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IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE check the Master Roster and update your information. I receive too many returned mailing with "Forward Expired, cannot forward" and too many email messages returned as not valid.

August 25 JOE DOLAN sent information that LTJG William (Carl) Travis passed away. Roster info listed home address as Dallas, TX, he served aboard June 1946 – October 1947. We do not have information as to death date.

DON SNIDER sent us an email inquiring about the possibility of the Frank Knox earning the Presidential Unit Citation during WWII. He received email from a Bob Culver TM2/c who was on the USS Samuel N. Moore DD-747 in DesRon 61 in 1945. I haven't heard anything to that effect but I did send the inquiry on to BOB O'KON and all of the Plank Owners that have email addresses and also brought up the subject at the re-union at Newport News.

News from JIM & SUE HEALY prior to the re-union. Some of you know that their grandson, George, is a part of the U.S. Naval Ceremonial Guard stationed in D.C. Their duties are to be part of the honoring and burial of fallen service men and women buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The Guardsmen, some casket bearers (who fold and present the flag to family at graveside), rifle team, drill team and who stand guard at government ceremonies, spend many, many hours preparing for these ceremonies. George sent word he was going to Boston to be part of the Guard at the funeral of Senator Ted Kennedy.

Jim and Sue are very proud of grandson George. There was a photo in our local newspaper of the Guard and Nancy & I picked out the tallest Navy man and said it must be George as Sue described him as 6' +, blond, good looking (she might be a little prejudiced)

The nineteenth reunion is history! There were 76 total attendees, unfortunately DON McCLANAHAN contacted the flu and GARY RUSCH became involved with a herniated disc and they were unable to travel.