



POMFLANT Remembered

The POMFLANT Alumni was organized about 6 years ago.

Special Interest Items:

April Get-Together: We are going back to the Yorktown on April 25th for our luncheon. So many of you asked to go and especially those that did not go the first time. Like before, we will have lunch on the main hanger deck. The cost will be \$16.50 per person and that will include the lunch (tax and tip) and admission to board the Yorktown. Lunch will consist of Beef Teriyaki or Shrimp Gumbo over Rice, Sauteed Vegetables, Spinach salad, rolls and butter, coffee and tea and dessert. Please mail your checks to Mary Adams, 821 N. Palmetto St., Summerville, SC 29483 no later than April 6th. Your family and friends are welcome to come join us for this event. Please come.

Group Get-Togethers: We signed up at the last get-together on things we would like to do as a group. Two of these events are planned:

Cruise from Miami to the Western Caribbean on Royal Caribbean's "Majesty of the Seas" on October 18th, 1998 for 7 nights. Presently we have a few cabins left if anyone would like to join us. Twenty one (21) people are going so far. Call Mary Adams if you are interested and she will mail you a registration form with all the information on it.

Dinner Cruise in the Charleston Harbor on June 6th aboard a paddle wheel boat. This cruise leaves from the Charleston Maritime Center at 7:30 pm and returns at 10:00 pm. Boarding is at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served and entertainment provided. Dinner is a choice of 3 entrees (prime rib, stuffed breast of chicken, or salmon). The entertainment is a "rolling on the river show" and is by request only. The price is \$29.11 which includes tax but not the tip. Please send Mary Adams your checks by April 15th if you are interested. A \$250.00 deposit has to be made about that time.

Some were interested in motor-coach trips to Branson and New York but unfortunately the numbers were too small to plan these trips.

News from our Members:

Grady Woodard - Has completed his book "The Southern Passage" and is now doing rewrites for his editor.

Marilyn Fouchecourt - Has moved back to Summerville from her move to MA. She is still writing poetry which has been published in several anthologies in the last year.

Bob Marangelli - Is substitute teaching in the Charleston County School System.

Pat Percy and Cathy Knapp - Married and now live in North Charleston, SC. Congratulations Pat and Cathy.

Jim and Shirley Stowe - Are new grandparents. On 29 November 1997, their first grandchild, Victoria Elise Owsley, was born in Charleston weighing 5 lbs 11 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Everyone is doing fine. Jim lost both his mother and father in 1997. His mother in October and his father in November. Jim and Shirley were involved with their care and did not get to attend any of our get-togethers last year.

Jerry Malia - Retired from Lockheed and moved back to Charleston. He now lives West of the Ashley in Village Green Subdivision.

Kenny and Brenda Davis - Write about their 30 day trip across country in August/September, 1997. Their first stop was Louisville, KY where they visited some friends of Brenda's that she had not seen in 20 years. Then they headed on through Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota (saw the Mall of America) and the Dakotas where they visited several interesting museums. In Rapid City, they visited Mt. Rushmore, The Rushmore Caves, The Eye of the Needle. They visited Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming where they saw lots of wildlife and Old Faithful showing off along with a lot of other geysers.

Then to Glacier National Park in Montana where there are active glaciers. In the state of Washington, they visited Kenny's old friends that he knew during the military years and had not heard from in 40 years. It was a nice reunion.

They headed to Idaho, Denver, CO, and Utah where they went through the Arches National Park. "The arches and rock designs were amazing and beautiful." Spent some time in Park City, UT and toured Salt Lake City and Snowbird Ski Resort. It was during the 4 days spent in Park City that they rested up for the remaining half of the trip.

The most interesting and enjoyable places they visited were the Bryce and Zion canyons. Enjoyed hiking and the views while there. Then next was the Grand Canyon. "It was so large it seemed as if we could not absorb all there was to see." They flew in a small plane along the south rim.

They went on a pontoon boat ride down the Colorado River from Page, AZ. The water was very cold but the scenery was fantastic. Before heading home, they visited the Mesa Verde National Park in lower Colorado to see how the Indians lived so long ago.

On the way home, they stopped in Oklahoma City to see where the federal building was bombed. "It was very sad and emotional." The fence that surrounded the building was covered with a variety of items in remembrance of the victims.

The trip was the most fantastic they have ever taken. They were glad they had the time and each other to make the trip. It is wonderful to experience what the USA has to offer.

Mary and Billy Adams - Also decided to see America last year. In May, they flew to Salt Lake City, rented a car and drove 3200 miles through 7 states. They toured Salt Lake City; Provo, Utah; Bryce Canyon National Park out of Cedar City, UT; Las Vegas, NV; Grand Canyon; Meteor Crater; Petrified Forest National Park; Painted Desert; Indian Dwelling Ruins in AZ; Albuquerque, NM; Santa Fe NM; Puye Cliff Dwellings in NM; Taos, NM; Mesa Verde National Park, CO; Silverton CO; Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park. They spent some nights in the national parks and really enjoyed the ranger talks in the evening by the campfire. "Our country is wonderful and there are so many things to see." The Indian ruins are amazing and probably the highlight of the trip.

In September, they flew to Reno and rented a car to travel down to San Francisco. Spent time in Reno, Lake Tahoe, Napa Valley and San Francisco. Visited with one of Billy's "long lost cousins" in California. Both trips were wonderful.

Our Sad News:

Since our last newsletter, I have received information that the following co-workers, co-workers family members and or friends have died:

Roy Ducker - (MAB inspector).

Lester "Frenchie" Banegas - (mechanic and also AFGE Officer).

William Myers - (Dockside Handling Inspector & Geneva's brother).

David McNeely - (Mechanic MAPB's).

Harold Staley - Delores Staley from the Planning Department lost her husband to cancer.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to those and their families who have lost their loved ones.

Friends Who Have Been Ill and Recovering

Al Meacher - (Inspector) had triple by-pass surgery and is doing well.

Don Coffman - suffered a stroke in November and is in therapy.

Joe Holleman - had an ulcer and esophagus problems.

Dick Fleming - had by-pass surgery and is in re-habilitation.

Keep those letters coming: Please keep us informed on what is going on so we can let all our members know. Those that have E-Mail addresses, please let us know so we can get information out to you quicker. Many of you already have sent us your addresses. John Maney is keeping the E-Mail list. His address is pomflant@bellsouth.net.

POMFLANT now has a web page on the internet. The address is www.multiwebs.net/pr/index.html

Ron Thomas, who worked at POMFLANT as both military and civil service developed the page and is attempting to add every POMFLANT employee to the list. He will need your dates of service and whether you were civilian, military or contractor. His address is: thunderer@alltel.net. If you don't have an E-Mail address, send the information to Mary Adams and she will see that it gets sent to Ron. In addition to the employees, he has included a history of POMFLANT that was written by Chuck Hughey from the SPC-05 Engineering Department.

Please keep Ron Thomas and John Maney up to date on your e-mail addresses and or your current snail mail address and telephone number changes.

See you on April 25 Yorktown Lunch at 12:00 noon. Be sure and send in your \$16.50 for each person attending by April 6th.