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Newsletter

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Ahoy Shipmates,

It is time again to be planning our 2009 reunion. This newsletter has the latest Savage news. And what we know so far about the reunion. We check in Sun. Sept 27, 2009 Check out Fri. Oct 2, 2009.

Please keep this information for future reference. Because of the escalating cost of postage and mailing supplies we have to limit our mailings. This letter will go to everyone on our roster. Any further mailings for this year will go only to the dues paying shipmates. Sorry but we are a small group with limited income. If you would like to become an active member and receive all mailings you may send \$20.00 in dues to Gene Hansen our treasurer at the address above.

Sept. 28th to Oct. 2nd 2008, 27 shipmates, spouses and friends met in Buffalo N.Y. For a reunion hosted by Rich and Noreen Cornell at the Millennium Airport Hotel. We had a delicious banquet meal, various tours and of course visits to Niagara Falls and into Canada. Rich and Noreen outdid themselves on this one. Thank you Rich and Noreen, great fun was had by all.

Anyone who has an idea of a good place to meet in 2010 should research the place and bring some information (Brochures etc.) and some suggestions to our crew meeting in Chattanooga this year. Also let us know if you would be willing to host the reunion at the place you present

At the crew meeting in Buffalo Bill Harvey said he wished to give up his position as secretary of the association. He went on to tell us that he had some medical problems and was scheduled for surgery after he returned home. Good luck to you Bill, We will have you in our thoughts and prayers. No one else seemed to want his position so Rich and I agreed that he would assume the job of Secretary as well as Historian and I would be the editor of the newsletter along with the presidency. Gene Hansen was appointed to remain the Treasurer.

During our discussion on a city for the 2009 reunion Jim Murphy suggested we visit Chattanooga Tenn. After his presentation of Chattanooga and the things available to do, the membership approved the suggestion and Jim volunteered to be our host there. Thanks Jim. He has us scheduled to meet at the Country Inn & Suites 5105 Highway 153 Hixson, Tenn. 37343. Phone (423) 308-2333. As usual you need to mention you are from the Savage when making your reservations. Hixson is a suburb of Chattanooga of course, and just a short distance from all the activities. Delilah and I made a sight visit at Jim's request, to check the hotel and the venues available to us. The hotel is very nice. They have a good Continental breakfast with the usual, Waffles, cereals, bagels, oatmeal, grits and Danish. But each day

they serve a hot serving. One day it was Sausage Gravy and Biscuits next day it was Eggs, Bacon Sausage and Biscuits Sat. was Sausage and Biscuits. The choice of rooms are- Standard room with either 1 king or 2 queen beds \$70.00 per night.- Or a Suite with either 1 king or 2 queen beds, Sofa, 2 chairs, Computer desk and bar with a Microwave and Mini Fridge for \$75.00 per night.- There are only 4 Smoking rooms in the hotel so smokers you better reserve ASAP. If for some reason you don't get a smoking room, The following rooms are near an outside door. – 102-101-103-104-105- 114-115-116. The hotel is 8 miles from the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport. They have a free shuttle but you have to call the hotel with your arrival time or call when you arrive so they can pick you up. It is not an International Airport so you must come in on a feeder airline from Houston, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, DC, Charlotte, Orlando, Tampa or Ft. Lauderdale. For Reservations Call (423) 308-2333

The hotel is a little hard to find at first. From I-75 take exit 4, Go north on Hwy 153, after you cross the Chickamauga Lake bridge, Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Hamill Rd. then an immediate left (about 5 car lengths) onto New Country Rd. Hotel is at end of this road. (200 Yards.)

I am planning the memorial service to be held at the National Cemetery Pavilion. A very beautiful place and most appropriate for a memorial. Hopefully we will have a color guard and a Bugler for the service.

Jim is still working on the date and menu for the Banquet It will be held at ARIS' Harbor Light Restaurant. It is lakeside and has an excellent view, we might want to arrive early and have some drinks on the deck to take in the sunset. We will have a choice of chicken, beef, fish and probably a vegetarian plate. (For the benefit of the new arrivals our wives likes for us to wear a coat and tie for the Banquet only.) The restaurant does not serve alcohol but we can bring our own bottle As long as we buy our setups from them. (They serve a soft drink and ice for a nominal amount)

For those of you who have never attended one of our reunions the ladies in the group have an auction where they auction off small trinkets that they purchase for the occasion. The ladies always have a great time and enjoy the fellowship that goes with it. This year they made \$216.00. The money that the ladies make is always used for things that are needed for the association. If any of the newcomers are interested in this contact Linda, Noreen or any of the other ladies for further instructions. (Noreen is the auctioneer I understand.)

Our schedule so far is Sunday Sept 27, 2009. - arrival- PM Dutch treat dinner at a local restaurant - Monday- AM A luncheon cruise aboard the paddle wheel riverboat "The Southern Belle." Tues. AM- A tour of Lookout Mountain Including a visit to the Museum and Point Park, The sight of the Civil War Battle of Chattanooga. And "The Battle Above the Clouds." It has authentic cannon in their battle placements A very nice view of Chattanooga from a great height and at one point you can see 7 states on a clear day. Within walking distance is The Incline Railway. At almost 78% it is the worlds steepest Passenger Railway. It is about 1 mile long. It has a small fee to ride round trip. Also on the mountain is Rock City and A cavern called Ruby Falls, It has an under ground waterfall, A light show, etc. It has quite a bit of walking I understand. Needless to say I did not visit it. There are plenty of things to do on the free days, See The Tennessee Aquarium, Ride the Ducks, Tennessee Valley Railroad has a Museum and train rides of various lengths, Tour Chickamauga Ga. Battle field (12 Miles from downtown.) and others too numerous to mention.. Check out is Friday morning Oct. 2, 2009. Those who come a bit early or stay a day or two later may do so at the same price per day.

As we usually do we ask that you reserve as early as you can, So that Jim can get a headcount to help in making his plans complete.

Hope to see all the regular attendees there as well as a lot of new Shipmates and friends.

Ray