

from the desk of COMMANDER JAMES L. KEYES

Dear Tom:

It's 0050 and I was on my way to bed after a desk-cleaning session (getting ready for the tax season) when I had a brainstorm!

I found a letter from you from 1986. In it you say that you have come across some declassified documents with several hundred names and no addresses. I have been wrestling with that problem and may have found a way to help.

There is a database service which I sometimes subscribe to while searching for relatives. I always access it by last name, but it is accessible by Social Security Number! If you have a good SSAN, I can probably match it with an address. There are some limitations, of course, but it has found lost cousins and others for me, so it may turn up a bunch of Seawolves.

I'm trying to get a bit of help from TYSON FOODS, the chicken folks. They want a written proposal from me and I'm getting some help on that from some friends who have successfully dealt with them. What I propose is USA Today classified ad for 30 days, with a toll-free number to call (such as 1-800-SEA-WOLF). I want to have it operator answered, with responses put on a computer bulletin board for one of us to download later. Additionally, I'm going to ask Congressman Tommy Robinson of the Arkansas 3rd District to try to get some data from the Navy. What we need are the daily personnel diaries which the office scribes had to mail in every day. They had name, rank, number, from, to, promotion, hospitalized, killed, etc.

I visited Angel Fire, NM in October. The DAV Memorial is worth the trip. Howard Michael (Mule) Meute has his own engraved name plate on the wall, but no picture on file. So, with some trepidation, I called his mother and asked for a picture. She was gracious and sent me 2 pictures of Mike. I'm having them copied and I will provide one to the Memorial and either bring or send the others to the reunion.

My brain is running down, so I'll close this with a wish for a Merry Christmas for you and your family.

Sincerely,

 Jim

Don You have SSN's?

