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Presidents Corner

by sam rubin

The Association continues to grow with several new members since our last publication. Our web page on the Internet has been a source for some of them. Anyone who has the capabilities should take a look at it. Jerry Lopez has done an outstanding job in assembling the pictures and arrangement of the pages.

I visited the Tucson area and met with Carl Jennings who is sponsoring the Reunion next year. He had worked with the Convention Bureau and had received responses from several local hotels. I culled them down to three of what I felt met our needs and visited them. It then became a choice of two and since Les Wilson had arrived in town, He and his lovely wife Betty and my Betty and I visited both hotels again. We selected the Doubletree Suites Hotel as the location for reunion 2000. More on that in a later part of the newsletter.

I am now working on updating the data base and a list of phone numbers will be included with

this newsletter. I will also have our Constitution and Bylaws published shortly and ready by the time our next bulletin goes out.

Thanks for the interesting letters some of you have sent me and I will publish them where space permits.

In December I received a call from Pete Agostini that he really appreciated the get well card signed by all the folks at the KC Reunion and that he was coming along just fine. I promised him that I would include that info in the next newsletter and then proceeded to forget. Allen Butcher called me last week and told me that Pete had passed away.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Les Wilson has compiled the data submitted on our Registration Form to include rates/rank, duties and time period aboard which is included in this addition of the Newsletter. Many thanks for his work in assembling the data in this graphic form.

Salty Talk

By Commander Ty Martin, U.S. Navy (Retired)

For many, an awareness of the bugle call called "Taps" goes back to the days of our youth, to going to camp. It's easy to recall the plaintively sweet and tranquilizing notes fading off into the balmy evening airs, ending another day of activity as we settled down in our cots or sleeping bags. And at no time in those days did any of us wonder why the piece was called "Taps." Its true origin had nothing to do with camping, the scouts, or even the military service.

Waterfront taverns are legendary places of all sorts of nefarious doing: drunken brawls, murder, prostitution, drugs and kidnapping are all part of the image. The situation was no different in the taprooms of Amsterdam and other Dutch port cities, except that the local authorities sought to limit the hours of business. Taverns were to close down at a specific hour, signalled to all on the waterfront by a city minion blowing a signal on a bugle to "tap toe"-or to turn off the spigots on all the beer barrels.

The Dutch-language name for these spigots is also the source for our alternate name for a "faucet" and for the verb meaning "to open a keg."
(Coutesy of the US Naval Institute)

Korean War Veterans

Letter from Don Hummel

Sam, while at the reunion we met a couple with the 5th. Regimental Combat Team Association who had recently returned from Korea as partial guests of the Korean Veterans Association. This program by Korea is to thank U.S. Servicemen who served in Korea.

I asked the gentleman to send information that he had available on the trip which I am forwarding to you for possible publication in our Newsletter. Some of our shipmates may be interested in making this trip.

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The Seaman's 23rd. Psalm

(Letter to Don Hummel continued)

Here are the forms for Korea. I would call this watts number 1-800-621-5724, Dearborn Travel in Chicago, Il and ask for Tom Linn. He is Korean and tell him I gave you the information. He will tell you what you have to do. I hope you get to go as I really enjoyed it. Ask about flying out of the West Coast. Thanks, Leon Veldhuis 3058 Regency Parkway Dr. Holland Mi 49424.

Active Membership

As of Dec. 15, 1998 the following members have paid their 98 dues:

Agostini*, Aguilar, Akesson, Alexander, Andress, Anson*, Arnold*, Ayers, Barnes*, Bellin*, Beninato, Berglin, Betz, Bidinger**, Blomgren*, Brady*, Brown, Bryant, Butcher, Calvert, Cassidy, Cheely, Chrisman, Christy, Church, Clifton*, Covington, Dickenson*, Drugan, Durham, Eagon, Engleman*, Ferguson*, Flanagan, Ford*, Foster, Frank*, French, Furlow**, Gatliff, Gehrlich*, Gibbons, Gideon, Griffith*, Gronvold, Guido, Hagg, Haglage*, Hancock*, Heiken, Henderson, Hogard, Hornor*, Hummel, Jardine*, Jennings*, Guy Johnson, JH Johnson**, Jones, Krebs, Kuklenski*, Latham*, Leroy*, Lopez, Lott, Lowther, Macioce*, Mackey, Marchese, Maroney, Martin*, Masters**, Maxwell, McCann*, McCants**, Melsha, Miihlbach, Miller, Montgomery, Mozis*, Nass, Needham, Nelson, Norton, O'Brien, Olson*, Patterson*, Petis*, Petruzzi*, Phares*, Phipps, Poortvliet, Pope, Reece**, Renfro**, Rhodes, Robbins, Roth, Rubin, Saeugling, Sakers*, Savage, Schaeffer, Schanzenbach*, Schirmer, Seabaugh, Showler, Shropshire, Sigren, Simpson, Skow, Small*, W Smith*, Sons, Spiese*, Stein, Swary*, Swonson*, Tellefsen, Tessar*, Truxillo*, Tull*, Vandewouwer, Vernoy, Walker*, Weinberger*, Whidden, Whiteley*, Wideman, Wiley*, Wilhelm, Williamson, Wilson* and Wood*.

* Paid 1999 dues.
** Paid 2000 dues.

(If I accidentally missed you or made a mistake, let me know and it will be in the next newsletter.)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A recent Ann Landers column described a wife's quick reaction to her husband's chest pain. She went immediately to the kitchen, got an aspirin, gave it to him, and called 911. An ambulance arrived in about eight minutes, attendants loaded her husband into the ambulance for the 21 mile ride to the hospital. Half way there he went into cardiac arrest. Upon arrival at the hospital, he was checked and the cardiologist declared there was no permanent heart damage.

Her husband survives thanks to her quick thinking. Once again, aspirin, the "wonder drug," has come to the rescue.
Ed. note: It's not that we've taken to dispensing medical advice, but the blood thinning qualities of aspirin are well known.

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MY 1999 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ()
MY 2000 DUES (\$10.00) ARE ENCLOSED ()
If you have previously filled out this form completely, just your name and address would be required to re-register unless something has changed otherwise.

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6413 N. 82nd. ST.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250-5612

Submitted by Willis Anson

Hi Sam. here is something that I read at a friends house that I asked him if I could have. If you haven't seen it I thought you might like it.

**"It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.**

**It is the soldier,
Who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag."**

Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC

