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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our membership is growing nicely. As more people are learning about us we are getting bigger. You can help with announcements in local papers and word of mouth. If you need application blanks write the secretary. Since August we have sent information and applications to more than a thousand veterans: 140 of them have sent in their dues. If you haven't yet, please fill out your application and mail in your dues today. Twenty dollars pays your membership through July 1990.

We have a good mix of combat veterans: 75 Vietnam; 54 World War II, and 11 WWII & Vietnam. Adventure abounds in this group. We have men that have been on vessels torpedoed and sunk by German submarines; men who have sunk German submarines; a member of the cutter Northland when she broke up a German radio operation in Greenland and captured its support ship; and one salt whose career goes back to chasing rum smugglers in 1928.

A number of you have donated stamps and money to help get us off the ground. Our correspondence is backed up and you may not have been properly thanked, so let me say, "Thank you shipmates, your assistance is welcome."

National Reunion. Arrive early and stay longer. We will gather at the Reno Hilton, 225 N. Sierra Street, Reno, NV 89504, Friday and Saturday, July 15 & 16, 1988. Rooms at the Hilton are \$65 a night regardless if one or two people are in the room. If you wish to stay at a place that has a lower rate, that is fine. When we find out what your share is for food and sundries we will let you know. If you plan on attending, or think there is a chance you will attend, please fill out the advisory form on this newsletter. Return it to the secretary-treasurer. You will then be sent a registration card to mail to the hotel for your reservation. Your prompt response will greatly help in the planning process. If you have someone to recommend for a speaker or wish to speak yourself let us know.

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Remember. Bring your memories: movies, photographs, slides, souvenirs, and the like. Bring door prizes, logo ideas, suggestions and your nomination for the election of new officers. The tentative schedule is:

Friday - CGCOMVETS Registration
Get-Acquainted Party

Saturday - Breakfast
Meeting
History: Movies & Slides.
Pre Dinner Get Together
Banquet

Sunday - Breakfast and Farewells

Lend A Hand. We need your help to make this a successful reunion. Contact us if you want to take part in preparing and carrying out a memorial service. To add fun to the banquet get in touch with local businesses for door prize donations. Your ideas and services in any other areas are welcome.

T-Shirts. The following Coast Guard logo T-Shirts are available: 1) "I Love Our Coast Guard," 2) "Coast Guard Vietnam Veteran," and 3) Coast Guard emblem. If you are interested send \$12, plus \$1.75 shipping/handling (per order) and sizes to FIRST CLASS SEA SHIRTS, P.O. Box 2322, Mount Vernon WA 98273. Crewneck Sweats (\$20) and Hooded Sweats (\$25) are also available. This organization is also a fundraising group and donates \$2 from sales to veteran and maritime projects. For further details contact Stephen H. Overstreet, (206) 336-3091.

Attention Squadron One & Three Vietnam Veterans. Remember those colorful squadron insignia medallions you got in Vietnam? They are available again. Send \$5 for each medallion to Jerry Gaca, Coast Guard Sea Veterans Mid-America, 5810 Dakwood Drive, Apt 1G, Lisle, IL 60532. These buttons are also available: Coast Guard Fouled Anchors (large-\$3; small-\$1.50) and Coast Guard in block letters for \$2.

Coast Guard Sea Veterans Mid-America, which began as a regional organization of Southeast Asian theater veterans has become an association open to all Coast Guard people: past and present. If you know someone interested in being part of a Coast Guard fellowship, but not eligible to join us, tell them to write the Mid-America group at 18 Golf Road, Claredon Hills, IL 60614.

Sincerely,



William F. Hoover
President