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Let's put New Orleans in the win column and close the books on another successful reunion, 4 days of tours that everyone enjoyed and a day of on your own touring and finally our Banquet where we honored our fallen Shipmates enjoyed a great meal and sadly had to say goodbye until next year.

Yes, it was a win starting off with tour of WWII museum a whole day 5 different buildings and lots of history that pays tribute to the heroes that fought WWII. After a night in the hospitality room and a good night's rest we toured Destrehan Plantation and learned about Napoleonic laws and how it applied to woman and slaves, it was quite educational, then on to the Creole Queen with lunch and a cruise down the Mississippi River stopping at the site of the battle of New Orleans. Upon our return, another night of hospitality room fun and then a good night's sleep resting up for the next day of tours. We started off enjoying a swamp boat tour, enjoying nature and lots of alligator's some small to too big but all awesome, then a great lunch and ended with a tour of French Quarter, then another night of hospitality room and off to bed to rest up for our next day of tours. On our last day of tours, we started off at the U.S. Mint and upstairs was the jazz museum, lot of history, then lunch and our final stop was to the Mardi Gras museum learning about how they prepare the floats and lots of history of Mardi Gras then back to hotel for hospitality room fun and raffle give aways and 50/50 drawings.

We started the day off with Business meetings and a treasurer's report and election of officers for 2027 and it was the decision to continue the same officers for another year, we then choose Charleston SC to host 2027. At the joint meeting we decided to return to San Diego for 2028.

As a side note this will be my last year as your President of the Association; a medical condition that will get worse over time forces me to surrender it; besides almost 12 years it is time someone else take the helm.

After a day of touring New Orleans on our own, we had our Banquet and honored our lost Shipmates and enjoyed a good meal and had our final raffle drawing of 2 free hotel nights. Thanks to Ron Orszag for the fallen shipmate ceremony and Loretta Myers for her rendition of Proud to be an American and lastly to Joe Myers for keeping the books.

A special thanks to Cathy Vorisek wife of shipmate Charles Vorisek for a presentation on honey; it was very entertaining as well as educational. Hope to see you guys in Charleston and maybe host another training session on bees and honey. Also to Tom Linn for bring USS Piedmont life ring so we could take photo's that was another fun item.

Shipmates Lost

James Scalf MMC 74-79 Passed 26 May 2026 Age 80 * (honored in NO)

The association wants to thank Sandra Tucker wife of deceased Shipmate Al Tucker for her donation of \$50.00

For our shipmates that are dealing with the effects of Agent Orange and might need a POC to help, Hillandponton.com/blue-water-navy-Vietnam-map/

At our business meeting in New Orleans, we discussed the low number of members attending reunions and possible contributing factors, such as age, cost, and other concerns. So, give us your input on why folks aren't attending reunions and if there is anything we can do to increase participation numbers. Some discussions are concerned about how much longer we can continue with low attendance. It gives us all something to think about.

With the holiday approaching, think about purchasing a Piedmont hat or Piedmont Polo shirt so you can display your pride as a Veteran, Contact Joe Myers for information. \$20.00 each can't beat the price. Since you missed the reunion, you must add postage \$8.00

We are always looking for shipmates that served on "DOC" and encourage them to join our association and join us at our annual reunions. I have never had a shipmate attend that did not enjoy the reunion and make many new friends so go for it and plan on attending our reunion in Charleston SC. And enjoy.

Stay in contact; every time I send out the latest Newsletter or email I get back one or two returned to me saying unable to deliver with no forwarding address or email address is invalid; when this occurs I try and call contact phone number and if no answer then mail notification to address listed on roster; if I receive no reply then I have no choice but to remove them from the membership roster. What I am saying to everyone keep us in the loop. If you move, let us know; if your phone number changes let us know; if you change email let us know and keep in contact. If for any reason you desire not to continue membership it's not a problem, let us know just communicate with us.

We ask that you keep your dues current and if for any reason you are not sure of status contact Joe Myers and he will update you. If you have no email maybe consider getting one or sharing one with children or Grandchildren as great way to stay in touch and share family history and memories, with the ever-increasing price of postage it would go a long way in reducing our costs; if you can't do this don't worry about it but if you can that would be great.

Lastly for the folks the attended New Orleans if you have pictures that you would like to share please forward them to Bruce Macalister his email is brucemacalister@pm.me.

Leaving you with a smile

A soldier shows up for military training but realizes he forgot to bring his gun.

The sergeant hands him a stick and gestures to the training field.

"You'll have to use this, soldier. If you need to shoot someone, just aim your stick at them and shout 'Bangity bang-bang'. If someone gets too close to you, poke them in the gut with it as though it was a bayonet and shout 'Stabbity stab-stab'. Now get moving."

The soldier thinks this is pretty ridiculous, but to his surprise, when he aims his stick at a fellow trainee across the field and shouts "Bangity bang-bang!" the other soldier goes down in a theatrical display. Then, another trainee tries to run past him, so he pokes the guy in the ribs and shouts "Stabbity stab-stab!" and he too goes down, pretending to be dead.

So, the soldier starts running through the mock-battlefield, shouting "Bangity bang-bang" and occasionally "Stabbity-stab-stab", until eventually he realizes he's the last man standing.

He's feeling pretty proud of himself until another soldier rounds a corner and starts walking toward him. Slowly. Stiffly. Menacingly.

The soldier takes aim with his stick and shouts, "Bangity-bang-bang!"

But the other soldier doesn't go down this time. He keeps approaching, arms stiff at his sides, boots stomping aggressively into the ground.

The soldier begins to sweat. He clears his throat, adjusts grip on his stick and hollers, "Bangity bang-bang!"

But nothing happens. The other soldier keeps marching toward him.

Now the soldier panics. He pretends to reload his stick and desperately cries out, "Bangity bang-bang! Bangity bang-bang! Stabbity stab-stab!"

But to his dismay, nothing works.

Finally, the other soldier reaches him, kicks him in the shin and knocks him onto the ground.

He stands over the fallen soldier and says:

"Tankity tank-tank."

It was early morning at the military base...

... and the first sergeant was calling out names for the daily work parties listed on a piece of paper:

"Ames"

"Here!"

"Jenson"

"Here!"

"Jones"

"Here!"

"Magersky"

"Here!"

"Seeback"

No answer.

"Seeback!"

No answer was heard again.

"SEEBACK!!!" The troops remained totally silent.

At that point, someone whispered into the first sergeant's ear. He looked again at what the last name really said, quickly turned over the list and continued calling the names printed on the other side

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