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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

*Shipmates:*

*This will be the last newsletter prior to our reunion next month in Boco Raton, Florida. I am happy to report that most of our plans are finalized, however; I urge those of you who have not yet returned your survey form to please do so immediately so that an accurate count of the various tours and dinner/dance can be made. We still must provide the various tour company's and the hotel with fairly accurate head counts or our costs may be increased. Tom Best is eagerly tracking these survey forms and reports a very good head count so far. I also receive the room register listings from the hotel and there are several members who have registered that have yet to send in a survey form or their pre-*



paid checks for the tours and dinner/dance. Also if you have yet to make your room reservations, the hotel has informed me that they cannot hold unbooked rooms past the 23th of September. That does not necessarily mean that rooms will not be available, however; the cost of the room goes up to \$105.00 and the room may not be with the rest of our group. If you haven't made your reservation, please do so now.

Dollar Rent a Car is pleased to extend special rates to our membership that go from seven days prior to the reunion and extend seven days past the reunion for those of you who plan on making the trip to Florida a vacation. They offer convenient airport pick-up and delivery, unlimited free milage in Florida, no drop off charges with advance reservations, 24 hour free roadside service; and driver side airbags. The reservation code assigned to our group is 0070745. For making advanced reservations in Florida, call central reservations at 1-800-237-8396 between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Ask for the Special Reservations desk. We also plan on having some sort of transportation available at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport on Thursday and Friday at 12:00 and 4:00pm for those not renting a car.

For those of you attending the 9th reunion, and remember LCOL. Phil Berry (US Army) who attended on behalf of Field Command DNA; LCOL Berry will again attend this reunion and provide us an update on Intrinsic Radiation during the Saturday business meeting.. He will also be available for one on one discussions during most of the reunion.

If you are concerned what to wear during the Jungle Cruise, feel free and comfortable as the normal dress code is very casual. As a matter of fact, the dress code in Florida is very relaxed, and the temperature should support shorts and tee-shirt attire. Except for the Dinner/Dance, the more casual you dress, the more comfortable you will feel. Don't forget that the photographer will be present just prior to the dinner/dance for individual and group pictures. Dress accordingly.

That's about it from sunny, funny Florida. We are looking forward to seeing all of our old shipmates, and the many new shipmates that have joined the NSWUA since our last reunion.

R.O.

#### **FROM THE SECRETARY:**

It's sad to note the passing of another shipmate and friend. Roy Gustavson sailed on his last cruise in April 1993 out of his homeport of Albuquerque, New Mexico. It comes to mind that all the years of dedicated service are never quite noticed enough by all the many American citizen's who have enjoyed the benefits of our arduous labors over the years.

As R.O. said above, we need to receive your survey forms and payment EI-Pronto. The hotel currently has 34 registrations more than we have survey forms. Communication is the key to a successful reunion.

Sometime after the reunion, I plan on sitting down and compiling a new membership listing that will take into consideration all the address changes, new members; and various other forms of change that have taken place since our last membership list was produced. This may become a somewhat major effort as we must redesign a computer program to accept the membership listing and then input all the individual members information. Be patience, as we hope to have an improved listing out soon. Please note though; if you have changes to be made to your address, phone number name, spouse etc; don't keep it a secret, or it will never get into the change. Also if you are delinquent on your dues, now is the time to get them up to current. If not; you may be removed from the mailing listing. Other than that, I'm ready for some fun in the sun at the Boca reunion. For those who haven't met me yet, look for the tall dark and handsome young man with a smile on his face and a good looking blond on his arm. I'll be standing right next to him....

#### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY:**

Happiness does not come from possessions, but from our appreciation of them. It does not come from our work, but from the attitude toward that work. It does not come from sucess, but from the growth we have attained in achieving that sucess.

**POINTS TO PONDER:** NSWUA Membership; It's not the price you must pay to join this group; Rather it's the price that you have already paid over the years to become eligible that really counts.