



# FLAMIN' CAIMAN TALES

MAY 2006

## **COMMANDER'S SCUTTLEBUTT**

On behalf of Bent Christiansen, the USS CAIMAN Association's Board of Directors thanks every shipmate who contributed. CAIMAN shipmates donated a total of \$5,575.00 to the restoration of Bent's home in Metairie, Louisiana that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina this past year. So far he has replaced his roof and is working on the interior of his house. He is deeply grateful to all and hopes to see us in Flagstaff in May. I speak for all CAIMAN shipmates when I say: "It is a privilege and an honor to be associated with an organization as the USS CAIMAN Association." The 2<sup>nd</sup> USS CAIMAN Association reunion in Flagstaff, Arizona on May 15<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. **Deadline for registration is April 15, 2006** so please mail your registration form and monies to Doug Smith as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the form, call 380-377-4763 or email \_\_\_\_\_ and Smitty will send you another or you can download it from the web <http://www.flamincaiman.org/2006registration.pdf>. Here is an excellent opportunity to see old shipmates and friends and meet new ones. Don't be strangers—join us this May.

John "Yeo" Fagereng  
USS CAIMAN Association Commander

## **NEWSLETTER DATE**

This newsletter is dated May 2006 because that would be the month we would normally send out the next newsletter. As you noticed it is coming out in April. We are using this newsletter as a reminder for the reunion. Also your Association board will be a little busy during the month of May with the reunion. In case you forgot, we are having a reunion in Flagstaff, AZ, May 15 – 19 and you are invited.

## **HOTELS**

The Radisson is getting full and they have arranged for the La Quinta as an overflow hotel. Call the Radisson first **(928) 773-8888**, to check if someone cancels. The Radisson does have rooms but for \$95.00 + tax. If a room is not available call the La Quinta **(928) 556-8666** for the \$85.00 + tax. If you stay in the Radisson the walk to the free beer is shorter.

## **UNIFORM OF THE DAY**

Some of our shipmates have asked about the required uniform of the day. Please, keep it casual. We are in Flagstaff to have a good time. If you decide to wear a coat and tie to the Banquet dinner, we are not responsible for what will happen. Whit says a tie is convenient; it keeps gravy off his shirt. Hoofs ask - what is a tie?

## **SCOOTERS**

Before anyone says anything about memory, I know this was in the previous newsletter – it is just a reminder. For our shipmates and guest that need mobility assistance, we have a source that will deliver and pick up scooters at the hotel. The closest we could find is ALL MED EQUIPMENT in Cottonwood, AZ. The scooters are \$45.00 for the reunion. Please contact Randy at 928-634-3627 and do not forget to mention you are with the USS Caiman Reunion. You will need to charge it to your credit card or someone else's.

## **REUNION COMMITTEE**

As we did last reunion, we are planning to ask for volunteers for the reunion committee at the buffet luncheon. This committee will select approximately five places for the next reunion. At the Banquet Dinner, every Caiman sailor will get to vote for their first and second choice for the location of the next reunion. If you would like to be on the committee or make a suggestion, attend the luncheon. Don't forget to be at the Banquet Dinner so you can vote on the location for the next reunion in 2008.

## **REUNION LIST**

Attached is the list of reunion attendees as of March 28th. The attendees list on the Flaming Caiman web site is updated as registrations are received. The web address is <http://www.flamincaiman.org/2006reunion.pdf>. Remember, as you all know, if you don't attend – we will talk about you. Also all the sea stories will be your fault, so attend to protect your reputation.

## **SAILING LIST**

The complete sailing list is available to all current members of the USS Caiman Association. We have changed the format of the sailing list on the web. It is now in Adobe vice MS Word which makes the file smaller and allows any Caimanite with a computer to access the file. Adobe Reader is a free program available on the web. To access the new file, just change the last three letters in the link to pdf. The old link will disappear on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. If you have any questions or problems, contact Smitty 360-377-4763.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

We have links to all newsletters on the web site. Email addresses are not listed in the newsletters on the web because spammers use programs to find email addresses on the web. We get enough spam now, we don't want more.