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THE PREZ

SEZ

From the desk of the Prez on another cloudy, dreary Oklahoma day. Joyce and I are both doing well. If the weather ever cooperates would like to get out doors to enjoy some warm weather and to start some yard work.

Will attempt to give some insight as to what has been going on behind the scenes with our upcoming reunion. Coordination has met with some conflict due to certain requirements for our tours and banquet menu. As you all are aware we are in some tight economic times and I have tried to take all issues into consideration. Know y'all are anxious to receive the information on our highly anticipated reunion.

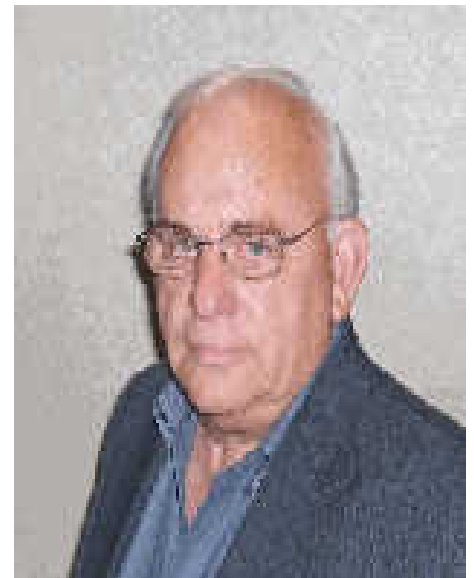
Well, here it is for your reservations, call 210.224.2500

and ask for the US Navy GCA/ATC Association. Forms for tours, hotel reservations, and menu are included.

FYI: Located one/half block up from our hotel is a "Trolley" stop. For a small "senior" fare you can "hop on and off" at various sites; Marriott Mall, Alamo, Market Place, restaurants and other points of interest.

Joyce and I are really looking forward to this reunion. We have visited San Antonio twice and enjoyed every minute. Looking forward to seeing all of you September 29th thru October 3rd. Reminder: When you fill out your registration forms, please retain a copy for cancellation should your plans change.

Electing a President and possibly a Vice President, in addition to choosing a site for the 2012 reunion, and a volunteer for the association "Historian"



will be on the agenda. Now is the time for these issues to be given serious consideration.

See you in San Antonio!

"Good Health and Happiness"

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*"FAIR WINDS AND
FOLLOWING SEAS".*

God Bless,
Gus

SEND DUES TO:

Ed Brown
3911 Bonita View Dr.
Bonita, CA 91902

GCA/ATC ASSN FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2009

Checking Acct Bal	3911.62
OGP Fund	1000.00
In Reserve	9858.43

Make checks payable to USN GCA/ATC Assn

Total Worth	14770.05
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1 year	\$15
3 years	\$40
5 years	\$60
Life	\$130

**DEPARTED THE PATTERN
To Re-enter Elsewhere**

Elmer "Lee" Baker, 92, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, passed peacefully January 31, 2010. He was born May 14, 1917 in Panola, Madison County, KY, the fourth of five sons of Thomas David and Gertrude Franklin (Chasteen) Baker. His family moved to Franklin, Ohio when he was 7. After graduating from Wm. Mason High School in Mason, he joined the Navy on September 12, 1939.

Serving in the South Pacific, he was attached to the USS McCawley (APA-4) when she was torpedoed and sunk near Guadalcanal in June 1943. After WWII, he settled in Astoria, Oregon, married the late Margaret Griffith and joined the Naval Reserves. He became a Columbia River pilot where he worked with the Navy's Mothball Fleet. In 1954, he returned to active duty Navy as an air traffic controller. He retired January 31, 1978 at Beeville, Texas shortly after he married Connie Harris. In 1990, he moved to Atlantic Beach after living in Hawaii for 10 years. During his 37 years of faithful service to our great Country, he proudly served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #261 in Beeville, Texas, the Rainbow Elks Lodge 2669 in Aiea, Hawaii, and a life member of the Fleet Reserve Association Pearl Harbor Branch.

He is survived by his daughter, Cammi Joann Sampel, granddaughter, Kerry Joann Sampel and grandson Weslee Douglas Sampel, all of Jacksonville, one brother, Robert "Bob" Baker of Yucaipa, California and several nieces and nephews.

Lee was devoted to his family and his country. All who knew him will miss his contagious smile, his caring nature and his generous heart.

In celebration of Lee's life, a Memorial Service was held at 3:00 pm, Saturday February 13, 2010 at Quinn Shalz Funeral Home in Jacksonville Beach. He will be interred at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 290, 390 Mayport Rd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233.

Donald L. McKinney (aka Don or Mac) died on March 3, 2009, at age 72, after a brief struggle with lung cancer. He enlisted in the Navy in Feb. 1956 with three friends, Joe Anderson, Cliff Painter & Jerry Cris-tin all from his home town of Centralia, WA. After completion of basic training in San Diego on May 1, 1956, Don and Joe were assigned to Barbers Point, Hawaii. Don became a crew member and was assigned flying status in Jan. 1957, assigned to VW1, VW2, VW16, VW12, VW14 squadrons. He had many stories to tell about his time at Hawaii and Midway. One of the most unforgettable incidents was the Dec 23, 1957 crash. Don remembers that his crew had been playing cards and waiting for the plane to be ready. Finally the married men were sent home to spend Christmas with their families and appar-ently later on a crew was assembled of guys who needed more flight time, etc. He remembered having to guard the bodies of his friends and how traumatic that was. He had been playing pinochle with one crew mate just 24 hours before. The second incident was the crash landing on Midway and leaping from the wing and running for his life. There was an incident with a totem pole in Alaska, but the details aren't clear to me. Don left Hawaii in Jan. 1961 and was assigned to Whidbey Island, WA from Apr. 1961 until Jul. 1963, as an air traffic controller. His best friend was Albert Dean White (aka Fluffy) from Texas, whom he lost track after leaving Whidbey. Finally several years ago we found out that he had died in a plane crash off Afognak Island, Alaska in September of 1969 and is buried in Amarillo, Texas. Don left the Navy in 1964 for personal reasons, a divorce and children at home to care for. He would have been a career man, for sure, if not for that. as he loved the Navy. The only good thing about his discharge was that we met in Southern California in 1966 and married. We had a great, not dull, life together for almost 43 years. We had a beautiful military service for him at Riverside National Cemetery here in California and we honor his memory at each holiday. If anyone knew Don I would love to have any remembrances or stories to share with our children. Carole McKinney. dcmck66@aol.com

CWO3 Ray C. Burgess passed away last July 24. Ray was my friend and early teacher on USS Intrep-id. We went to Glynco together (Where he made CPO) and on to Memphis as instructors. Ray was an excellent controller and the only man I ever saw to get up in the middle of a case III recovery as an ap-proach controller, take off his headset and tell the Sup/ACC "Damn it Chief, if you want to talk so bad, then key the F#\$**ing mike" whereupon he left the CATCC. Not sure what happened after that but it must have been something to witness. I asked him once why he talked so slow when we were at our busiest? (He also had a major southern drawl) and he said when it was busy he never wanted to have to repeat himself. After NAS New Orleans (I think) Ray retired to his home state of Arkansas. He was one of those characters that if you met him, you didn't soon forget. Fred Moss

Just wanted to let you know that **Glenn Palmer** passed away this morning, Mon, Nov 16, 2009 . We will be taking him back to Georgia to bury with Jerri. Seems such a shame that we all let time go by without keeping in touch and then we have to deliver news like this. Remember to stop by if you are coming this way. Gordon and Rita Palmer

Received a relayed message that AC1 (Ret) **Charles "Chuck" McComb** has passed away. He had re-sided in Utah and had spent at least three tours in the training command including Beeville, Corpus Christi, and Kingsville. Anse Windham

Terrence "Tony" Chandler Humphrey Age 70, made the transition from earth to the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday March 7th, 2010 while at home in Sequim with his wife at his side after a valiant battle with cancer. Tony grew up in Northridge, Ohio, the eldest son of Chandler Humphrey and Kathleen Welch Humphrey and was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jim and sister Karen. Tony is survived by his wife Beverly of 45 years; his daughter, Terri (Robert) Festa, two grandchildren, Stephano and Michael; and sister Donna Gapa of Ohio. In 1957 Tony began his career in the United States Navy as an enlisted Air Controlman 3rd Class. Excelling in his work, he steadily progressed over the next 30 years to his eventual retirement in 1987 as Master Chief, senior enlisted air traffic control advisor on Staff of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC. Tony deployed numerous times on the USS Oriskany and the USS Kitty Hawk during which he did several tours on Yankee Station off the Vietnam Coast. After retiring from the military, Tony went on to consult to various Department of Defense contractors as a Subject Matter Expert; Church Administrator at Calvary Chapel El Cajon; and Police Services Officer in the Communications and Traffic Divisions of the El Cajon Police Department in California. In recent years however, one of Tony's greatest joys became serving as a First Responder with the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Response Team. He deployed numerous times serving those in need, with compassion, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and other domestic disasters. His success at everything he put his hand to can be directly attributed to his God-given integrity, work ethic, legendary attention to detail and the discipline and patriotism he learned in the Navy, as friends and family will attest. Tony is already and will continue to be sorely missed. Memorial Services will be held at Calvary Chapel Sequim, on 27 March 2010 at 2:00 PM. Donations in lieu of flowers to: Calvary Chapel Sequim,

James Nelson "Jim" Townsend, 80 of California, MD died December 23, 2009 at his residence. Born May 2, 1929 in Kansas City, MO, he was the son of the late Nelson A. and Amelia Buinger Townsend. He was the loving husband of Marica Kucko Townsend whom he married on February 20th, 1960 in Naples, Italy. Jim is also survived by his children; Sue Ann Lass and her husband Daniel of Brighton CO, Thomas J. Townsend and his wife Dawn of Lake Mary, FL, his grandchildren James Lass, Rickey D. Townsend, Jr. and his fiancé Christie Passmore, Aaron T. Townsend, Brendan Machules, Evan Machules, Shannon Moler and her husband Tony, Rhonda Hofer and her boyfriend Charlie Clark, his great grandchildren; Corbin Lass, Rickey D. Townsend, III., Jade Passmore, his siblings; William Townsend and Donald Townsend both of Kansas and Patsy Hawkins of Oklahoma. He is also survived by his good friends John and Maggie Wilkinson, Bob and Tina Heisner and his Faith Bible Church Family. He was preceded in death by his son Rickey D. Townsend and brother Thomas Louis Townsend. Jim graduated from Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, KS, with his good friend Edward Asner. Jim began his thirty years of dedicated service in the United States Navy on June 12th, 1947. His duty stations included; Boot Camp in Great Lakes, IL, Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA, Anacostia, DC, Honolulu, HI, Olathe, KS, Naples, Italy, NAS Glynco, GA, USS Shangri-La, USS Independence, NAS Norfolk, VA, LPH Guam and MOTU 12, Mayport, FL. His thirty years of service ended on July 31st, 1977. Jim attended Tidewater Community College and graduated in 1977 with an Electronics Degree. He moved to St. Mary's County from Orange Park, FL, in 1977 and worked for Tracor as a Section Head MK XII Project Manager for 22 years, retiring in May of 1999. He belonged to VFW 2632, American Legion Post 162, FRA, DAV 26, National Chief Petty Officer's Association, Military Order of the Cootie, and the GCA. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where prayers will be said at 7:00PM. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, December 30th, 2009 at 11:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Chapel, Leonardtown, MD, with Fr. Rob McNutt officiating. Interment will be held on January 26, 2010 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia at 11:00 AM. Contributions in memory of Jim may be sent to The Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 339, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

John Arthur Crossley, my beloved husband, 78, of St. Augustine, went home to be with Our Dear Lord on Nov. 23, 2009, at Flagler Hospital. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy, a 30-year career as senior chief petty officer, as an air traffic controller, serving in Japan and Vietnam, spending most of his time aboard the U.S.S. Roosevelt aircraft carrier, stationed at NAS, Jax. After the Navy he joined the FAA, for 17 more years, continuing as an air traffic controller. He was a percussionist and loved jazz music. He was friends with many well-known entertainers, including Frank Sinatra. He was a stand-up comedian and a singer. He was a native of Utica, N.Y., and moved to Jacksonville Naval Base in 1947, then to St. Augustine 2002. He was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Carol Jean, St. Augustine; brother, Raymond George Crossley, Utica; sister, Sally Previtieri, Syracuse, N.Y.; stepchildren, Kevin S. van Olphen, St. Augustine; Christopher J. van Olphen, Cumming, Ga.; grandchildren Tyler, Kaylee, Brandon and Sarah; brother-in-law, Capt. Larry G. Conway, North Palm Beach; sister-in-law, Kiki Conway, also of North Palm Beach; mother-in-law, Janelle Conway and father-in-law, George W. Conway, Sebring, Fla.; niece, LeAnn Tomassi, Utica; and nephew, Ray Crossley, New Hampshire. A private memorial service with full military honors by the U.S. Navy, with remains to be buried at sea by Capt. Larry G. Conway, will be held at a later date. Please sign the guest book at www.legacy.com/StAugustine/Obituaries.asp

John J. Falcone Sr., 81, of the 1000 block of Hugo St., passed away Sept. 29, 2009, in Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center. A native of Connecticut, he was the son of the late Samuel and Florence Falcone. He retired from the United States Navy after 24 years as an air traffic controller. He also retired as manager of Brith Shalom Center after 30 years. Prior to joining, John was in the Army Reserves helping with the war effort. At 17, John joined the Navy as a deep sea diver. When the Navy started using aircrafts, John volunteered to change his rate to be one of the Navy's first air traffic controllers. He spent his 21st birthday on the Berlin Airlift. His last shipboard assignment was aboard the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear aircraft carrier. After making an around the world cruise, the Enterprise and its crew were ordered by President Kennedy to the Bay of Pigs. He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Falcone; eight daughters, four sons, two sisters, three brothers; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Claudia Scott; a son, John J. Falcone Jr.; sisters, Louise Earl and Shirley Sorbero; and a brother, Samuel F. Falcone Jr. A funeral will be conducted Friday, October 2, at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Keith Olivier officiating.

ACC J.W. Butler USN (Retired), 74, of Ratcliff died Wednesday, January 27, 2010. He was born October 31, 1935 in Florence, Ala. to John Hulet Butler and Lillie Lee Ricketts. He was a member of Brooklyn Free Will Baptist Church, retired from the U.S. Navy after serving 32 years, Fleet Reserve Association, GCA Association, Ratcliff Volunteer Fire Department, and drove a bus for County Line School District. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, James T. Butler and Roy Lee Butler and one sister, Barbara Forbes.

Full Military funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday, February 1, 2010 at Brooklyn Free Will Baptist Church with burial at Caulksville Cemetery in Caulksville under the direction of Smith Mortuary of Charleston.

He is survived by his wife Chessie Lou Butler, of the home; three daughters, Brenda Bentley of Cherry Valley, Calif., Rhonda Savoy of Ratcliff and Wanda Llewellyn of 29 Palms, Calif.; two sisters, Audrey Marie "Sis" Butler of Florence, Ala. and Debbie Lynn Stokes of Florence, Ala.; one brother, Robert Wayne Butler of Florence, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Blimp Crash Takes Life of Army Man

Thursday Nov 21, 1957

LAKEHURST, NJ - A New York Army colonel died yesterday of injuries he suffered in a blimp crash Thursday night at the Naval Air Station. The others on the storm-rocked airship are safe after jumping 20 to 40 feet through a hatch. Five of them are in hospitals, but the public information office here said none are in serious condition.

Lt. Col. Victor DeStefanus, 38, Elmont, N.Y., died at 6 a.m. yesterday at the Philadelphia Navy Hospital 10 hours after strong winds drove the blimp into a mooring mast here.

Eight Navy men were injured when the blimp plunged to the ground with one engine dead. The Naval Air Station here identified them as: LTJG Walter F. Turner, Harbour Dr., Brenton Harbour. LTJG Daniel H. Hopkins, Ensign Ave., Beachwood.

AD1 Lloyd A. Stough, 412 Terrace Ave., Toms River.

ADR3 Joseph Gerard, Star Rt., Lakehurst.

AM3 Ronald E. Goss, 465 Lakehurst Rd., Toms River.

ACAN Samuel H. Good; 1435 Richland Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

ACW3 Samuel T. Tucker, Park Ave. Asheville, N.C.

ACW3 A. E. Windham, Rt. 1, West Monroe, La.

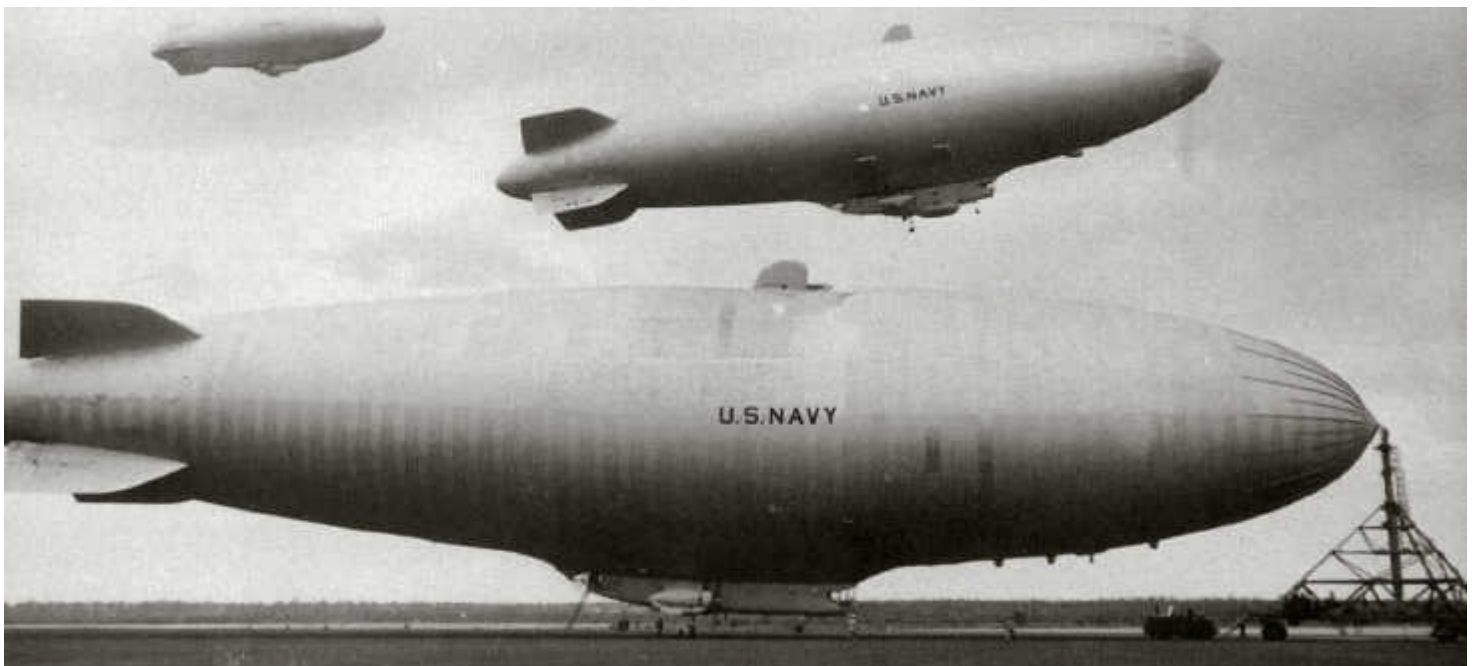
Several others reported on the blimp escaped unhurt.

The base said the blimp was returning from a patrol about 8:15 pm. with one of its two motors out of commission. Strong wind carried it into a mooring mast damaging the envelope. The helium was then released in order that the airship would not blow further out of control.

The Navy said it was informed of Col. De Stefanis' death about 11 a.m. The officer was assigned to the First Region U.S. Army Air Defense Command at Ft. Totten, N.Y. He had been doing liaison work with the Navy at the time of the crash. The victim had been in the service for 20 years, serving overseas in World War 2. He is survived by his wife and four children.

The Navy conducted an investigation of the accident yesterday but said It would not release its official findings until next week.

Some parts of the blimp, a ZPG-2W, will be salvaged. It is a similar model to one that recently set an airborne endurance record several months ago.



**HOLIDAY INN SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK – SAN ANTONIO, TX
(210) 224-2500**

The Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk is located at 217 N. Mary’s St, San Antonio, TX 78205, in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The hotel is approximately 9 mile away from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT). Please call the hotel for more accurate driving directions. The Holiday Inn guest rooms each with coffee/tea maker, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, and free newspaper. Guests can also enjoy the fitness center or whirlpool/outdoor pool, as well as the newsstand and on-site laundry service. Handicapped rooms are subject to availability; please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. Self parking for US Navy GCA/ATC Association guests is \$8 per day; valet parking is \$12 per day. Check-in is at 4:00pm and check-out is at 12 noon.

Windows on the River offers spectacular views of the San Antonio River. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, our tri-level restaurant in our San Antonio Riverwalk hotel is the ideal place for dinner. **Ripples on the River Lounge** is the perfect place to unwind after a long day of business or sightseeing in the city. Come in for your favorite cocktail or order a snack while enjoying the view of the romantic San Antonio Riverwalk from our hotel's lounge. Room service is also available from 6:00am to 12:00am.

The hotel recommends using a taxi to & from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT). Call San Antonio Taxi at (210) 444-2222 for more information, rates, and/or reservations. Currently, it is \$25 one way per taxi. SA Trans (210) 281-9900 provides shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. Shuttle tickets are sold at the baggage claim area, at Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The shuttle runs from 7:00am to 1:00am and approximately departs the airport every 15 minutes. Currently, the rates are \$18.00 per person one-way; \$32.00 per person round trip, prices are subject to change without notice. Please call to verify pricing and to make reservations.

The hotel has limited parking for RV’s at \$60 per night. Please call the hotel to make a reservation. Should you require full hookup service, please call Fiesta Campground at (210) 821-6494 or Alamo KOA San Antonio at (210) 224-9296. Ask for information, reservations, and directions to determine which is the most convenient for you.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

**US NAVY GCA/ATC ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5, 2010**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (_____) _____ HOLIDAY INN PRIORITY # _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEP. DATE _____

_____ # OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS

_____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$109 + tax (currently 16.75%)

CUT OFF DATE: 08/26/10. Rate will be offered 3 days before & after reunion dates, based on availability. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 24 hours before arrival.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit including tax, enclosed.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER
CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

**MAIL TO: HOLIDAY INN SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK, 217 N. MARY’S ST, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205
ATTN: RESERVATIONS**

U.S. NAVY GCA / ATC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/gca. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 28, 2010. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted at the reunion will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
 322 Madison Mews
 Norfolk, VA 23510
 ATTN: GCA / ATC

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/26/10

	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
THURSDAY: CITY TOUR	\$ 33		\$
THURSDAY: DIAMOND W CHUCKWAGON SUPPER & COWBOY SHOW	\$ 76		\$
FRIDAY: FREDERICKSBURG & NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC	\$ 47		\$
MEALS			
SATURDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			
<i>Sliced Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Sonora</i>	\$ 40		\$
<i>Chicken Picatta and Grilled Salmon Filet</i>	\$ 40		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses.	\$ 17		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER () - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel!)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER () - _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING? DRIVING? RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 825-8401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

**DEPARTED THE PATTERN
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Edward Joseph Mulligan, 82, passed away peacefully in his home on November 15, 2009. Born in Brooklyn, NY on October 22, 1927, he served as a US Navy Air Traffic Controller. Prior to retiring in Jacksonville as a Master Chief, he traveled the world to China, The Philippines, Morocco and two tours in Antarctica. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Mary Regina and his son, John. Survivors include his daughter, Winifred (Felipe); sons, Patrick (Sandy), Michael (Patricia) and Martin (Sharyl); grandsons, Sean, Joseph, James and Michael Ryan; great-grandsons, John and Jonathan. Graveside services will be held at Riverside Memorial Park on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 11:00 am with Rev. Noel Roberts officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 5753 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, 777-5727. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to NE Florida Community Hospice.

It's official, **DD-214's are NOW Online.**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Golf at Fort Sam Houston on Thursday, 30 September. Scramble, shotgun start at 0830. I need to know who will participate. I anticipate a \$50.00 fee which will include carts and lunch, PLUS prizes!! I indicated to the course that there could be 20 golfers. Lets see if we can get that many.!

Thanks, Kent



We are lookin' for

Doris Moore
Kenneth Obermeyer
William Williamson

It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial costs and blame it on the higher cost of living.

**US NAVY GCA / ATC ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 3, 2010
HOLIDAY INN SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

Wednesday, September 29

2:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open
Hospitality Room open for the duration of the reunion

Thursday, September 30

7:30am - 8:30am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - 2:30pm CITY TOUR
2:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration Open
5:30pm - 10:00pm DIAMOND W CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND COWBOY SHOW TOUR

Friday, October 1

9:00am - 4:00pm FREDERICKSBURG AND NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR
TOUR
Evening and Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 2

9:00am - 11:00am Business Meeting
7:00pm Banquet begins

Sunday, October 3

Farewells and Departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 or email cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**CITY TOUR**

Thursday, September 30

From the earliest Spanish Missionaries in 1691 to today's traveler, San Antonio's appeal continues to draw attention. Relax and enjoy a fully narrated tour of San Antonio's unique blend of rich heritage, traditions and natural beauty. Points of interest include stops at the San Jose Mission which is still an active church and is part of the National Park service, the largest of the missions; the Alamo, the city's first mission; San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers. From there you'll enjoy some time at San Antonio's Market Square, the largest and oldest Mexican Market in the United States. The Market features authentic Mexican dining, shopping and entertainment.

9:00 am board bus, 2:30 PM back at hotel**\$33/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.****DIAMOND W CHUCKWAGON SUPPER AND COWBOY SHOW**

Thursday, September 30

The Knibbe Ranch is the site of San Antonio's best Chuckwagon supper and cowboy show. Upon arrival enjoy free time to walk through the general store and explore the grounds. Dinner includes Bar-B-Que brisket or smoked turkey sausage, along with beans, salads, biscuits, dessert, and a beverage (beer and wine are available at the cash bar). After dinner, sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Cowboy humor, poetry, and songs are all part of the show, including the band.

Note: there is a minimum of 100 people required for this tour.**5:30 PM board bus, 10:00 PM back at hotel****\$76/Person and includes bus, dinner, escort, and entertainment.****FREDERICKSBURG AND NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR**

Friday, October 1

Enjoy a scenic ride to Fredericksburg to tour the National Museum of the Pacific War which is dedicated to everyone who served in the Pacific under Admiral Nimitz. The Museum includes over 34,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space including the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Nimitz Education and Research Center. A 43,000 square foot expansion is new in 2010! Explore the impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns and enjoy lunch at one of several restaurants or delis located on Fredericksburg's downtown Main Street. There is shopping nearby on Main Street for those interested.

9:00 AM board bus, 4:00 PM back at hotel**\$47/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.****Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.****Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the published**