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J.C + SYLVIA CAMPBELL -

MY NAME IS NATHAN BEZOTTE. I WAS THE CHIEF RADIAN ON BOARD THE EVANS WHEN SHE WENT DOWN IN 1969. A MONTH OR SO AGO I RECEIVED A NICE NOTE FROM YOU AND A MEMBERSHIP NOTICE. I HAVE RESPONDED YEARS AGO BUT HAVE NOT KEPT UP MY DUES. MY HEALTH IS SUCH THAT I KNOW I CANNOT TRAVEL TO REUNIONS, ETC.

ABOUT THE SAME TIME MY YOUNGER SON BEGAN RESEARCHING THE EVANS DISASTER ON THE COMPUTER. HE MADE CONTACT WITH AN (MM3) ROY PETERS IN REDONDO BEACH, CA.

I DIDN'T KNOW ROY ON THE SHIP BUT WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE NICE PHONE CONVERSATIONS THANKS TO MY SON'S INTEREST. ROY TOLD ME OF AN EVANS MEMORIAL "MUSEUM" BEING ESTABLISHED. I HAD SOME MEMORABILIA WHICH I FELT WOULD BE OF INTEREST AND HE SAID I COULD SEND IT VIA HIM AS A DONATION TO THE MUSEUM.

THESE WERE A PICTURE OF MOST OF THE EVANS CREW AT THE CPO CUB IN PEARL HARBOR IN APRIL 1969 ON THE WAY OUT. IT WAS THE INITIATION

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Party for Bme King who died in the collision.
~~AND~~ ALSO SOME PICTURES OF THE AFT END
OF THE EVANS AND RESCUE SHIPS ON JUNE 3RD.
ALSO THE HANDOUTS GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS AT
THE MEMORIAL SERVICE GIVEN AT NASTA
LONG BEACH BEFORE THE CREW FLEW HOME.
AND MOST IMPORTANT I THINK A COPY OF THE
RADIO MESSAGE SENT FROM USS KEAN SARBE
JUNE 3RD 1969 LISTING ALL KNOWN SURVIVORS.
THIS WAS AN ORIGINAL COPY WHICH WE USED AS
A MUSTER LIST FOR THE CREW THE NEXT DAYS
AS SEEN BY THE ✓ MARKS ETC. PROBABLY THE
ONLY COPY IN EXISTENCE.

AT ANY RATE ROY HAS CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF
THE ITEMS BY PHONE AND SAYS HE WILL
ARRANGE GETTING THEM TO YOU (THE ASSOCIATION).
HE WANTS TO MAKE COPIES OF THEM FOR HIMSELF.

I WRITE BECAUSE I WANT TO PLEASE HEAR FROM
YOU WHEN THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR WHATEVER USE YOU
DEEM APPROPRIATE. SO PLEASE LET ME HEAR
FROM YOU.

Sincerely
Al Bette