. I met Raligh at a Fleet Reserve meeting last year here in Aurora, Colorado and I mentioned to him that I was going to attend a ship re-union of the Markab.

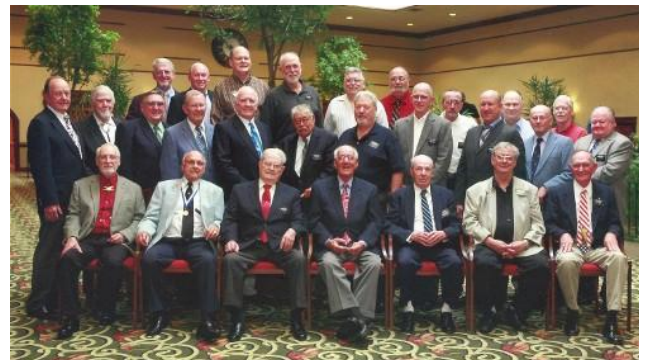
His eyes lit up and that's when he told me he

was a Plank Owner.

I was able to purchase a Markab AK-31 ball cap and had it at the meeting for him when he received his 60 year Fleet Reserve Association pin.

I've have asked the Association Secretary to send me photos that were taken of him receiving the pin which can be published in a future issue of this newsletter.

During our conversation, Raligh told me that the ole Markab was his favorite ship! (Go figure)



Dearborn, Michigan 2009 reunion attendees

Our Association has need to fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer so ably attended to over the past several years by Ida McCollum. Ida has been the "glue" that holds this Association together for which we owe her our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

I am looking for someone who will step up and take care of correspondence, mailing, database and other things of that nature. If you or someone you know is willing to help our association continue to grow and attract more

of our shipmates , please contact me through my e-mail at bhanzel@comcast.net or Ida through her e-mail at iamccollum@aol.com with names.

On a personal note and on behalf of our Association I want to thank Ida for all her help this past year.

Ida, I don't know what I would have done without you. Thank you so much!

(ADDITIONAL NOTE: Ida has sent us information about Phil's health, and it is not good. He has been diagnosed with cancer.) Here's her email:

Hi all,

It is official as of our dr's appointment this morning-Phil does have cancer and for the most part it has spread through his body. We have been to doctors, and had multiple tests and they have finally settled on a diagnosis. We meet with the oncologist on Monday to determine the plan of attack. He is in a lot of pain and we have not had a full nights sleep since sometime in April.

Keep us in your prayers.

Ida & Phil

If you haven't visited our website lately, be sure to check it out now. The new "Scuttlebutt" is available for everyone to enter their own "sea stories" and general information of interest.

No waiting for the webmaster to sort things out and get them posted.

He has enough to do with keeping the "spam" at bay!

If you have photos you want posted, let me know and I will create an album for them.

Also let me know if there is something to be added or changed.

It's your website and it should reflect who we are.

Reunion Information:



SUMMIT GRAND SIERRA HOTEL,
RENO NEVADA

What a great place to hold a reunion and the deadline of July 31, 2010 for registering is fast approaching so if you haven't signed on as yet, don't wait another minute!! Just make sure you mention the "Markab Reunion" when you make your reservation. Call now: 1-800-648-5080.

Registration begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010 and the hospitality room will be open starting at 4:00 PM.

giving everyone an opportunity to renew old friends and meet all the newcomers.

There's been some very interesting events planned for the next 3 days starting on Thursday with a 2 hour Dinner/ Dance Cruise on Lake Tahoe aboard the Dixie II paddlewheeler pictured here.



The hospitality room will be open every afternoon at specific times for all members to relax and enjoy some refreshments and snacks.

On Friday, we depart via the Virginia & Truckee & Truckee Railroad from Nevada's capital Carson City to visit the historic Virginia City to walk the town's wooden sidewalks and even stop in at the famous

Bucket of Blood saloon for some lunch and a cool one or two!

Saturday is a day to do whatever you please, and there are certainly plenty of attractions to fill your day in a town that is loaded with casinos of all shapes and sizes.

Saturday evening is time for our farewell banquet and Markab Association annual meeting.

This has always been the one event that draws every-one together in one place at the same time and allows

the membership to discuss their ideas and future plans for the Markab Association. In the past, it has been the time when when a member steps forward and off-ers to be the host for the next year or future years re-union location.

Once again, just a reminder that the deadline for registering is JULY 31, 2010 so make the call to the hotel and mail the registration form and check

today to: Ida McCollum
1152 Jones Drive
Salem, Ohio 44460-3512

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Torrence 1/06
Foster Stretchbery 2/09
Richard (Dick) Bennett 6/09
Wally Marquis 10/09
Phil McCollum 6/10

Notice has been received of the passing of these four shipmates. If you know of others that have been missed, please forward me their names.

A "Two Bell" ceremony used by the Fleet Reserve Association is being planned during the reunion

See you in Reno!

Bill Hanzel

Registration Information:

USS MARKAB AD21, AR23, AK31
2010 REUNION

September 8, 2010 thru September 12, 2010
Place: Reno, NV



Grand Sierra Resort and Casino
2500 East Second Street,
Reno, NV, USA 48228



For Reservation:
Call 1-800-648-5080 ask for
"Markab Reunion Rate"

Room Rates \$59.00 plus taxes, etc. Total Room \$78.00 DbI
Room Rate cut off July 31, 2010 (Two night minimum)

There is a no charge shuttle to & from the airport
(10 minutes)

Pets are allowed at an additional \$30.00 per night

Grand Sierra RV Park next to hotel.
Costs range from \$35 - \$45 per night.
No group rates available with the Markab Reunion.

Web Site : www.grandsierraresort.com/amenities/rv-park
Phone number 775-789-2147 for reservations
2010 Host & Hostess

Bill and Louise Lassner (66-67)
775-626-9221

BLGIANT44@AOL.COM

Markab 2010 Reunion Registration Form

Members Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Thursday September 9, 2010

Dixie Lake Tahoe Dinner/Dance Cruise \$60.00 per person

View: www.zephyrcove.com/cruises

Number of People _____ X \$60.00 = _____

Transportation to and from Lake Tahoe (1hour trip each way)

\$18.00 round trip. (price base on 40 people)

Number of People _____ X \$18.00 = _____

Friday September 10, 2010

V & T Railroad Carson City/Virginia City \$25.00 per person

Take a trip back in history ride this train from Carson City (NV Capital) to Virginia City. Walk the town of Virginia City with wooden sidewalks and the Original "Bucket of Blood Saloon" built in 1876. Train ride is about 1 ½ hours each way. We have around 3 hours to tour Virginia City before we return. You can have lunch or a cool one or two in the Bucket of Blood Saloon

View : www.virginiatruckee.com

www.bucketofbloodsaloonvc.com

Number of People _____ X \$25.00= _____

Transportation to and from train in Carson City (price based on 4 people)

Number of People _____ X \$20.00= _____

BANQUET DINNER

There is a choice of (3) Entrees. The price is the same regardless of Entrée Selected. The hotel does an average prices of the three entrees and that is how the price is determined. The price includes all taxes, tips and room charge. There will be a no host bar available. Bar will be open 5:30 pm and be available throughout evening. We have the Banquet Facilities from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

Entrees are \$40.00 per person. All Entrees served with salad, dessert, etc.

(1) Boneless Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Boursin Cheese & Wild Mushrooms Sauce

Number of Entrees _____ X \$40.00= _____

(2) Grilled Filet of Salmon with a Basil Butter Sauce

Number of Entrees _____ X \$40.00= _____

(3) Char Broiled Rib Eye Steak with a Hunter Sauce

Number of Entrees _____ X \$40.00= _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL _____

Make Checks Payable to "Markab Monies"