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Ahoy Shipmates and friends,

Here I am again with an update on the Reunion. Don't know a whole lot of difference but here goes.

So far the Reservations are coming in very slow. As of now the names and arrival and departure dates are as follows:

Cornall-	Sept. 25. / Oct. 1.	Kreiger-	Sept. 25 / Oct. 1
Hansen-	Sept. 25 / Oct. 1.	Belaire-	Sept. 25 / Oct. 1
Callahan-	Sept. 26. / Sept. 29.	Hochreiter-	Sept. 27 / Sept. 30
Groth-	Sept. 26. / Sept. 30.	Gaillard-	Sept.25 / Oct. 1
Giroir-	Sept, 26, / Sept. 30.	Pendergrass-	Sept. 27 / Oct. 1 (?)
Stone-	Sept. 26. / Sept. 29.	Crumley-	Sept. 25 / Oct. 2

If you registered before Aug. 27, and are not listed here you may not be on the Savage group List. You should call the hotel

PLAZA INN HOTEL – 2021 North Padre Island Dr. – Corpus Christi, TX 78498 – Phone (361)289-8200 it is located between the airport and downtown, so it is convenient to both.

Check-in Sunday Sept 26---Check-out Friday October 1st

As usual you must tell the reservation desk that you are with the U.S.S. Savage. The price is \$65.00+tax. We will have a free Breakfast bar, (Not a continental breakfast) and a complimentary happy hour from 5 pm to 7 pm with bar food and 3 free drinks of your choice, Beer, Wine, or Mixed drink. Of course they have soft drinks, coffee and juice. **The cut-off date for reservations is Sept. 20th**. Check-in 3:00 PM. Check-out 11:00 Am. The Hotel gives 1 hour free long distance calls per room per night.

The Airport does not service flights from major cities. You have to fly in by feeder airlines from nearby cities according to where your carrier flies too. The Plaza Inn is only about 12 miles away. The hotel did not have a shuttle but the sales manager said she would personally pick up those that fly in. Nice of her I thought. You will have to call the hotel with your arrival time.

We will have our Dutch treat dinner on the evening of arrival and also our Banquet at The Astor Restaurant. It is only a couple of blocks from the Hotel. The good thing is everyone will be able to order off their menu. It is an older, 1940s style restaurant but has the best food around. From Mesquite char broiled steaks to fine seafood. Also Mexican if you prefer. Their Lunch menu has about anything you can name plus a number of home cooked type meals. For the Banquet they will set up a private room for us with white tablecloths, Decorations and such. It ought to be nice.

Monday there will be an optional tour of the Texas State Aquarium for those who want to go. The day will be open for the others. For those of us who don't get around that well, we can hold down the Fort in the Hospitality room.

At 1:00 PM on Tuesday we will Tour and have the Memorial service aboard the U.S.S. Lexington, "The Grey Ghost". A WWII and Vietnam Aircraft Carrier. We will begin with the memorial first and each person can tour as long as they want to and leave as they want to. A shuttle is available for transportation to the hanger deck.

Tuesday 7:00 PM will be our business meeting and the Ladies Auction. Again for any new comers, the ladies bring some inexpensive trinket and auction them off to each other. They have a lot of fun and make a little money to use as they please.

Wednesday will be an open day. But on Wednesday at 6:00 PM we will leave for the Banquet. If this is your first reunion I will remind you that this usually calls for a coat and tie. As I said before everyone will be able to order from the menu.

Thursday will be optional. I thought some of us might like to tour the King Ranch. Delilah and I made the tour while we were out there and enjoyed it. If you are not familiar with it, it is the largest Ranch in the world, it covers 825,000 acres an area larger than the state of Rhode Island, Has 50,000 head of cattle and 350 Quarter Horses. The fencing would reach from Corpus Christi to Boston, Mass. A total of 2,000 miles. No one can drive on the property. You ride their bus, the tour is 2 hours. The Ranch is about 45 minutes from the hotel.

Friday AM Is check out time. Anyone who wants to check in a day or two early or stay a day or two late may do so at the same reunion rate But don't forget to tell them you are with the U.S.S. Savage.

Lets all think about where we want to meet next year. If you have a choice bring some info. About it to the meeting.

I hope we have an even bigger group this year than last, Even though last year was good. We had 56 people including Shipmates, Spouses and friends. Those attending were:

Tony & Sandy Agosta -- Tiny (Joe) Allen -- Wayne & Nancy Barre -- Vic. Belaire -- Lee & Lois Bruss -- Bill & Susan Chaney -- Augie Chase -- Rich Cornell -- Ray & Delilah Crumley -- Dan & Fran Dykstra -- Ray Ewing -- Dan & Margaret Farley -- Dan Farley jr -- Jean Fraser. -- Ron Galliard -- Roy & Ethel Giroir -- Gene & Linda Hansen -- Bill & Margie Harvey -- Fred & Irma Hochreiter -- Chuck & MaryAnn Huber -- Ron Kreiger -- Jim & Mary Markley -- Bud & Agnes McLawhorn -- Joe & Kim Moreno -- Jim & Gail Murphy -- Elaine Pizzola -- Tommy Pridgen -- Joe Rand -- Lewis & Katie Sharpe -- Jack & Peggy Smith -- Ed & Virginia Stone -- Ira & Margarita Suitt -- Art & Mary Ruth Sumner. -- We also had 2 Guys from Buglers Across America for the Memorial Service for our Deceased Shipmates.

Like always we ask you to make your reservations as early as you can. I always need to keep up with a head count. I hope to see everyone that attended last time and hope some of you will be able to bring a buddy with you.

Admiral Ray