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Dear Shipmates,

Well, it's that time again, time to start planning another reunion. This time as per your vote last year it will be in Corpus Christi Texas. J.C., and I took our wives down last October to check things out, compare hotels, costs, meeting facilities, etc. The weather was beautiful, warm but not hot during the day, and not cool but perhaps light sweater weather in the evening. Everyone told us it is their favorite time of the year in Corpus. We again selected the Holiday Inn, seems we've always had pretty good luck with them, nice facilities, good food, and super people to work with.

While in Corpus we also got with the tourist and visitors bureau and found them very willing to help. We may very well turn our registration table over to them and allow JC, Silvia, Judy and I more time to visit with you as you arrive. The city has a beautiful museum and Aquarium, as well as the USS Lexington to visit. We didn't get the opportunity to see and do everything but of course there is a lot to do in the area. One of the big sights we missed was the famous "King Ranch". It has a unique place in the history of the Southwest and though it is a ways out of Corpus there are regular half day or all day tours.

A bit of information on our registration this year. I am asking you to include your address, spouses name, phone #, date served on the Evans, etc. You got our package? So why do I need all this? Keeping our data base up to date is not a real easy chore and I need to verify information I have all the time to try and keep your information correct. It takes just a few minutes and it will help me to know my data is correct or at least get it correct.

I'm also trying something else new this year. I am including the menu's for all meals as well as a cost breakout so you see where your money goes. You will note that I show the hotel's charge for the meal, their required tax, and gratuity. Also, so you know up front, I have indicated an amount labeled "Assoc", this is a charge we add to each meal cost to offset reunion expenses, it's not much but it does add to your costs and you have a right to know. Generally, this money goes into your treasury and we pay the hotel outright. Your dues cover mail outs (postage, envelopes, etc. and those normal administrative costs associated with keeping the association going. At each reunion though we always have those few unexpected expenses such as reproduction, more name tags, video rental, meals for special guests, etc. I have always added a little to the price of the meals to offset those expenses and it's worked well to keep us paid up as we leave the reunion site and keeps us from having to set a registration fee. At any rate it's your association, and you have the right to know so I showing it up front and more than willing to discuss it if you want.

Judy and I go to California in June for my little one's (Nikki's) wedding. We are hoping to go on to San Diego and get some information (hotel, sights, etc) for our 1997 reunion and bring it to Corpus with us in October. Here's hoping we get to see a whole lot of you in Corpus in October—remember—We haven't had a bad reunion yet, they just keep getting better and better.

Smooth Sailin'