

# Sirago Newsletter



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## Reunion – Last Call

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This is the last newsletter that will be issued prior to the reunion (May 23 – May 28, 2007 – Mobile) so for those of you who were “on the line” now is the time to insure that you’ve made your plans and have gotten in all your paperwork which is necessary for our coordination purposes. All information you will need is on the included Signup Sheet. As of this writing, we have about 150 crew members who have signed up in one way or another with another potential 150 who are getting their stuff madly together (i.e. check’s in the mail..). So... it’s official... it will officially be a kick-butt smoke boat reunion where we will see, once and for all, whether the Sirago, Sea Leopard, or Cutlass wins the “E”!

It is important that you be kept totally “up to date” on this reunion and progress being made so this article will summarize some important facts.

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Although the reunion is officially May 23 (Wed) through May 28<sup>th</sup> (Mon), most folks seem to be arriving on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> and this is the first day on which we have any “planned” activities. On Thursday evening after check-in, etc. we will be having a “Welcome Aboard” cocktail at the hotel and then will walk a few blocks to Margarita’s Bar and basically “take it over”. The proprietor (a woman) will be welcoming all 3 boats and has offered discount prices for many food and beverage items PROVIDED that you are wearing a name tag and/or have a boat hat or shirt on to differentiate you from the local rabble that may just want a deal. Remember folks... this is Memorial Day weekend so there will be plenty of Veteran Friendly activities going on and this is the first one you will see when you get there.

The hotel is located right in the heart of the old part of Mobile so you will be easily able to tour by foot many wonderful places without having to use a bus or anything and the Hospitality Suite we have at the hotel is the most huge one we have ever had at any facility in my memory with glass windows looking out over the River toward the Bay so you will truly be treated to classy service at this place.

The MOST important things to sign up for, therefore are the “Welcome Aboard” that I just mentioned and then on Friday we will have a wonderful Lunch at the Hotel with a guest speaker. Dinner that evening will be at Battleship Park where the USS Alabama is and that’s another event you will want to attend.

On Saturday we will be spending from late morning to late afternoon at that same place conducting the ORI Competition Games at Battleship Park. Lunch is on your own there and you will find no problems

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getting a bite to eat there while we are in our various competitions. There is nothing you need to sign up for during the "day" on Saturday nor any up front cost to you... just plan on hopping on one of our provided buses to get yourself out there and participate in the competition.

Of course, on Saturday night we will have our Banquet back at the hotel so you should definitely sign up for that. We will have live music, prizes, awards, and plenty of good food.

On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Farewell Breakfast" that you should consider. This is the only breakfast that we are doing in a special way. You will be getting your own breakfasts on the other days you are there. All the other things we have indicated on the signup form are for your benefit and you can sign up for whatever you like in addition to what I am recommending above.

I would also recommend that you think about a "shirt" and a "boat hat" as indicated on the back of the signup form. Many of you who have already sent in your forms sort of "overlooked" this or figured you'd see what they looked like when you got there. We will be ordering "extra" shirts and hats but we're not going to plan boatloads of the stuff as we don't want inventory left over. Therefore, I'd suggest you include this on your signup....and... if you already sent in your signup before and forgot about it, I'd suggest using the signup sheet in THIS newsletter to send in an extra check to insure you are not left without.

The weather will be nice (we put in a LOGREQ specifically for this in advance) and, as stated in previous newsletters, we guarantee no hurricanes. We ARE in control of this reunion and you WILL be sorry if you miss movement, but that's not our problem.

Here is the latest list of those who have indicated they are planning to come. If you find yourself on this list and know you are not coming, please give Mike Bickel an email to let him know at:

[RMBICKEL@STUPP.COM](mailto:RMBICKEL@STUPP.COM).

**TOTAL - ALL BOATS: (319)** - not counting duplicates - multi-boat = \*:

**USS SIRAGO (SS485) CREW:** by Duty Section: (138):

**DS4548 (3)**: Jim McCullough, Bob Mulhall, Jim Wood

**DS4952 (6)**: Duane Gow, Bob Kaufman, Norm LeBlanc, Lawrence McMurtray, Dan Reilly\*, John Thompson

**DS5356 (9)**: George Albert, Morton Appelbaum, Jeff Badgett, Bob Barringer\*, Bob Liland, Buddy Shumake, Ed Sowinski\*, James Thompson, "Buddy" Wharton

**DS5760 (18)**: Beecher Allen, Art Allum, Audrey Boyer, Ed Crawfoot, Roger Dean, Richard DeVuyst, George Goodwin, Don Gotta\*, David Hauer, George Hinda, Ed Jones, Neal Jones, Mel Laubach, James Morgan, Gene Russell, Ed Shaffer, Bill Shamphan, Harold Webster

**DS6164 (28)**: Ted Anthony, George Booth, Bruce Boughton, Dale Craig, Kevin Dunne, Larry Eakes, Hal Galloway, Joe Hoffmann, Jim Hughes\*, Joe Humphrey, Larry Jinks, Dennis Larson, Dave McCallum, Larry McClintock, Hugh McCracken\*, Fred McGuire, George Miller, Joe Roche, Lowell Russell, Ralph Schmidt, Bill Schmitt\*, Roy Scott, Gene Shore\*, Butch Sites, Douglas Tucker\*, Ralph Wiggins, Marvin Yokum, Bob Zorn

**DS6568 (38)**: Doug Andersen, Ray Anderson, Ken Anderton, Bill Bailey, Richard Barnette\*, Gary Beasley, Clyde Beatty, Tim Cole, Pat Conroy, Dennis Dion, David Glaser\*, Garry Goetschius, Ray Harrison, Ron Hart, Jerry Hauser, Dan Hawkins, Gary Hoover, Nate Isenhour, David King, Dan Kozlowski, "Tex" Loftin, Ty Lynch, Rex Major, J D Mayo, Rich McCamant, Don Miller, Frank Phipps, Willy Ramos, Ray Rausch\*, Doug Roberts, Bob Rosen\*, Rob Schutte, Dean Sedgwick, Nelson Shiver, Ray Spooner, Gary Thonn, Chuck Veir, Lewis Zipperer

**DS6972 (36)**: David Ackerman, Mark Adler, Fred Baker, Bob Bell\*, Mike Bickel, Deb Brown, David Burtsfield\*, Ray Bussard, Frank Campbell, Rusty Curtis, Mick Finn, Jim Fitzpatrick\*, Bob Flora, Doug Fox, Gary Gamauf, Frank George, Gale George,

REUNION - LAST CALL (Cont.)

John Holmes, Bill Huskey, Frank Indoe, David Keene, Bud Keidel, Les Lammers, Bruce Larsen, John Lee, Dick Morris, Tom Neville, Bill Oakes, Tom O'Brien, Scott Primmer, "Tex" Ritter, George Self, Ed Talbot, Larry Vicente, Thurman Webb, Paul York

**SEA LEOPARD CREW**: by Duty Section:  
(131):

**DS4548 (5)**: Jack Atkinson\*, Chic Knight, Ed Schuele, Roger Spooner, LaMar Taylor

**DS4952 (3)**: Walter Hansen, "Baby" Hyde, Chuck Schaub

**DS5356 (15)**: Bill Atwell, Dick Blank, "Babe" Brogan, Hank Franz, Joseph Gomes, Bill Hill, Walter Hubbell, Kwock Kam, Robert LaLonde, "Robby" Roberts, Ed Sowinski\*, Johnny Stanford, Dick Teas, Frank Thompson, Louis Vozar

**DS5760 (16)**: Larry Barnes, Joe Bonds, Valerie Caston-Coseo, Ed Covey, Roy Forsythe, "Dewey" Fuller, Milo Fuller, Julian Galloway, Al Higginbotham, Jerry Hooper, Dan Laemont, Tom Lemke, Sidney Logan, Henry Patzer, Norman Snell, Michael Swift

**DS6164 (23)**: Larry Butler, Jim Cosby, Joe Dauster, Dan Durham, Don Espeseth, Robert Galindo, Don Gotta\*, Jack Hart, Glenn Herold, Glenn Hilbert, Sam Hilker, Larry Huffstutler, Ellis Jordan, Chuck Kindlesparger, Ralph Leonard, Charles Powers, Ray Rausch\*, Bill Schmitt\*, John Shuron, David Stamps, Lew Sykes\*, Frank Verona, John Winters

**DS6568 (49)**: Hal Anderson, Marty Arntzen, Charles Baize, Lionel Banda, Jack Beardmore, Bob Bell\*, Chuck Berry, Gary Brown, Richard Burggraf, Dan Burke, David Burtsfield\*, Frank Bushnell, Jay Butler\*, Jose Cabrera, John Carlsen, Jerry Clemons, Jim Cunningham, Richard Curtis, "Woody" Dawson, Jim Delong, Mike Finneran, Jim Fitzpatrick\*, Dick Forsythe, Lonnie Friar, Bill Heffernan, Inving Henrichsen, Les Jinkens, Andrew Kotulak, Jim Kreyer, Tom Kromer, Jim Latterell, John LaVeck, Hermy Maula, Jack Messersmith, Tom Morrell, George Morris, Bob Musitano, Paul Nasso, Wayne Rison, Steve Rogers, Chuck Shoenfelt, Phil Somerset, Mike Spasiuk, Paul Turner, Ben Vessels, Bob Walsh, John

Wass, David Wilhoit, Dennis Wood

**DS6973 (20)**: Stan Bartholomew, Art Bjorkner, Ralph Carnal\*, Darrell Colbert, Daniel Crovo, Tom Cushman, Alan Fisk, Lowell Flowers, David Glaser\*, Rick Goebbel\*, Martin Henderson, Lee Hubbell, Jim Hughes\*, Elton Landrum, Gerald Linton, Robert Moore, Bob Osborne, Bill Powell, John Radens, Alan Shapiro

**CUTLASS CREW**: by Duty Section: (74):

**DS4548 (0)**:

**DS4952 (7)**: Zeb Alford, Jack Atkinson\*, Billy Garnett, Kenneth Guilfoil, Adrian Hardman, Leroy Peterson, Calvin Shirley

**DS5356 (9)**: Bob Barringer\*, William Chapman, Thomas Glenn, Carl Gronemann, Harry Henry, Ron Muecke, Bill Trefethern, Cyril Tuckfield, John Ward

**DS5760 (7)**: Donald Curbow, Bob Fennell, Bill Flynn, Hugh McCracken\*, Keith Mellish, George Puffenberger, Richard Wyhlidko

**DS6164 (18)**: Robert Bandy, Tom Birt, Jay Butler\*, Don Gotta\*, Jim Hughes\*, Bob Keller, Michael Layton, Walter Malone, Paul Monson, Joe Mullen, Tom Murray, Wayne Reedy, Dan Reilly\*, Bill Revesz, Bob Rosen\*, Gene Shore\*, McCail Smith, Dan Wrzesniewski

**DS6568 (21)**: George Ashbaugh, John Bailey, Richard Barnette\*, John Henry Collins, Burl Fluharty, Delores Fredricks, Robert Frye, David Glaser\*, Charles Greenlee, George Hardy, Edgel Hash, Howard Roberts, Al "Poopsie" Pelz, "Manny" Rocha, Tom Sherrod, Lew Sykes\*, Terry Tietz, Douglas Tucker\*, Frank Voznak, Charles Weaver, George Youmans

**DS6973 (12)**: Ralph Carnal\*, Steve Durfee, Rick Goebbel\*, Dick Huebner, Roman Marciniak, Kahl McDevitt, Donald Meyer, "Tex" Osborne, Dennis Rooy, John Tregoning, Ed Urban, Michael Wiegman

OK Folks, as you can see... if you "miss movement" on this sortie, you'll be kicking your own butt because it will be a LONG while until another one THIS big and THIS fun comes along!!

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## Sirago News & Notes

Our Sirago Crew Count ALIVE has been continuously rising since we formed this organization. However, this newsletter is the first one in which our "net live count" has gone down. This happens if our Recently Deceased count exceeds our Newly Found Alive count. We have reached our zenith point of 857 alive and are now at 856.

### **Newly Found Crew (found ALIVE):**

Donald White, F1EM, 47-47

James Andrews, TM3, 69-70

Doug Brown, ETSN, 63-64

### **Newly Found Crew (found DECEASED):**

William Smith, EMFN, 49-51

William Vaughan, FTG2, 71-72 (DECOM)

### **Recently Deceased:**

Jesse Dodson, MM3, 49-52 (2 December 2006)

Philip Vannelli, QM2, 63-64 (26 November 2006)

Robert Keegan, F1c, 46-46 (2 February 2004)

Charlie Johnson, EM3c, 45-46 (16 January 2007)



Charlie Johnson leftmost in photo (who was a Plank Owner) with his buddies Willie Baird and Terry Thrash, both of whom are also deceased.

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