

Let There Be No Moaning at The Bar...

OLD SAILORS SIT AND CHEW THE FAT
ABOUT THINGS THAT USED TO BE,
OF THE THINGS THEY'VE SEEN,
THE PLACES THEY'VE BEEN,
WHEN THEY VENTURED OUT TO SEA.

THEY REMEMBERED FRIENDS FROM LONG AGO,
THE TIMES THEY HAD BACK THEN.
THE MONEY THEY SPENT,
THE BEER THEY DRANK,
IN THEIR DAYS AS SAILING MEN.

THEIR LIVES ARE LIVED IN DAYS GONE BY,
WITH THOUGHTS THAT FOREVER LAST.
OF BELL BOTTOM BLUES,
WINGED WHITE HATS,
AND GOOD TIMES IN THEIR PAST.

THEY RECALL LONG NIGHTS WITH A MOON SO BRIGHT
FAR OUT ON A LONELY SEA.
THE THOUGHTS THEY HAD
AS YOUTHFUL LADS,
WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE WILD AND FREE.

THEY KNEW SO WELL HOW THEIR HEARTS WOULD SWELL
WHEN OLD GLORY FLUTTERED PROUD AND FREE.
THE UNDERWAY PENNANT
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT
AS THEY PLOWED THROUGH AN ANGRY SEA.

THEY TALKED OF THE CHOW OL' COOKIE WOULD MAKE
AND THE SHRILL OF THE BOSUN'S PIPE.
HOW SALT SPRAY WOULD FALL
LIKE SPARKS FROM HELL
WHEN A STORM STRUCK IN THE NIGHT.

THEY REMEMBER OLD SHIPMATES ALREADY GONE
WHO FOREVER HOLD A SPOT IN THEIR HEART,
WHEN SAILORS WERE BOLD,
AND FRIENDSHIPS WOULD HOLD,

UNTIL DEATH RIPPED THEM APART.

USS FIREDRAKE AE-14

REUNION 2011

BANQUET PROGRAM

May 13, 2011

**Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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PRESENTATION of COLORS

by

Baton Rouge Sea Cadets
Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION

PLEASE BE SEATED

Welcome Remarks

POW/MIA PLACE OF HONOR

BANQUET

Admiral's Southern Buffet –

House Salad, choice of dressings, Baby Greens with Sherry Wine Vinaigrette
Soup of the Day, Fried Catfish with Tartar dripping Sauce, Coq au Vin
Southern style Potato Salad, Red Beans & Rice, Stewed Cabbage
Hush Puppies & Cornbread
Pecan Pie, Peach Cobbler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RECOGNITION of PLANK OWNERS

COMMENTS FROM SHIPMATES

PROGRAM –

The Cajun Humorist – Gary Dupuy

BENEDICTION

CONCLUSION

*May you have fair winds and following seas
And a safe and pleasant trip home!*

See you in 2013!

Shipmates and Family in Attendance

Casel & Eva Allen
Mike & Karen Ambrosi
Ken & Fay Barnaby
Al & Pat Bellard
Ron & Ann Blanton
Wayne & Rose Burling
James Byrd
Manny & Jean Fontana
Mike & Sue France
Ross & Sylvia Glazner
Michael & Khristine Hawthorn
Dan & Adele Hedges
Art Herry & daughter Leanne Arntz
Clyde Hightower
Bob & Janeth Hitt
John Kastl
George & Kathy King
Dutch & Joyce Koppenhaver
Jack & Dorothy Meyer
David Morris
Phil & Joanne Nessler
Bill & Mary Ann Schiller
Karl Smith
Keith Suiter
Dick & Pat Tracy
Bob Tellier & Granddaughters -
Catherine & Christine Reale
Tom & Kris Traugher
Bill & Connie Turner
Charles & Barbara VanDeman
Ken & Billie Voss
Tommy & Kate Warden