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# The Natoma Bay Association Scuttlebutt

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USS NATOMA BAY, CVE 62  
VC-81, VC-63, VC-9, CAR 24 DIV

## Reunion 2009—Look Out Las Vegas!

Where: Las Vegas,  
NV

lights, shows, and  
nightlife!

When: Monday,  
September 21-  
Wednesday,  
September 23

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](http://www.lasvegas.com) for  
visitors' information.

Why: Natoma Bay  
Reunion

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

Las Vegas is the city of

## Hotel-Info

The Gold Coast  
4000 West Flamingo Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
1-800-331-5334

Close to the strip,  
convenient with free  
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  
WW2 Navy Veterans'  
Group.

## Hotel-Booking

Call reservations at (888)  
402-6278 and ask for USS  
Natoma Bay CVE#62 and  
Group Code "9UNBC09".

Or you can book online at:  
[www.goldcoastcasino.com](http://www.goldcoastcasino.com)

Click on "hotel  
reservations", then  
"groups"

Enter group code:  
"9UNBC09"

It's that easy! Call hotel if  
you need help with your  
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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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."