

MEM MEMBERS: (CONTINUED)

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS: (MAY 1968 - APRIL 1989) (CONTINUED)

BMC Rodney F. JONES, USN(Ret)	532/594	68-69	San Diego, CA	7/88
BNCS Robert J. KLEINMAN, USN(Ret)	533/573/535	6/68-7/70	EI Cajon, CA	6/88
Richard A. KOMITZER	515	1/69-12/69	Manitowoc, WI	7/88
WML Royal B. NELSON, USN(Ret)	518/570	7/67-11/68	Dallas, TX	6/88
HTCM David OLIVER, IV, USN	HAL-3/VM-4	68-72	USA PRAIRIE(AD-15)	11/88
CMDL Wade E. OLSON, USN	574/MINX	9/68-3/71	Camp Pendleton, CA	3/88
LT Joseph T. PETRO, USNR	512/534	6/69-6/70	Burke, VA	11/88
LCDR Vince RAMBO, USN(Ret)	573	9/68-9/69	Columbia, SC	7/88
Richard REEDY	535	1968	Virginia Beach, VA	8/88
Sandy J. SANDOVAL Ex-EM2	535	67-68	Massed, CA	7/88
CAPT Norman J. SHACKELTON, JR., USN	541	8/67-8/68	Annapolis, MD	6/88
Alonzo V. SMITH Ex-GM2	125-13	3/67-3/68	Owick, CA	5/88
CWO4 James L. SMITH, USN	PCP	67-68	Virginia Beach, VA	8/88
Neil Eugene STUMMER	HUNTERDON CO	8/70-4/72	Indianapolis, IN	7/88
Wayne G. TERRY Ex-MS3	PCP	66-67	Petersburg, OH	7/88
CAPT M. J. TWITE, Jr., USN	HAL-3	8/70-4/71	Coronado, CA	8/88
Charles W. "Bill" WHEELER Ex-SN	521	5/69-5/70	Simpsonville, SC	2/89
LT William WILLETT, USN	HAL-3	6/67-3/69	Virginia Beach, VA	
LCM Charles T. LAIPPLY, CGM(Ret)	521	6/66-6/67	Port Charlotte, FL	7/88

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: MAY 1968 - APRIL 1989

Thomas J. DEL ROSSI Ex-EM3	KITTY Hawk	67-69	Philadelphia, PA	10/88
James HEALY Ex-STW2	PT Boats WWII	67-69	Alton, IL	7/88
Edwin L. "Ed" JAY Ex-STW1	PT Boats WWII	67-69	Atlanta, GA	4/89
BOC Ernest Z. JONES, USN(Ret)	Seabees	9/64-7/67	Ridgeville, SC	2/89
Philip MENDOZA, Jr.			North Hollywood, CA	5/88
CWO3 Wallace Q. MORRICK, USN(Ret)	CPO-77	1971	Wisconsin	7/88
OS1 Larry L. SWANK, USN(Ret)	USS COCOPA (ATF-101)	1969	Woodport, WA	12/88

NEW MEMORIAL MEMBERS:

Kenneth Eugene WILLIARD KIA 3/20/68	PPC USA	Sponsor: Neil Eugene STUMMER
Carl KOLLMEYER (CO 511) KIA 6/68	LT USN	Sponsor: Clarence COOPER

CONRAD, Richard PRL Ret 513 5/69-3/70 Milton, FL. Retired 3/74. Now Asst 5/88  
Fuel Supt at NAS Whiting.

HARDEN, Jerry GMG3 572/515 8/68-8/69 Delmar, DE. Didn't know Gamewardsens 5/88  
existed.

TOMMEND, Buddy Boone, NC. Thanks for passing along the letter 5/88  
from Jerry Harden. I was sure glad to hear from someone I was in Vietnam with.  
Saw BML Ret Bill Holt for the first time in 20 years. 552/515 7/68-8/69

MENDOZA, Philip Jr. Dad served on PBR. Joined as Associate Member. 5/88

CARTER, Arthur BMC Ret Martinez, CA Long Kuyen YBMM-17. Retired 12/70. 5/88  
Now Naval Shipyards Mare Island. Received 35 year federal pin 12/87.

MATHEWS, Don GMG2 553 2/69-2/70 Odessa, TX. Hope to make 1988 West Coast 5/88  
Reunion. Looking forward to seeing WHITT & HEDRICK. I'm active in VVA Chapter 252.

SCHRIENER, Stephen BM3 GARRETT COUNTY 2/69-2/70 Denver, CO. Looking for 5/88  
former ship's company of USS GARRETT COUNTY (LST-786) for second annual reunion.  
Contact: Steve SCHRIENER, 1463 West Alameda Avenue, Denver, CO 80223

WALLER, John GMCS USM 523/521 Rock Island, IL. Thanks for list of 523 & 521 5/88  
sailors. Plan to call it quits in about 5/90 (maybe).

GLAZASKI, Richard J. Made CWO2 in USNR-R. Presently drilling with 5/88  
COMMAVINGRC TWO in Williamsburg, VA. (DELMARVA Peninsula Map)

CHAMBERS, Mike CDR Ret JENNINGS COUNTY Northridge, CA. Former XO. Retired 5/88  
1985 after being CO USS PACIFIC (LST-1191).

MILLER, Alex A-112-5 5/68-6/69. Looking for WML SMITH and any other crew 5/88  
members. Route 1, Box 322, Haslehurst, MS 39083

GUY, Jim BMC Ret GARRETT COUNTY Melbourne, FL. Newsletter? 5/88  
I remember promises of one a long time ago. Located newly retired BNCN Jim  
WEATHERS (? WEATHERS). 521/522

BROWNING, R.J. 67-68 Writing book on a personal sexual history of U.S. 5/88  
personnel in Vietnam and another book of personal combat stories. Write for  
details of how to get your story told. Write: c/o Raintree, Swisshome, OR 97480.

COPASS, J. J. GMG3 532 67-68 Morongo Valley, CA. Saw note in DAV Magazine. 5/88

WILLIAMS, David Edward SN 521 2/68-11/69. Needs to hear from any 521 5/88  
crewmembers. Suffering PTSD. I need to authenticate a resume (a short one)  
of our duties. I served on 3 PBR's. Please write to: Dr. Sauer, Ward 6,  
V.A. Medical Center, 2460 Wrightsboro Road, Uptown Division, Augusta, GA 30910.

NAVY LIFE - World's largest, most diversified pen-pal magazine, P.O. Box 902, 5/88  
Newport, RI 02840. (401) 624-3771

KRIPER, John BNC Ret 544 67-68 Newport, OR. Now BOB 'N on R/V WISCONSIN. 6/88

STONER, Neil HUNTERDON COUNTY 70-72 Indianapolis, IN. checking in. 6/88

HORNYAK, Julius BNL USNR YNMM-16/YMM-21 66-67 Cleveland, OH. Still in 6/88 Naval Reserve out of Little Creek. Looking for '88 reunion details.

NO  
FOLKE, Bill LT USNR HAL-3 67-68 San Antonio, TX. Seawolf pilot checking in. 6/88

VOGT, Gerry BNC 67-68 Green Cove Springs, FL. Can't make '88 reunion. 6/88 Retired 11/1/87. Now Fort Lauderdale Policeman & very happy to be out. Wore flack jacket (green canvas with fiberglass plates around waist 67-68 era). 542

KLOPP, Richard Chicago, IL. Send additional membership applications. 6/88 Two PBR men in our VVA Chapter in Chicago. Ordered Model Plans.

SHACKELTON, Norm CAPT USN 541 6/67-6/68 Annapolis, MD. Now Program Manager for Strategic Submarines in NAVSEA - responsible for Trident sub construction and overhaul of Trident & Poseidon SSBN's. 6/88

KORN, Robert TNC Ret San Diego, CA. Retired 8/1/88. 6/88

POTTER, Pete TNC Ret Eugene, OR. West Coast Monument looks GREAT. All things worth while seem to take a long time. Will be unable to make '88 West Coast reunion - still suffer from the same old malady - M-O-R-K! Keep the Faith. 6/88

HALER, Ted GMG3 533 10/66-9/67 Los Angeles, CA. Happy to find someone who still remembers us. Would like to hear from anyone who served in 533 with me. 6/88

GRANADOS, Lorenzo GMG2 YBBM-16 2/69-2/70 Phoenix, AZ. Just read of 6/88 Gamewarden in DAV magazine. I'm a member of Chapter 1 - Phoenix.

DAVIDSON, Charles Ex-GMG2 Melbourne, FL. Here's clipping about 6/88 Homeless vets. I'm feeling great now that I am involved in helping Vets. 531

MCKINNON, Ronnie 553 69-70 Memphis, TN. Finally found Gamewarden note in VFW magazine. Send info. 6/88

MORISON, Samuel Loring SAVAGE (MARKET TIME) 67-68 Danbury, CT. I am 6/88 America's first political prisoner (so far as I know). (Good luck John)

HAWKING, Paul 532/571/56 70-71 Springfield, MO. Saw Gamewarden note in 6/88 June '88 VFW Magazine.

LANGSTON, Tom Black Ponies 70-71 Maint Officer Memphis, TN. Checking in. 6/88

SPENCER, R. W. CAPT Ret HAL-3 67-68 Richmond, VA. First CO of Seawolves. 6/88 Also CGC 116-1.

REILLY, Paul HUNTERDON COUNTY 6/67-12/67 Mount Vernon, WA. Now Attorney. 6/88 Looking for Gamewarden details. See note in VVA Magazine.

SANDOVAL, Sandy 535 Pasadena, CA. Was crewmember on PBR's 123 & 124. My 6/88 crew partners were: Marc Cline - deceased, Scott Delph - deceased, Pat Ford - deceased, Bill Dennis - deceased, Joe Beasley - retired, Andy Riekel - location unknown, Langatera - location unknown and Rick Dees - location unknown.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER: (MAY 1988 through APRIL 1989)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS: (MAY 1988 - APRIL 1989) (31)

PO1 John S. BARCOCK, USN(Ret)	511	4/69-4/70	Stonington, CT	6/88
CWO4 Arthur BEATTY, USN(Ret)	117/Dongtan	69-70	Virginia Beach, VA	7/88
LCDR Lawrence H. BROWN, USN(Ret)	513/522	7/69-6/70	Annapolis, MD	6/88
Roger C. CAMPBELL (Ex-L13)	516	7/66-7/67	Croton, NY	
Clinton Steve CARPENTER Ex-ENR	573	10/67-5/69	Charlotte, NC	6/88
CDR R. M. "Mike" CHAMBERS, USN(Ret)	JENNINGS	5/69-5/70	Northridge, CA	7/88
PR1 Richard G. CONRAD, USN(Ret)	513	4/69-3/70	Milton, FL	5/88
GMG3 James B. COPAGE, III	532	8/67-5/68	Morongo Valley, CA	7/88
ENR2 David B. CROCKETT, JR., USN	BinhThuy	67-68	Portsmouth, VA	10/88
ENR (SS) Patrick J. DRAIN, USN	117	8/69-7/70	Spring Valley, CA	6/88
ENR (SS) Pete GOZALES, USN(Ret)	15/13	11/69-12/70	Woodbridge, VA	
ENRCS (SS) Robert S. DWYER, USN(Ret)	541	67-68	Napa, CA	5/88
ENR Delbert L. GIBSON, USN	512		Lakeside, CA	3/89
GMG2 Lorenzo GRAMADOS, USN(Ret)	YBBM-16	2/69-2/70	Phoenix, AZ	6/88
James GUTHRIE			Bowling Green, KY	
ENR Julius HORNYAK, Jr., USNA YBBM-21/YBBM-16 66-67			Cleveland, OH	7/88
ENR John R. KRIEGER, USN(Ret)	543/544	9/67-9/68	Newport, OR	8/88
LCDR William F. KENNEDY, USN(Ret)			Hampton Falls, NH	6/88
CMO3 Floyd Ron KIRKET, USN(Ret)	531/544	3/68-9/68	Sandy Hook, VA	7/88
TNCM Robert L. KORN, USN		6/68	San Diego, CA	6/88
ENR Donald W. MATHEWS (Ex-GMG2)	553	2/69-2/70	Odessa, TX	5/88
ENR Brian L. MULLEN, JR., USNR			Plainville, MA	6/88
Dave OTTO	511	67-68	Ashtabula, OH	4/89
Paul H. REILLY	HUNTERDON CO	6/67-12/67	St. Vernon, MA	1/89
ENR Ernest L. ROY, USN(Ret)	511	9/68-9/69	Chesapeake, VA	7/88
Stephen SCHRIENER (Ex-ENR)	GARRETT CO.	2/69-2/70	Denver, CO	5/88
CMO3 James L. SMITH, USN	SWIFT		Virginia Beach, VA	6/88
Enell G. "Buddy" STURGIS, Jr. Ex-ENR	592	69-70	Mt. Pleasant, SC	6/88
ENR Walter F. SUARRE, USN(Ret)	COLASTON	67-68	Newport News, VA	6/88
CDR James ULLRICH, USN(Ret)	BonLuc	3/70-3/71	Bramerton, MA	7/88
GMCN Alan J. WILSON, USN(Ret)	573	8/68-8/69	Placentia, CA	4/89

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ENR James L. BATHURST, USN(Ret)	535	2/68-2/69	Chesapeake, VA	7/88
ENR James A. BUDROSKI, USN(Ret)	116	1968	Spring Valley, CA	6/88
ENR Arthur G. CARTER, USN(Ret)	YBBM-17/Longhollow	66-67	Martinez, CA	5/88
CMG1 Gregory M. COFFMAN, USN(Ret)	551	1/65-1/70	San Diego, CA	1/89
CDP Jim Phillip DIAL, USAR	HAL-3	9/69-8/70	Springfield, OR	7/88
ATC John F. DIERK, USN	HAL-3	5/70-11/71	Lakeside, CA	2/89
LT John M. DORSO, USN(Ret)	NBA	3/68-4/69	Chula Vista, CA	6/88
ENR (SS) Patrick F. DOYLE, USN(Ret)	NBA	10/69-9/70	Virginia Beach, VA	2/89
Daniel L. DRAINGER Ex-ENR	RPO 55	8/70-8/71	Wood River, IL	6/88
ENRCS A. W. DULANEY, USN(Ret)	NBA Danang	68-69	Belfair, WA	4/89
Kenneth FORD (Ex-ENR)	FLOT 1	7/67-7/69	Miles, IL	9/88
Michael S. FROST Ex-ENR	514/532	12/69-4/72	Louisville, KY	5/89
ENR Norman D. FROST, USN(Ret)	513	4/68-3/69	South Boston, MA	6/88
Ted HALER Ex-GMG3	533	10/66-9/67	Los Angeles, CA	6/88
Jerry D. HARDEN Ex-GMG2	572/515	8/68-8/69	Delmar, DE	5/88
Dwight "Curney" HARRISON Ex-GMG3	512	3/67-10/68	Houston, TX	7/88
Paul Wesley HAWKINS Ex-ENR	532/535	5/70-2/71	Springfield, MO	7/88
Galen H. HOOVER Ex-ENR	RID 40/45	9/70-9/71	Ephrata, PA	2/89
ENR Jerry R. IRVINE, USN(Ret)	523/521	67-68	Pawtucket, RI	2/89
Dana JACKSON	NBA	9/70-9/71	Virginia Beach, VA	6/88
Randy H. JACOBSON Ex-GM3			Beloit, WI	7/88
Kenneth JESKO Ex-ENR	533/525/543	68-69	W.D.R. (?), CA	7/88

"OUR FIRST REUNION"

Yesterday I had a reunion with a brother of mine,  
we fought together in a land oh so far away,  
now there's been no contact for eighteen years,  
but now we're reunited I'm happy to say.

It felt so good to give him a hug,  
I swear I never wanted to let him go,  
then we talked awhile and he showed me his album,  
and for him I had slides I brought to show.

We talked about everything that came to mind,  
the Dai-uy, Johnson, Dyer, Frenchie and Flip,  
from the rockets that hit while on patrol,  
to the battery acid that he accidentally took a sip.

We stayed and talked for two very short hours,  
I was glad to know that he made it back home,  
when he said that they really must be going,  
it was them that I felt a chill go clear to the bone.

Tears rolled down my cheeks as I walked away,  
tears of happiness that I'll feel for a very long time,  
if other vets could experience the happiness I felt,  
then life wouldn't be such a long hard grind.

Not once did we run out of things to say,  
we talked about all the good times that we had,  
and it only hit me on the way to the car,  
of the things we talked about none of it was bad.

I think it was the first time since I returned home,  
that I didn't think of the bad and remembered the good,  
I'm really looking forward to getting together again,  
so we can remember Vietnam the way that we should.

Now we're going to try to find the others,  
we'll keep looking and finding more and more,  
maybe by chance if we can find the rest,  
then we can all come home from that crazy old war.....

Galen H. Hoover  
RJD 40 & RJD 45 70-71  
Mekong Delta  
Senior Veterans Liaison  
National Vietnam War Museum  
Urbana, Ill.

DWYER, Robert EMCS (SS) Ret 541 67-68 Mays, CA. S.F. Rep. Checking in. 7/88  
Recovering from bypass surgery. Please give my best to CDR COUPE without whose  
kind help I would never have gotten into PBR's.

HIGHLAND, Hugh CDR USNR Retired 7/26/87. Cards to Widow would be nice - 7/88  
Mrs. Hugh M. Highland, 14707 Cranoke Street, Centreville, VA 22020. 3 children.  
52/58 9/68-3/70.

KERNE, Bill MCPO Ret Moved to New Hartford, NY. Tell "Coop" thanks for 7/88  
the picture and info regarding our PBR Class. 531 68-69

LINDFORS, Glenn Maple Grove, MN. Send info. 7/88

CATES, Art KRIEGER 12/67-3/69 YMC Ret Morgantown, W. Va. Just finished Brown 7/88  
Water/Black Beret. Pretty good. (I thought it was good too/John)

STUMMER, Neil CS1 HUNTINGTON COUNTY 12/68-4/69. Looking for MM2 John W. 7/88  
GUTHRIE, SOLID ANCHOR Medical Advisor. Believe he was from North Carolina &  
served at Cu Chi before Nam Can. P.O. Box 11643, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

VICK, Ed 68-69 NYC. Still active in Vet affairs - on the N.Y. Viet 7/88  
Memorial Commission. Recently we published the book "Dear America" and,  
with HBO and the Veterans Ensemble, produced and released the movie "Dear  
America". Was on HBO Spring 88 and will be in theaters Fall 88. 534/551

FULLAM, Malcolm 534/593 Springfield, VT. Retired & had heart attack 7/88  
12/85. Retired from Police Department 3/88. Just laying around now. Hope to  
attend reunions. TML Ret

KIRKBY, Floyd CWO Ret 531/544 3/68-9/68 Sandy Hook, VA. Have taken an Asst 7/88  
Professorship at J. Sergeant Reynolds C.C. in Richmond, VA after teaching for 8  
years at Goochland H.S. Now Post Commander of Goochland VFW Post 8617. Vets get  
involved in the VFW. It's a good organization. We need the young leadership.

BEATTY, Art CWO Ret OIC RIVIERE DYE SET Dongtan/PBBS OFFICER 117 5/69-7/70 7/88  
Virginia Beach, VA. Pungo Bridge Tender and running Forever Farm in Va. Beach.

ULLRICH, James CDR Ret BanLoc 3/70-3/71 Bremerton, WA. Happily retired in 7/88  
Seattle area and anxious to meet TF-116 members and start a Chapter in Pacific  
Northwest.

TERRY, Wayne CWO Ret 66-67 QuiNhon Petersburg, OH. Ex-YM/PN. Retired on 22.7/88  
Now working with Veterans Now (Soldiers Relief), soon to be called Veterans  
Service Commission (Youngstown, OH). I enjoy it. Rode PCP's and recall well  
coming under fire, etc. I write quite a bit, but never about the war. Still this  
feels good - just saying "Hey!"

DIAL, Jim Ex-AT2 EAI-3 Det 9 9/69-8/70 Springfield, OR. Separated Navy 7/88  
8/70. Graduated University of Texas - Austin 1975. Now CPT USAF with 313th  
N.A.S.H., Vancouver, WA.

SMITH, Jerry EM3 A-91-2 68-69 Hatchet City, LA. Working hard - Northwestern 7/88  
University as supervisor of grounds maintenance. Enjoying living on Sibley Lake -  
catch bass in my back yard. Would enjoy hearing from NW vets.

HARRISON, Garney EM3 512 3/67-10/68 Houston, TX. Like to hear from 7/88  
Steve BURK, Randy ALDRICHMAN, or Dennis VANCE.

DEL ROSSI, Tom Philadelphia, PA. New Associate Member. Many thanks to 10/88  
Mike BAILEY & Ron LARATTA for their friendship and conversations at 1988 reunion.  
Also, thanks to all who enjoyed my radio controlled PBR. Hope to return next year with  
a radio controlled SWIFT boat also.

ROBINSON, William C. RMCN Ret 533 67-68. Living in Moncks Corner, SC & working 10/88  
in Charleston Shipyard. Fishing on lakes of Santee.

LESHILLER, Dan YMM-20 4/69-4/70 1331 Bellevue Street, No. 105, Green Bay, WI 10/88  
54302. Looking for YMM-20 comrades from 69-70 era - Heavy numbers too.

CLARKE, Harmon 594 69-70 Salem, OR. Had no contact with any members of any 10/88  
of our people since I got back.

BUSICK, Gerald -Got the following MIA names from National Human Rights Committee  
for POW/MIA's, Walden, NY:

CAMPB, Franklin Marlie Jr.	EM2	14 JAN 67	Concord, NC
COTA, Ernest Kano	EM2	14 May 68	San Diego, CA
GRAHAM, Gilbert James	EM	28 SEP 67	Anaheim, CA
JOHNSON, August David	EM	3 FEB 67	Houston, TX
OTT, Edward Louis III	AD5	1 SEP 67	Rockville, CT
REARDON, Richard John	EM2	28 APR 69	Buntington, NY
WEAVER, George Robert Jr.	EM2	1 NOV 66	Lancaster, PA
JOHNSON, Robert Dunning	LCDR	1 SEP 67	Dallas, TX

(Details regarding all of these men seem pretty complete and anything anyone can add  
to any of these cases should contact us/John)

THRETT, Gerri, 27 Forrestal Circle, North, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. Widow 10/88  
of RMC Quincy THRETT 551 KIA. Gerri is looking for EM2 Dennis L. BORDEN;  
CAGSS Earl W. SWANNER; SA Barry W. SUTHERLAND; EM C. CRAIG (554); LT Frank J. HORVATH  
(551); and LT Gene WHITT (553); and any other 551 personnel who witnessed Chief THRETT's  
death and action preceding it that resulted in him being awarded the NAVY CROSS  
Posthumously. Please write.

PARISH, Mark MM HUNTERDON CO 69-70 Marietta, GA. Saw bumper sticker. 11/88

ALLA, Frank CDR Ret RNS & 534 2/68-1/69 Newton, MA. Retired from Navy Reserve 11/88  
on board USS CONSTITUTION at Boston, MA on 7/17/88.

VAN DER MEER, Ray LT Ret (Ex-EM1) 116.1 66-67 San Antonio, TX. Going to 11/88  
school & working part time at V.A. Hospital. Going back to Italy in 1 1/2 years.  
Have old photos of John Williams will share sometime (I'm waiting to see what I  
used to look like/John).

HERRIG, Bill RMA 1968 Det Air Cofat Tampa, FL. Any Florida action? 11/88

BUCKLEY, T. D. EM2 (SS) 66-67 Oyster Bay, NY. Now Captain of S.S. INGER, a bulk 11/88  
carrier until 1/89 then to the NOBLE STAR, a new command with MEC. HI to Ed SESSLER.  
Ran into Don DENNIN (Ex-EM2) 513 in New Orleans. (Generous donation for the Board to  
have a drink at the Red Lobster but we put it in the Operating Budget Fund - Thanks/John)

TIME/LIFE BOOKS: Thanks to everyone who submitted a list of the Time/Life series -  
The Vietnam Experience - for our review. It looks like a total of 25 books were  
issued. We'll try to locate a source for your missing books for our next newsletter.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SETTING THE STAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A NATION DIVIDED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A WAR REMEMBERED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSING THE TORCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A COLLISION OF CULTURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAR IN THE SHADOWS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RAISING THE STAKES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOOLS OF WAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE ARMY AT WAR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMERICA TAKES OVER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RAIN OF FIRE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE PLATES INTO BATTLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMBAT PHOTOGRAPHER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMAGES OF WAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMAGES OF WAR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE CAPTAIN OF WAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE FALL OF THE SOUTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORDS OF WAR (FINAL)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING FOR TIME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE FALSE PEACE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THUNDER FROM ABOVE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE AFTERMATH	

CORRECTIONS ON MONUMENTS: Several people have sent in corrections for both of our  
Memorial Monuments. Please let us know of any corrections that you have found so  
we may get them corrected permanently. TUCCI & BERRY are two we already have.

GAMBRELL, Bill CWO2 Ret 512 66-67. Died 5/7/89. Charter member of Gamewardsens.  
Our sympathy goes out to his Widow - Ellen - and his family.

Mickey BLOCK had a beautiful article in January 1989's Readers Digest about his  
Reunion with Dave HOWEY (page 13).

Evelyn COOPER (Gladys) (wife and prime mover of our Supply Officer) was presented  
with an award at NAS Oceana recently as Red Cross Volunteer of the Year. Well Done.

HOOVER, Galen RRD 40 & RRD 45 70-71 Ephrata, PA. Thank God for organizations like  
Gamewardsens and what you do! I read the objectives of the organization and liked  
what I read so I decided to join the Gamewardsens. Little did I realize that your  
objective to continue friendships commenced in Vietnam would ever effect me but the  
first Newsletter I received I noticed the name of a man I was in Vietnam with, so  
through the Gamewardsens I got in touch with him and I'm happy to say that just this  
month we got together after not seeing each other for 18 years. It was very  
emotional for us and our families but thank God that through an organization like  
the Gamewardsens we were able to get together. We are now going to stay in touch  
and we both have plans to attend the reunion in August. I have enclosed a poem  
(see next page)

UNIT AWARDS: We are still working on a system to get the word out to everyone  
about their unit awards. Most people don't know what unit awards they received  
during their Vietnam experience. Here's a short example of SUPERS NOTICE 1650 of  
8 March 1971 and how involved it All gets. (we have over 100 notices).

Rung Sat Special Zone River Patrol Group	24 Jun 69 - 28 Feb 70
(units attached):	
Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE DET TWO	
Mine Division ONE ONE TWO	24 Jun 69 - 10 Aug 69
Mine Division ONE ONE THREE	27 Aug 69 - 1 Jan 70
River Division FIVE THREE ONE	20 Jan 70 - 28 Feb 70
River Division FIVE THREE THREE	8 Aug 69 - 30 Sep 69
River Division FIVE FIVE FOUR	24 Jun 69 - 4 Jul 69
River Division FIVE SEVEN ONE	24 Jun 69 - 15 Oct 69
River Squadron FIFTY-NINE Staff	
etc.	

This is for a Presidential Unit Citation for the basic period at the top,  
adjusted for the dates you served in a particular unit. Each notice is from  
one to ten pages long and we have well over 100 notices. You computer whizzes  
see what you can do with that one.)

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

ADM ZUMWALT wrote to us on behalf of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation and said that there will be a Riverine Panel - a Bas Relief - as part of the Memorial in Washington, D.C. He asked that we give our mailing list to the Foundation, so they could send out letters to all soliciting donations for the Bas Relief. The Board of Directors declined to turn over our mailing list but we did offer to mail out any material that they had to our members at our expense. If you would like to get on their mailing list or send donations, their name and address is as follows: United States Navy Memorial Foundation

The subject of our mailing list and its sale or use will be the subject of a note in our next newsletter. We have had indications that people don't want us to spread around their names and addresses. Maybe we received the wrong signals?? *You Bet!*

Products mentioned and companies listed in our newsletter don't necessarily reflect our endorsement of products or activities unless they are under the sponsorship of Gammardens, such as Chapter activities, etc.

MORPOLT REUNION - If anyone needs a place to stay when in town for the Norfolk Reunion, I have a spare bedroom and you are welcome to my home. Dennis MAAS,

ADM ZUMWALT's Son, Mike, died last summer and we took up a collection for the Admiral's favorite cause. We received a nice note for our donations and encourage anyone else to donate. The Laura Graves National Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation

1990 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

- (1) COLLEGE - \$600.00 Jason SULLIVAN of Goose Creek, SC  
Son of NMN William A. SULLIVAN, USN PCP-70 5/66-5/67
- (2) HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR - \$250.00 Louis Vernon PINEHORN of San Diego, CA  
Son of NMN Louis PINEHORN, USN (Ret) DSS MUNTERDORN COUNTY
- (3) HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR - \$500.00\* Christina MCKEEHNA of Middleboro, MA  
Daughter of James F. MC.KEEHN ER-24 554 68-69

\*\$500.00 Annual Scholarship made available by Captain Frederick R. SABINE, USN, and administered by Gammardens Association. We are grateful for this generous support from Commodore SABINE.

1990 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Write away soon and get the new Scholarship Booklet for our 1990 Scholarship Program. The Booklet also contains several dozen other scholarships that the student may be eligible for:

COMMNAVWILPERSON (NMPC-1210) NEXT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 1990  
Navy Department  
Washington, DC 20370

SAMPLE OF OUR ARCHIVES LOG: 0001 - Paperback book "To Bear Any Burden" by Al Santoli - donated by Author; 0002 - (same as 0001); 0003 - Hardback book "Republic of Vietnam" by Harold A. Moore - donated by Author; 0004 - Hardback book "Before the Dawn" by Mickey Black - donated by Author; 0005 - Hardback book "Brown Water, Black Berets" by Tim Cutler - donated by Author; etc.

HOGAN, Bill 543/54 3/68-3/69 Irvington, NJ. Still trying to contact other 12/88  
543 "River Rats". Ordered Model Plans.

DUTY, Louis NMN Ret 531 6/67-12/69 San Diego, CA. Suggest Endowment Fund 12/88  
to support operating budget; solicit businesses and companies for contributions  
to the Scholarship Fund; sell raffle tickets for a new car - at all ships and  
stations and veterans organizations; take all funds you have in the Memorial  
Monument Maintenance Fund and transfer them to the Operating Budget Fund,  
temporarily cancel the granting of scholarships until the endowment fund is large  
enough to be self-supporting to the Gammardens organization (the Scholarship Fund  
is already self-sustaining/John); If you can't trust Admiral Zumwalt with your mailing  
list, who can you trust? (He wanted the mailing list to go to the Navy Memorial  
Committee for their use in soliciting donations/John).

BUSIC, Gerald ER-EM3 68-69 GARRETT CO. Farmingville, NY. Sent a recap of 12/88  
current location & status of ships used by us in Vietnam; example, USS GARRET  
COUNTY (LSD-786) 9/25/70-Reclassified to AGF-786, 4/14/71-transferred to South  
Vietnam & became CAM-THO (HQ-801), 5/2/75-Escaped to West-Philippines-became the  
APAYAO. USS MUNTERDORN COUNTY (LSD-738) 9/23/70-Reclassified to AGF-838,  
6/1/74-Sold to Malaysia. Thanks Gerald/John!

SJOBLOM, Kara. Seeking information on Dad's death - BILL CONER KIA 2/1/68. 12/88  
591 Dat Dong Tam 12/67-1/68.  
Source: Veterans OCT 1988 (VVA).

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION - Write James E. Murphy, 12/88  
for info.

PERSICO, Mike PMG (SW) (Ex-GWG3) 593 Now at PSD Norfolk. Plan on 1/89 attending some board meetings and getting involved.

POSTER, Frank 543 66-67 Schaumburg, IL. Looking for books about the River Patrol. 1/89 looking for PBR. Lost all photos.

LARATTA, Ron 532 Atlanta, GA. Now Chaplain in S.E. Region Chapter 1/89 of Gamewards Asan. Also Georgia Rep I've checked names John sent and will stir them up regularly. Who knows? Anyone read: RIVERINE WARFARE - ILLUSTRATED; MERKON; ELITE UNIT INSIGNIA OF VIETNAM; VIETNAM: THE NAVY STORY; VIETNAM RIVER WARFARE?

MILLS, James S. GMG Swift 12/65-12/67 Plymouth, IN. Retired from Navy in 1984. 1/89 Traveled extensively. Now making Hoosier Racing Tires. Looking for Swift Boat Sailors from original crews PCF's 1 through 10.

DISKO, John AT1 HAL-3 USN TARAWA. Needs Beret supply point. Madevac didn't have much room for personal items. 1/89

FINDLEY, Joe HUNTERDON COUNTY 1970 Evergreen, AL. Little touch of PSD. Looking for reunions. Union pipe welder and biker. 1/89

TUTOR, Lloyd 521 67-68 Copperopolis, CA. Looking for any of my 521 comrades. 1/89

KOUNCE, Norwood WO1 Ret 551 Milford, CT. No newsletter in years - are we still in existence? 1/89

SCHNEIDER, Ed CAPT Ret 512 66-67 North Pt. Myers, FL. Love it here in Florida. 1/89

SANTOVAL, Sandy YNC Ret 535 San Antonio, TX. Secretary of GARRETT COUNTY ABEN 1/89 and Editor of the RAMSHED. Fine publication for all you GARRETT COUNTY Sailors.

COUGLE, Dave NSAD Can Tho 66-67 Burke, VA. Need reunion info. 1/89

MCDONALD, Robert E. SCPO 7/68-8/69. MIRROR 113 LaPlace, LA. Son seeking scholarship info. 1/89

FROW, Mike EM2 514/532 12/69-12/70 & 8/71-4/72 Louisville, KY 1/89

ZEIGER, William "Bill" Ex-ET1 USN RID45 (SEAFLOAT 69-70) Looking for other Heavy types from RID & SEAFLOAT 69-70 etc. 1/89

REICHERT, Wm H. 531 6/67-6/68 Hobo Bound, FL. Now BMCS in USNR. 2/89

HOOVER, Galen Ex-EM2 RID 40445 9/70-9/71 Ephrata, PA. Currently Commander of VFW Post 3376 (1,150 vets) & on staff of the National Vietnam War Museum in Gettysburg, PA & co-founder of the Ephrata Area Vietnam Vets. 2/89

DOYLE, Pat SFC Ret NSAD Nubane 10/69-10/70 Virginia Beach, VA. Nothing to report. 2/89

REILLY, Paul 1967 Mt. Vernon, MA. Has some Jackstaff issues. Looking for more. (I've got some too, John) HUNTERDON COUNTY. 2/89

RE, Frank 593/MAG 8. White Plains, NY. Sent Empire State Vietnam Vets Encampment package. (Very interesting, John) 2/89

BAUER, Zeke HAL-3 69-70 Baraboo, WI. Checking in. 2/89

REASURER'S REPORT: I am happy to report that we are in "as good as we have ever been" shape. As of the fourth month of this year, we have no long or short term liabilities and all things are in place.

While we are in decent financial shape at this time, we need to continue to build. Inflation is once again a fact of life and costs continue to rise. If you have not yet paid your annual dues, please do so, or better yet, become a Life Member. You original "Lifers" please send in your "voluntary ASSESSMENT". And last, but certainly not least, sign up a new member. If everyone signed up just one of their crew mates, we would really begin to grow.

Financial Recap (as of 4/21/89)

Scholarship Fund Balance	\$16,135.28
Memorial Monument Maintenance Fund Balance	\$1,061.36
Operating Budget Fund Balance	\$5,385.81
Checking Account Balance	\$404.77
	\$25,006.69

Looking forward to seeing you all in August.

CLIFF 512 66-67

SUPPLY OFFICER/INTERIM CURATOR REPORT:

SUPPLY: the only new item this year is a book "Riverine Force", by John Forbes and Robert Williams (no relation to John). We've ordered 20 copies which we will sell for \$7.00 each. If they do well, we'll add them to our mail order list. ("Riverine Force" is similar to "Riverine" which we already have for sale). We came up \$50.00 short on supplies at 1988's Norfolk Reunion (Shoplifting or accidental carry-off). With our low profit margin, \$50.00 really hurts. New price increases which include postage fees on some items are reflected in the Order Form Page. Increases from our suppliers and postage rates have made these increases necessary. 1988 goodies sales recap:

131 T-Shirts	76 Ball Caps	21 Lighters	81 Decals
47 Patches	47 Beret Pins	25 Rubber Stickers	2 Mugs
1 Plaque	22 Riverine Booklet	4 U.S. Navy in VN	8 River of Death
4 Model Planes	1 To Battle a Dragon Book	20 Coffee Mugs	

INTERIM CURATOR - As requested by the membership at the 1988 business meeting, all the Archives have been documented, however we have no complete record of the "donors". If you "recall" item/items that you have donated in years past, please let us know. As you know, John didn't throw away anything over the past twenty two years so it's just a matter of getting the record straight. Write if you want a list of our Archives (Inventory List).

EMERGENCY BYLAW CHANGE

BYLAW (Article II(1))

Now reads: "1. There shall be a Board of Directors of no less than three, nor more than twelve persons, who shall be elected as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors may fill vacancies on the Board, and all directors shall be Class 1 members of this Corporation."

Proposed to read:

"1. There shall be a Board of Directors of no less than three in addition to the below listed Corporate Officers, nor more than 18 persons, who shall be elected as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors may fill vacancies on the Board, and all directors shall be Class 1 members of this Corporation. The President, Vice President (East Coast), Secretary, Treasurer, and Supply Officer shall be members of and selected from the Board of Directors."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY ELECTED:

Term Expires August 1969:	Term Expires August 1990:
CAPT Robert H. FRED, USN	MCNS Michael BAILEY, USN(Ret)
MCN James W. "Doc" GUY, USN(Ret)	MCNS Monte BLACKMELL, USN(Ret)
MCN William KERRE, USN(Ret)	Com LABATTA (former GMG2)
CAPT Herbert STEPHAN, USN	CAPT Burton B. WITRAN, Jr., USN(Ret)

NEW PRESIDENT AND EAST COAST VICE PRESIDENT

At the Board of Directors meeting on September 24, 1988, the resignation of Dick COUPE as President was unanimously accepted and Al VAN ROHNE was elected as President. At the Board of Directors meeting on October 29, 1988, MCNS David CROCKETT, Jr., USN, was elected as Vice President (East Coast).

OBJECTIVES OF THE GMG2000S ASSOCIATION:

1. To perpetuate the name of the Naval Task Force in Vietnam known as "Operation Gamewarden."
2. To continue those friendships commenced in Vietnam by those personnel who served in Task Force 116 known as "Operation Gamewarden."
3. To foster the security of our nation by supporting all measures calculated to strengthen the Armed Forces of the United States and to support the Constitution of the United States of America.
4. To revere the memories of our shipmates who sacrificed their lives in Vietnam.
5. To form such benevolent associations and promote such charitable projects as the Corporation may deem worthy including but not limited to sponsorship of funds for assistance of the members and families of the members of this association such as scholarship funds and similar projects.
6. To promote reunions and recreational gatherings for the enjoyment of the members of this Corporation.
7. To engage in any other activity not inconsistent with the general aim of promoting the welfare and enjoyment of the members of this association and their families.

THOMSON, Don HAL-3 Seawolf Historian. Found additional KIA's that weren't accounted for earlier. Will keep you posted. CDR USN (Ret) Maryland 2/89

JACOBI, Aldo J. Died January 1989. Head of Whirlpool Bath and Water Pump fame that we know so much about. 2/89

CACIO, Tony Fitchburg, MA. Seeking reunion info. 2/89

PHOENIX SAMPIEL, Jose Looking for support to rename two Interstates KIA & POW. 2/89

STRIKET, Lynn D., 2956 Forman Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004. Looking for crew of PBR 318P7116 (now in service as Search & Rescue in Lake Erie). 2/89

PERGUSON, John Kirk CDR Ret STABRON Riverside, CA. Still Design Engineer at General Dynamics, Pomona. 2/89

DUTY, Louis MCNS Ret 531 San Diego, CA. Sent in a good money-making idea for the organization. Active in West Coast Chapter. (Hang in there, John) 2/89

YAPPE, Ted 533 66-69 Springfield, VT. North-East Reunion? 2/89

CLINE, Barney R. (Bro. of KIA Marcus GMG2). Marcus KIA 6/24/68. Was crew member of PBR 721, 535 10/67-6/68. Please write or call if you have any info on Marcus' death - 2/89

ROBERTS, Dave. Was on NBC news on 2/14/89 being photographed on a boat in Mekong Delta "Rocket Alley" on recent trip to Vietnam. George Lewis - reporter. 2/89

WATSON, Steve 511 66-67 MCN Ret Imperial Beach, CA. Finally retired and living in California. (Probably have to go to work now, John) 2/89

KELLY, Paul 6/67-12/67 Mt. Vernon, MA. Looking for 3/89  
River Patrol video (available in some Soldier of Fortune Ads/John) and Unit Awards  
Listing (another of my pet but unfulfilled projects - to get Unit Awards on our  
computer for all to know - we'll try to complete that project by next Spring/John)

CLINE, Barney Wrote to thank us for getting him in touch with 3/89  
535 members who served with his late brother - Marcus KIA 6/24/68. Still would like to hear from  
anyone who served with Marcus - (see earlier note).

SIEGEL, Leon M. MCNS Ret Mine Blod 1/27/89 in line of duty as V.A. Federal 3/89  
Police Officer. Our sympathy goes out to his Widow, Bettie, and his family.

OLSON, Wade GEM USN 574 9/68-9/69 Camp Pendleton, CA. Out of Navy twice. Now 3/89  
back in. Working on Air Cushion Landing Craft.

THOMPSON, Gary SWIFT 417 11th Ave, No. 2, Shelby, NY 59474. Looking for 3/89  
N.W. members to get involved in Chapter. Looking for SWIFT stories for book.

BROWN, Larry LCDR Ret 513/552 69-70 Annapolis, MD. As DC/WD/Northern VA Rep, 3/89  
sent out many letters to members and prospects who live in area. He needs to  
hear from all of you/John.

BARCOCK, Jack 511 N.E. Chapter Rep. Heard from Bill DEDMOND and Mike BRASS 3/89  
of the 36 boat. Also found Dave OTTO and got him in touch with Jerry BERRY whom  
he thought was KIA. VFW "Seeking column" really paid off. (feels good, doesn't it/John)

BERRY, Jerry 511 SWB Working on FIREBASE ATLANTA project to alert citizens, 3/89  
V.A. and Congress to action regarding veterans rights and the lack of support  
in the 1989 budget in Congress. Looking for ERHMAN.

LOREAN, Allen C. SWIFT 66-68 President of Veterans for POW/MIA, Inc., Route 2, 3/89  
Box 2335-B, Clayton, GA 30525. Sent list of different projects various states  
are using to commemorate POW/MIA's. Starting SWIFT LOCATOR SERVICE.

HOW TO START A CHAPTER - Guidance Sheet. We are working on the final version 3/89  
of our first revision of our Guidance Sheet. Area Reps and members already on our  
list for Chapter Guidance will get their copy as soon as I can get organized after  
my trip/John. Anyone desiring a copy should drop me a line.

BUSIC, Gerald EM3 68-69 GARRETT Boltsville, MD. Donated large collection of 3/89  
articles copied from the New York Times about the Brown Water Navy--years and number  
of articles: 1966 - 9; 1967 - 19; 1968 - 24; 1969 - 14; and 1970 - 14.  
(516) 736-VETS. (This is a fabulous collection of articles and Jerry must have spent  
hundreds of hours typing up for us. Thanks so much, Jerry. This sort of thing can  
not be measured in the good feelings that it will produce over the years as we sort  
out these articles for use in our Newsletters and at our various reunions. We  
appreciate it/John).

PATRICK Jim EM3 69-70 Working on personal black granite grave stones for 3/89  
Burial to Vietnam Vets - similar to "The Wall". (Quite striking/John).

LUOMA, Doc "You earned your retirement pay, and you earned your disability 3/89  
pay. So get both." Write your Congressman about this point AND the current COLA  
underpayment. Details: Doc Luoma.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/CORPORATION MEETING FOR 1989 (August 20, 1988)

Vets from 18 states and Guam attended. Bylaws were revised: (1) (MORE ABOUT  
NUMBER 1 LATER) include the office of President, East Coast Vice President and  
Secretary as part of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, LCDR Dick COUPE,  
CDR Al VAN HORNE, and MCNS John WILLIAMS (plus ENCM Steve MATSON) were elected  
to the Board of Directors for a three year period ending August 1991.\*\*  
(2) MCNS (SS) Clarence COOPER was elected as Historian/Curator for the Corporation  
by the membership present and (3) Dues increase: effective 1 September 1988, dues  
will be as follows: Life - \$100.00; Active and Active Reserv - \$10.00, and  
a voluntary Assessment of \$25.00 will be asked of each current Life Member.  
After committee reports and officer's reports, introductions, and discussions  
of several subjects, the meeting was adjourned. Bylaws already included the  
provision whereby the Board of Directors would appoint the officers of the  
Corporation and the current holders of the offices of President, Vice President  
(East Coast), Vice President (West Coast), Secretary, Treasurer and Supply Officer  
were reappointed. They are: President - LCDR Dick COUPE  
Vice President (East Coast) - CDR Al VAN HORNE  
Vice President (West Coast) - MCNS Keith PECHNA  
Secretary - MCNS John WILLIAMS  
Treasurer - LT Cliff CLIFTON  
Supply Officer - MCNS (SS) Clarence COOPER

\*\*(Item #1 - continued - CDR Dick COUPE resigned after the Board Meeting  
on August 27, 1988. Due to the confusion regarding the composition of the  
Board of Directors, an EMERGENCY BYLAWS CHANGE was approved and is presented  
below for the approval of all paid up members and life members of the association.  
The Emergency Bylaws Change is outlined below and detailed in the following page.  
Please complete and return the form to us by JULY 1st, 1989. We wanted to do  
this Emergency Bylaws Change earlier but our mailing labels could not be reproduced  
by our computer for several months. Sorry for the confusion and delay.

With the added Board Members, we also need to nominate and elect a new slate  
of Board Members with a term to expire in August 1991. The Nominating Committee  
has presented the following names for a vote:

AVC Paul BOHN, USN  
MCNS Jim WALKER, USN (Ret)

MCNS David CROCKETT, USN  
ENCM Steve MATSON, USN (Ret)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO US NO LATER THAN JULY 1st, 1989\*\*WE NEED YOUR VOTE

To: Board of Directors, Comewards of Vietnam Association, Inc.  
Subject: EMERGENCY BYLAWS CHANGES AND NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. I AGREE/DISAGREE (circle one) with the Bylaws Changes described above.  
(Area of disagreement): \_\_\_\_\_

2. I AGREE/DISAGREE (circle one) with the nomination of the Board of Director  
Members presented.

(Instead of the nominated 4 Board Members above, I hereby nominate the  
following members for a 3 year term (until AUG 1991)): \_\_\_\_\_

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE)

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT NAME)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAPTER UPDATES: See page two for points of contact and reunion dates

CHAPTER #1 - NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Our Chapter is actually part of the Gammewarden Corporation since all of our local officers are involved in other projects. Future plans include a separate set of officers for the local Chapter but we plan to remain as-is for now.

CHAPTER #2 - WEST COAST CHAPTER - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

President: ETCM Harry RAMIREZ, USN(Ret)  
Vice President: Richard E. WORTHEIM (former GMG2)  
Secretary/Treasurer: BMC Keith PECHIA, USN(Ret)

Doing great things on the West Coast. Erected and dedicated the West Coast Memorial Monument at the Navy Training Center in San Diego in June 1988. A real active and vibrant Chapter. Keep up the good work out there.

CHAPTER #3 - NORTH-WEST CHAPTER - ALBANY, OREGON

Hoping to reorganize and reactivate this year - November 10 & 11.

CHAPTER #4 - NORTH-EAST CHAPTER - STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT

President: Ray SNOW  
Vice President: Walt CAMPBELL  
Secretary/Treasurer: John (Jack) BARCOCK

Quarterly board meetings. Annual meeting in 1989 - July 8 - Stonington, CT.  
Request for Chapter status will be voted upon at our 1989 Annual Business Meeting.

CHAPTER #5 - SOUTH-EAST CHAPTER - CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

President: E. G. (Buddy) Sturgis, Jr.  
Vice President: Mike Bailey  
Secretary: Peter Ward  
Treasurer: Jim Walker  
Chaplain: Ron Laratta

Getting off to a great start. Planning to bring PBR from Little Creek to Patriot's Point for display. Working with V.A. Hospital and many other great projects.

Request for Chapter status will be voted upon at our 1989 Annual Business Meeting.

All Chapters and prospective Chapters are free to use these pages for their brief recap of activities for each Newsletter. Adequate warning will be issued in our Board Notices.

OTHER REUNIONS:

USS GARRETT COUNTY (LST-786) Second Reunion Deep Creek, Maryland AUG 25-27, 1989  
Contact: Pat Sandoval, 939 Avant Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78210

SEAWOLVES Pensacola, FL JUN 9-11, 1989  
Will dedicate Seawolf helicopter gunship at the Naval Air Museum.  
Contact: Tom Thalmann, N2656 Fox Lane, Shawano, WI 54166 (715) 526-2181

BERRY, Jerry 511 67-68	GA. Planning to attend first Norfolk reunion in '89. Located fellow 511 type - Dave Otto.	4/89
DEMOTT, Tom Ma Be 6/70-10/72	Guam. Leaving Guam after 8 years - new orders unknown. Working on getting Robert Stack to West Coast Reunion. (family friend)	4/89
ALSTON, Rodger 551	Globe, AZ. Looking for an extra 551 patch. Will pay reasonable price.	4/89
FRON, Mike 512 12/69-12/70	Louisville, KY. Looking for 532 crewmembers. (Also 514)	4/89
HILLS, Jim GMG RC PCF Div 101-103	Plymouth, MI. Looking for original SWIFT boat crews 1-10. (11/65-11/67)	4/89
EATON, Vern HAL-J	Las Vegas, NV. Attending 1989 Seawolf & West Coast reunions Spreading Gammewarden word in Nevada. Hope to attend 1990 Norfolk reunion.	4/89
THORNTON, Mike LT SEAL	Still on active duty. Hanging in there.	4/89
VVLS - Vietnam Vet Locator Service	Route 2, Box 453-D, Halifax, PA 17032	4/89
ARMITAGE, Richard L. SEAL	Contender for Secretary of the Army.	4/89
GODBENEHE, Dick LCDR 511	Hawaii. Captain of a 35' Bertram sport fishing boat. 20% discount to any Gammewarden. Come and visit.	4/89
MONTIN, Henry C. VADM Ret	116-1 Arlington, VA. Mother died 4/1/89.	4/89
KENNEDY, Tom EOL USN 513/554	Barksdale AFB, LA. Was Seaman - Sniper. Still on active duty as Seabee. Looking for Wayne Collins - 513.	4/89
SLIMMER, Horn	Pennville, MI. Visited Texas and found BMC Jim WELLS. LT THOMAS says "LCDR Roy BORN is alive, doing well and still <u>seems as hell in Miami</u> ." Horn says he's still in prison - as a guard.	4/89
PBR MK-II miniature 1:285 scale	\$7.00 (catalog #WVII) - ALNAVCO, P.O. Box 9, Belle Haven, PA \$2.50. Minimum order \$10.00. Write/details.	4/89
SEAWOLF Reunion	- 9-11 June 1989 - Pensacola, FL. Tom THALMANN, 54166.	4/89
Great West Coast Newsletter - The West Coaster - Vol. 6, No. 1 - March 1989. Lots of tidbits. Write for your copy. (Send along a donation if you aren't a member of the West Coast Chapter./John)		4/89
Keith PECHIA		REUNION - 16-17 JUNE 1989
FINDLEY, J. L. HUNTERDON COUNTY	10/69-10/70 Evergreen, AL. Recalling some of those tough nights on the LCVP in May 1970 touring other countries.	4/89
BROWN, Lacy CDR USN. Now CO SINA Norfolk.	USS SPINNIX 70-71	4/89
WILLETT, Stephanie - (1988 Scholarship Winner)	"I am writing to you to express my gratitude for the scholarship you awarded me. In addition to being a great honor, the scholarship was very helpful in my family's efforts to meet the cost of my first year at the University of Virginia. The Gammewarden's Society has put so much into the community both in the past and the present that I only hope I too can one day make similar contributions and repay your kindness."	4/89
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**OTHER AREA REPS:** (Call or write your area rep today and bring him up to date)

SAN FRANCISCO	Ken DELFINO,	5	533
			66-68
	Bob DIVINELL,		67-68
AL/IN	Carl GERKEN,		
NY	Vern RATOM,	HAL-3	68-69
TX	Jim "Doc" DILDINE,	524/573	
		67-68	
BC	Bill GASKINS,	532	69-70
SC	Mike BAILEY,		532
			69-70
GA	Ron LABATTA,		532
			68-69
FL	Jim "Doc" GUY,	521/532/	
		GARRETT CO	67-68
NY	Roger CAMPBELL,	NY	MINNON 11
		DET A	66-67
VT	Ray SHAW,	534/574	67-69
ME	William KENNEY,		
CT	John (Jack) BABCOCK,		
RI	Leon STARCK,	512	68-69
MA	Walt CAMPBELL,		
KS/NO	Basil PRI,	533	66-67
TN	Jim MURDOCK,	551	69-70
OH/KY/IN	Bill WARREN,	116	69-70
MI	Born SKIDMORE	592	68-69
WI (6 Seawolves)	Tom THALMANN,	HAL-3	70-71
MD/DC/NORTHERN VIRGINIA	Larry BROWN,	513/552	
		69-70	
DELMARVA Peninsula	Rich GLAZERSKI,	GARRETT CO.	
		68-69	
AL/LA/MS	Flash GORDON,		
NY	Dick GODBERNE,	511	
		67-68	
IL	Bill PARK,	541/531	
		67-68	
AUSTRALIA	Geoff TIERNEY,	Caribou	
		1/71-12/71	
		(Vung Tau)	
		(#33)	

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**LOCAL CHAPTER:** (Fill out and return with check or money order today) **SPONSORED BY:**  
(NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES EFFECTIVE 9/1/80)

(Associate Only)

Please sign me up for membership in Comrades of Vietnam Assn. Inc. (Byline: "Persons who have served with or in direct support of Naval Task Force 116 in the Republic of South Vietnam" are eligible for active and/or life membership.)

Life Membership - \$100.00  
  Voluntary Assessment for Life - \$25.00  
 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL OF Active  
 Membership (UNTIL JUNE) - \$10.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL OF  
 Associate (UNTIL JUNE) - \$8.00

Memorial Membership - \$50.00  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Membership - \$60.00 Life/98.00

**GOODIES:** (price includes postage & handling)

Book - "RIVER OF DEATH" - \$5.00  
 Decal - \$1.50 (Window Decal)  
 Bumper Sticker "NEXONG DELTA YACHT CLUB" - \$2.00  
 PFM MK-I Model Plans - \$20.00 (1" = 1')  
 Comodore Cigarette Lighter (Zippo) - \$12.50  
 Metal Beret Pin (2") - \$5.00  
 Silverline Booklet - \$10.00

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**WHAT'S NEW:** (Please give us a short update to use in our Newsletters)

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GAMEMIARDS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION INC.  
P. O. BOX 1949  
WILMINGTON BEACH, NC 28461  
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GAMEMIARDS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

"RIVER PATROL FORCE" - "TASK FORCE 116" - "OPERATION GAMEMIARDEN"

Number 33 NEWSLETTER

May 1989

LETTER FROM YOUR SECRETARY/EDITOR:

Thanks for hanging in there with us over the years. I know it doesn't seem like you get much for your money - an occasional newsletter - but your support is appreciated. We are getting River Rats together, remembering those who didn't make it back with our two Memorial Monuments, and helping some of our kids with their college education. What more could we ask?

I believe we finally have your DUES STATUS and VIETNAM UNIT on your address label. Please check your label and let us know if (1) your DUES STATUS is OK - if you disagree - if you think you have paid more than that, please send us a note explaining why and send along copies of cancelled checks so we can get you back on track, and (2) Make sure your VIETNAM UNIT is on your mailing label too - all of your VIETNAM UNITS if you were in more than one. We have room for THREE VIETNAM UNITS. They have to be squeezed down to SEVEN SPACES EACH so please bear with us. Please bring your dues up to date so we can continue our wonderful program. ALSO, BE SURE TO PUT YOUR VIETNAM UNIT and DATES ON ALL YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH US. That will help us get it all together here.

EMERGENCY BYLAW CHANGES - ALL PAID UP ACTIVE MEMBERS AND LIFE MEMBERS - please fill out and sign the EMERGENCY BYLAW CHANGES FORM to get our Bylaws straightened up until we can have our annual business meeting in August. Please return the form by JULY 1ST, 1989.

I'm sorry that there are some gaps in this newsletter due mostly to lack of time to check back on my work. These volunteer projects sometimes stack up and you have to take them as they come off the pile. I'll pick up the August 1988 and September 1988 comments in our next newsletter. I believe most of you all like these comments that many people make on their renewal/membership form.

Our Scholarship Winners for 1989 are located elsewhere in this newsletter - at least their names. Congratulations to them. REMEMBER - ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 15 EACH YEAR.

Sorry for the confusion on Newsletter #32. Cliff and his committee printed and assembled it and SAVED US OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS in printing costs. It was a little smaller print than usual and a little blurred, but it was a good tradeoff I believe. Another problem that cropped up was on page two. The title at the top of page two was supposed to read "NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER." Many members thought this was our entire membership list and wrote in about it. Nope - just the new members since our last newsletter.

Evelyn (Gladys) and Clarence Cooper have been my number one partners during the last few years. I can't say it enough - thanks.

Keep in touch.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN C. WILLIAMS  
Treas. USM(Net)  
Secretary

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GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
"Brown Water Navy"

March 1991

Advance reservations were received from the following members:

ADAMS, Johnny	115	Villas, NC	FOSTER, Charles	573	Cushing,OK
ALEXANDER, Murk	117	Columbia, SC	GASKINS, Bill	532	Stonewall,NC
BABCOCK, Jack	511	Stonington,CT	GRISWOLD, Bob	Ron5	NeptuneBeach,FL
BAILEY, John	MB/521	Mt.Pleasant,SC	GUTHRIE, Jim	533	BowlingGreen,KY
BAILEY, Mike	532	Charleston,SC	NONEA, Dwayne	YRBM	Lithonia,GA
BARNES, John			HOOVER, Galen	RID-40	Ephrata,PA
BERRY, Jere	511	Newman, GA	HOWELL, Norm	511	Middleburg,FL
BOHN, Paul	HAL-3	Norfolk, VA	JAY, Ned	WWII	Atlanta, GA
BROWN, Larry	552/513	Annapolis, MD	KEITH, James	522/534	Vinton, VA
CAMPBELL, Walt	511	Middleboro, MA	LANGEVIN, Robert		Fairlawn,NJ
CARPENTER, Clint	573	Charlotte, NC	LARATTA, Ron	532	Smyrna,GA
CATES, Art	APL38	Morgantown,IN	LEBLANC, Robert	573	Barre, VT
CHANDLER, Henry		Mount Pleasant,SC	MADDOX, Jimmy	573	Pelzer,SC
CLIFTON, Cliff	512	Chesapeake, VA	MCMURRAY, Richard	531	Statesville,SC
COOPER, Clarence	511	Virginia Beach,VA	MELLIN, John	512	Fawn Grove,PA
COSGROVE, Bob	116	Sullivan, MO	NORGAN, Charles	542	CoosBay,OR
CROCKETT, Dave	NSAD	Portsmouth, VA	MOSS, Gary	532	Pensacola,FL
CZARKOWSKI, Bob		Mt.Pleasant,SC	MULLEN, Brian	524	Plainville,MA
DOYLE, Pat	NSAD	Va.Beach,VA	OSMAN, Joe	554	Babylon,NY
EICHHORN, Jay	117	San Antonio, TX			

OTTO, Dave	511	Ashtabula, OH	WILLIAMS, Elliott	531	Avon Park,FL
PALMER, Dan	553	Barnesville, OH	WILLIAMS, John	51/511	Va.Beach,VA
PARSHALL, Lynn	552/RPG-9	Perryopolis,PA	WILSON, Tom	573	Milton, MA
PURCELL, Buzz		Patriots Columbia, SC	WILSON, Al	573	Placentia, CA
RAMBO, Vinton	573	Columbia, SC	WILSON, Wm	511	Duncanville,AL
RAWLS, Frank	MINE	Saluda, SC	WITHAM, Burt	116	Englewood, FL
RE, Frank	593	White Plains, NY	ZIEGER, Bill	117	Chesapeake, VA
ROBINSON, Bill	533	Moncks.Corner,SC			
SCULLY, Dennis	534	Middleborough, MA			
STURGIS, Buddy	592/NFV	Mt. Pleasant, SC			
SUMMERLIN, Zeke	511/534	Freeport, FL			
SWAFFORD, Ron	573	Augusta, GA			
THOMSON, Warren	573	San Diego, CA			
TIPPINS, Bob	573/532	Sistersville, WV			
TOWNSEND, Buddy	552/515	Boone, NC			
TUCCI, Frank	CB	Manorville, NY			
VOGT, Gerry	542/592	Cove Springs, FL			
WALDROP, Chuck	Patriots	Mt.Pleasant,SC			
WALKER, Jim	573	Williamston, SC			
WARD, Pete	533/522	ChasnHts,SC			
WARREN, Bill	116	Cincinnati, OH			
WATERS, Don	573	Jacksonville, FL			
WIGGINS, Jack	552	Chesnee, SC			
WILLIAMS, Dave	521	Atlanta, GA			

*TOTAL 137 RESERVATIONS  
170 GAMES*

JOHN C. WILLIAMS  
Senior Chief Yeoman  
United States Navy (Retired)  
President

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GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
"Brown Water Navy"

Dear Friend of the Gamewarden Association (Vietnam's Brown Water Navy),

I was going to call this my FALL 1990 LETTER but obviously that didn't work out. I did want to make a report, between Newsletters, to our entire mailing list - members and interested parties. Newsletters are now going only to Life Members and paid up Active/Associate Members. Please check your address label on this envelope for your membership status: 6/85 (dues paid through June 1985), PROS (Prospect), etc. Please update your dues - \$100.00 for a Life Membership or \$10.00 a year. Let us know if you want to stay on our mailing list for these annual updates.

Make your plans now to attend some or all of the reunions listed below. Help us continue our program of Scholarships and remembrances of our comrades by your support of our reunions and projects.

Please keep in touch. Send us a short note for the Newsletter. Looking for someone? Got a problem to get off your chest? Drop us a line and we will print it in an upcoming Newsletter (normally issued annually in the May-June time-frame).

Scholarship Deadline is 15 APRIL 1991. Send in your request for a Scholarship Booklet to the Bureau or to us soon:

COMNAVMILPERSCOM(NMPC-602), Navy Department, Washington, DC 20370

NATIONAL REUNIONS: 1991 - Norfolk, VA. July 31 - August 5 BIG CHANGE - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00 PM. Big Social Friday evening, Monument Rededication Service (1030 SAT); Picnic Noon SAT - Blue Grass Band. Dick Hicks is Coordinator. Write or call if you don't get your 1991 Reunion Package by April 1st.

1992 - St. Louis, MO. July 30 - August 8. Cliff Clifton is Coordinator. Reunion package has been mailed. Flyer is enclosed. Write or call for more details. TOLL FREE

CHAPTER REUNIONS: WEST COAST CHAPTER. Bob KORN, San Diego, CA. Reunion: June 14 & 15. Reunion package has been mailed. Call or write for yours.

NORTH-WEST CHAPTER. Dave Wright, Albany, OR. Reunion: 9-11 November.

NORTH-EAST CHAPTER. Jack Babcock, RFD 2, Box 144, Stonington, CT. Reunion: 13 July.

SOUTH-EAST REGION CHAPTER. Mike Bailey, 2300 Rice Pond Road, Charleston (Buddy Sturgis is getting ready for Desert Storm. Good Luck Buddy). Reunion with National.

TEXAS CHAPTER (INTERIM). Jay Eichorn, First Reunion: 25-27 MAY. Interim Chapter organized 12/16/90.

OHIO/INDIANA/KENTUCKY(INTERIM). Bill Warren, 44 Floral Avenue, Interim Chapter organized

Sincerely,

JOHN C. WILLIAMS 51/511 4/66-4/67  
Senior Chief Yeoman  
United States Navy (Retired)  
President

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AREA REPS

SAN FRANCISCO	Ken DELFINO,	533 66-67	Bill Warren announced that he has convinced his home town City Council to fly the POW/MIA Flag continuously until all the men are accounted for. Bill is making this donation on behalf of Gamewardens and he has committed himself to provide the Flags as long as necessary. (Amelia, Ohio)
	Bob DWINELL,	541 67-68	
AZ/NM	Carl GERKEN,	532 67-69	Ron Laratta showed a Personal Computer Program now out called <u>Small Craft Warning</u> and pictures a PBR on the box (Buddy Sturgis is in the photo). The booklet that accompanies the PC Game is quite accurate.
TX	Jay EICHORN,	USS INDRA (ARL-37) 68	
FL	Jim 'Doc' GUY,	521/522/ CO 67-69	Galen Hoover donated a Water Color Painting to be raffled off in a drawing to benefit the Scholarship Fund. \$334.00 was raised and turned over to the Treasurer.
FL (West Coast)	CAPT Burt WITHAM, Jr.,	CTF-116 66-67	Volunteers are sought by someone?? to patrol the South American rivers for drugs.
GA	Ron LARATTA,	532 68-69	Elliott Williams reported that the Drug Problem is taking its toll throughout the country and that all veterans groups are getting involved. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we endorse this program and join the Drug War wherever possible.
SC	Mike BAILEY,	532 69-70	
NC	Bill GASKINS,	532 69-70	A motion for adjournment was made and seconded and the meeting was dismissed by a prayer by Captain Burt Witham.
NY	Roger CAMPBELL,	MINE Det A 66-67	
NJ	Brad KOWHAN,	NHA BE/ DONG TAN 71-72	
VT	Ted YAFFE,	532	SOCIAL AND DINNER on board USS YORKTOWN (CV-10) - After a little southern
NH	Andy ONDERDONK,	513 68-69	hospitability and getting our pictures taken for the Cruise Book (mailing date approximately 3/15/91), a touching service was conducted by Chapter President Buddy Sturgis - The Missing Man Place Setting. It was a stirring thought for the MIAs. A complete place-setting was in front of the speaker's platform. A candle was lighted and appropriate words were spoken. Nice touch. We then enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a lot of fine fellowship with our comrades.
CT/RI	Jack BABCOCK,	511 69-70	
MA	Chris BLAKE,	535	
KS/MO	Basil FRI,	523 68/67	
PA	Galen HOOVER,	RID-45/40 70-71	
IL	BILL PARK,	541/531 67-68	
OH/KY/IN	BILL WARREN,	116 69-70	
MI	Norm SLIMMER,	592 68-69	
WI	Pres of Tom THALMANN, Seawolves Assoc	HAL-3 70-71	<u>Our Speaker was Evangelist Dave Roever of Fort Worth, Texas. Dave was a PBR Forward Gunner in 1968 when a W.P. Grenade blew up in his hand and disfigured him severely. While he was burning, the PBR turned over and he narrowly escaped with his life. While in the Fort Sam Houston Burn Unit, he was the only one to live out of the thirteen men assigned there at the time. Through his faith and a loving Wife, Dave pulled through. His talk was an inspiration to us all. He passed out his book WELCOME HOME DAVY and T-Shirts with the words GOD LOVES RIVER BOAT GUNNERS. He was presented with a Life Membership by his fellow crewmember Jim Walker.</u>
Northern VA MD/DC	Larry BROWN,	513/552	After a Dutch Treat Breakfast at the FRA Branch 50 in North Charleston on Sunday morning, our Twenty-Third Annual Reunion was closed.
DELMARVA PENINSULA	Rich GLAZESKI,	GARRETT CO 68-69	
HI	Dick GODBENESE,	511 67-68	
AL/LA/MS	Flash GORDON, 30		
AUSTRALIA	Geoff TIERNEY,	VUNG TAU 1/71-12/71	

1990 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: (continued)

We also had a request to clarify the disposition of our Archives material in case of dissolution of the Corporation. That is covered by our Bylaws whereby all members will be notified before sale of assets before dissolution. The President asked that thought be given to a future adjustment of the Life Membership Fee (pro-rated on age) and a study of the Annual Dues Structure to ensure our future financial stability.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Captain Burt Witham presented the following slate of officers who were elected by acclamation:

President	- John Williams	Board of Directors:
East Coast Vice President	- Dave Crockett	(until August 1993)
West Coast Vice President	- Keith Pecha	Mike Bailey
Secretary	- Mike Persico	Monte Blackwell
Treasurer	- Cliff Clifton	Ron Laratta
Supply Officer/Curator	- Clarence Cooper	Burt Witham

**Board Members Previously Elected:**

Until 8/91	Paul Bohn	Until 8/92	Ray Snow
	Dave Crockett		Herb Stephan
	Jim Walker		Buddy Sturgis
	Steve Watson		Al Van Horne

**Future Reunions** - Norfolk in 1991 (August 2 & 3) - Dick Hicks is coordinating.

St. Louis in 1992 (July 31 & August 1) - Motion made, seconded and approved, to engage professional help for the St. Louis Reunion. Reunion Committee will be composed of Cliff Clifton (Chairman), Buddy Sturgis, Bob Cosgrove, Dave Crockett, and Ron Laratta. HAL-3 and Garrett County Associations will be invited to participate.

IOWA Gunner's Mate Clayton Hartwig's Sister wrote to Gamewardens and requested assistance for her campaign to clear her Brother's name. Clayton was an Associate Member. The Board voted to send \$25.00 and it was matched by private donations.

GMG2 Bob GREENL needs help (543 68-69 Qua Viet, Danang). Now in Prison in Texas for Murder. His Mom is trying to get a second trial to include war record and his combat action. (Mrs. Kister)

**NORFOLK MONUMENT RELOCATED** - Now near the Main Gate (Gate Four) of the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. Re-Dedication Service is scheduled for 1991 - at our 1991 Reunion - Dick Hicks is coordinating.

LISTS provided by the Secretary were in the back of the room - BY UNITS, BY ZIP, and ALPHABETICAL.

**REMARKS BY MEMBERSHIP:**

Jere Beery presented a Proclamation from Westchester County, New York to honor and commemorate the USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY which sustained severe damage and 26 KIA's in the Delta in 1968. The officials in Westchester County, New York weren't aware of any of this until Jere brought it to their attention. Jere continues to be active in Veterans affairs and prodding the V.A. into action. The V.A. is finally admitting that they are not manned to provide the care that they are charged with providing. He is also active in the Fire Base Program in seven states and has a petition to demand an investigation of the V.A.

IT'S COMING FASTER THAN YOU THINK

# REUNION 92

Meet me in St. Louis  
July 30, To August 2



We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Westport. Plans include a river boat cruise, either a day at Busch Gardens or, if available, a Ball Game. We will conduct a Memorial Service on Saturday Morning, followed by our business meeting and a day of sight-seeing/shopping for the ladies. The cost has been set at \$375.00 per couple for those who register before July 1, 1992. For singles the price will be \$225.00 each for those sharing a room, and \$300.00 for those who desire a private room. On July 1, 1992, prices will increase for couples by \$50.00 and by \$35.00 for singles. We require a deposit of \$25.00 to put your name on the list, and will accept payments of \$50.00 each until paid. All reservations must be paid prior to July 1, 1992.

Send in your name and check now.

REUNION 92-Gamewardens of Vietnam Assn Inc., P.O. Box 5523, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

REPORT OF THE 23RD ANNUAL REUNION - GAMEDARDENS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION, INC.  
AUGUST 3 & 4, 1990 - MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Twenty-Third Annual Reunion of Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, Inc. was held in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, on Friday and Saturday, August 3 & 4, 1990. Overall, a highly successful and enjoyable Reunion due to

South East Region Chapter's efforts. After arrival and Registration at the Holiday Inn on Friday, free time allowed members to golf, visit, rest, etc. A two hour Harbor Cruise on a cruise boat began at 7:00 PM. Refreshments, snacks, beer and soft drinks were available on the boat. A Pool Party commenced upon return to the Hotel.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - Saturday - 10:00 AM. Members assembled in the parking lot next to the PBR and the future site of the U.S. Navy Support Base for a Memorial Service. (Future plans include construction of a Chow Hall, TOC and Barracks on this site.) Colors were posted by the Columbia, SC H.S. NJROTC. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Elliott Williams. Words of greetings were given by Chapter President Buddy Sturgis and National President John Williams. A Memorial Wreath was placed at the foot of the Upright M16, Helmet and Boots display by Jim Walker and Mike Bailey. A memorial message was delivered by Patriots Point Board Member E. B. "Buzz" Purcell. Taps by Navy Band Charleston Bugler. A wreath was then taken to the USS YORKTOWN fantail and cast into the harbor by Chapter President Sturgis and his Honor Guard, to honor our fallen comrades, while the membership observed from the pier. A very touching time. Excellent TV coverage by the three local channels.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - The Annual Business Meeting of Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, Inc. was opened at 11:10 AM on Saturday, August 4, 1990, by National President John Williams. The Invocation was given by Captain Burt Witham. Officer reports:

EAST COAST VICE PRESIDENT - Dave Crockett - have received many calls from people all over the country about our organization.

WEST COAST VICE PRESIDENT - Keith Pecha - couldn't attend but sent his greetings from the West Coast.

SECRETARY - Mike Persico - Couldn't attend due to work out of town but sent regards.

TREASURER/SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR - Cliff Clifton - we are in excellent financial shape. The financial books for the corporation's entire 23 year history are available in Room 501 for review by the membership as desired. Our scholarship program could use more donations so we can continue to expand our scholarship grants.

SUPPLY OFFICER/CURATOR - Clarence Cooper - Riverine Booklet is out of print. Evelyn is in the lobby now with her bucket still selling goodies. We need new items to sell so we are exploring the possibility of getting the paperback book BROWN WATER/BLACK BERETS for sale.

BOARD MEMBERS - Al Van Horne, Monte Blackwell and Herb Stephan send their regrets. Herb is hosting the Beach Boys at his Amphibious Base (Little Creek) on Sunday so he needed to be there for that event.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

NORFOLK - Not currently active - all work is coordinated with the National Organization since most officers are the same people. Looking for everyone to visit Norfolk in 1991 (August 2 & 3) - Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base - Captain Herb Stephan will be our Host. Dick Hicks is coordinating the Reunion.

WEST COAST CHAPTER - Warren Thomson - 48 at Reunion on June 16. New officers elected were: President: Bob Korn (TMCM Ret), Vice President: John Dorso (LT Ret), and Secretary/Treasurer: Warren Thomson (OSC Ret). 1991 Reunion will be combined with HAL-3 Reunion. Captain Twite has requested the Moving Wall Display for the Reunion.

NORTH WEST CHAPTER - Dutch Schultz - Dutch has moved to Florida and has been unable to reach Dave Wright for a detailed report.

NORTH EAST CHAPTER - Jack Babcock - Great Reunion on July 7. Former POW Dick Stratton will be made an Honorary Member of the North East Chapter.

SOUTH EAST REGION CHAPTER - Buddy Sturgis - Pleased to be able to host this Reunion. Thanks to all Chapter members who helped make it a success. (Big Hand was given by all present) Patriots Point Board Members Buzz Purcell and Elliott Williams were introduced. This year's project is to assist a Chapter Member who has been burned out of his home. Donations are being accepted.

One new Area Rep was announced: Jay C. Eichorn,

OLD BUSINESS

DUES CARDS - Thanks to Jim Guthrie and his wonderful copy machine, we have dues cards for Life and paid up members. Cards not handed out this weekend will be mailed out with our Winter 1990 letter using bulk mail.

CHAPTER GUIDANCE - In final stages. Copies sent to all Chapters for review. Copies of final version will be mailed to everyone on the Board Notice mailing list the end of September.

AUDIT - Ron Laratta and Dennis Ward were appointed as an Audit Team for Gamewardens and Cliff has the books available whenever needed.

HEARING LOSS - Members were asked in Newsletter #34 to send in copies of their Hearing Loss Claims that had been disapproved by the V.A. (None received yet). We need claims that were only for Hearing Loss. If other problems are involved, V.A. has been known to review the whole case and reduce compensation in some cases. That's why we asked for cases with Hearing Loss claims only. Several members reported success with their local military installations for hearing aids and assistance.

UNIT AWARDS - Several members have indicated a willingness to help program Unit Awards into a computer program so we can retrieve Unit Awards as desired. A copy of the Navy's current Unit Award listing was provided by our Secretary and was reviewed by many members. Several awards are missing from the Navy's master list and we hope to have our own accurate list before the next reunion.

COPYRIGHT - Jim Guthrie provided us with the necessary forms to get our insignia registered as a Service Mark. Ron Laratta and Ned Jay also provided input.

FLAG AND STAND - We have our Gamewarden Flag and hardware, and now we have the hardware for our American Flag for proud display at our Reunions.

AGENT ORANGE - The American Legion has filed suit against the U.S. Government to try to get the Agent Orange item off dead center.

NEW BUSINESS:

BYLAWS - We received a letter from the West Coast Chapter regarding modifying our Bylaws to include authority for Chapters to release members names and units to other members of the Chapter. We have no objection to releasing this information to other members of the Chapter, although care should be taken when printing lists containing addresses. The Board will study this more and bring more guidance to the next Annual Meeting. Another item to be held over until next year is Membership Admission Policy - should we require each applicant for membership to provide a DD-214? Should each sign a statement stating that we can request a certified copy from the St. Louis Records Center? What about current members? Accept JEST Certificates?