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USS NATOMA BAY, CVE 62
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Reunion 2009—Look Out Las Vegas!

Where: Las Vegas,
NV

When: Monday,
September 21-
Wednesday,
September 23

Why: Natoma Bay
Reunion

lights, shows, and
nightlife!

We've been here for
reunions in the past, but
in case you are not
familiar with the many
entertainment options in
Las Vegas, see
www.lasvegas.com for
visitors' information.

Las Vegas is easily
accessible by train,
plane or automobile!

Las Vegas is the city of

Hotel-Info

The Gold Coast
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1-800-331-5334

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parking!

Group Rate choice of 2
rooms: Large for \$53 per
night or small for \$33 per
night.

Group rate cut-off August
21, 2009 under name of
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Group.

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Call reservations at (888)
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Natoma Bay CVE#62 and
Group Code "9UNBC09".

Or you can book online at:

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Click on "hotel
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Enter group code:
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It's that easy! Call hotel if
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RSVP FORM

The following persons in my family/group will be attending the 2009 Natoma Bay Reunion, and want to let you know we will be there!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Special Accomodations, if any: _____

Return to: Elizabeth Berry, P.O. Box 101952, Fort Worth, Texas 76185-1952

THANK YOU!

Fort Worth Reunion News

The following association members attended the reunion in Fort Worth, Texas October 23-25, 2008: Al Alcorn, Leo Pyatt, Ben Carpenter, Ivar & Helen Bostrom, Michael & Priscilla Murrieta, Mary & Jim Koenig (sister & brother-in-law), Lloyd & Alta McCann & daughter, Earl Garrison, Carolyn & David Welch (Earl's daughter and son-in-law), and Elizabeth Berry. We had a great reunion! We had perfect October weather in Texas for our opening lunch in the garden patio of Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant. Afterwards, the group enjoyed a parade through the historic Fort Worth Stockyards, and an afternoon of shopping and touring that area. Our business meeting was highlighted by a speech by Dr. Jack Raskopf, a former TCU professor and WW2 veteran. He wove a great tale for us of his landing on Omaha Beach and the fabulous fireworks display that took place there in honor of his 18th birthday! Many members explored various sites in downtown Fort Worth. We enjoyed a very fun closing dinner eating HUGE ribs at Risky's Bar-B-Que in downtown. Thanks to all who attended, the reunion was a great success!

Treasurer Sez!

Don't forget your dues of \$20 are due prior to the Las Vegas reunion!

Member Letters

Letter from **Donald Botterweck** (dated 8-31-08):

"Just let you know I will be unable to attend the reunion due to health problems. Doctors orders not to take long trip. I have asthma and have to use a nebulizer every 8 hours or sooner if I feel an attack come on. Say hello to all my old shipmates. I remain Sincerely, Donald Botterweck"

Letter from **Jeannie Haag** (daughter of **Art & Melverna Imthurn**)(dated 10-21-08):

"Dear Friends, It is with deep regret that I must inform you all that we will not be at the reunion. The folks asked me sometime ago topas the word along, but I kept holding out hope that I could change their minds! Mother fell the later part of June and fractured a vertebra. It was giving her fits for quite a while but the last 3 or 4 weeks she is doing very well and back to her normal routine. The end of Aug. Dad had a "spell" and we weren't sure if it was a mild heart attack or what. However, after seeing a cardiologist and many tests, it appears that it was something to do with the digestive track instead of a heart issue.....He has asked that you all know, and pass the word to everyone in attendance, that he is (we are) thinking of everyone! From me, please know that I'm very disappointed as this sounds like it's going to be a wonderful runion and there there has been an abundant amount of time and effort invested in the planning and organization for it! I told Rick, if things were a little more stable right now, he and I would come anyway! Please give everyone a hug for me and please keep us informed as to any future reunions! In my heart I feel that Dad is still just a bit concerned about being that far from home should something go wrong, though he has never said as much. Will miss you all!"

Membership Updates

Kenneth Dan Lewis, 88, of Monument California, died on Thursday, February 28, 2009.

"Good afternoon. My name is Gayle Schaub. I found your email address on the Natomabaycve62.org website. My uncle, **Warren Edinger** of Glenwood, Minnesota, was a 3rd Gunner's Mate on the Natoma Bay. I wasn't sure if you were keeping track of the former members, but I wanted to let you know that my uncle died on Friday, March 20, 2009. My uncle never spoke to me about his war experiences, but he did have a number of materials concerning the Natoma Bay Association and the subsequent reunions. It was fascinating to read through the materials. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you."