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USS GURNARD 254/662 REUNION ASSOC.

**IT'S REUNION TIME!!!!!!
SEPT. 4 & 5, 2008**

At the Blackstone Marriott, Fort Worth TX.

Fellow Shipmates,

The planning is pretty much done for our 2008 Reunion. The last week in Oct. my wife, Lorrie, and I spent a few days in Fort Worth, TX. We toured hotel and banquet facilities in the downtown Fort Worth area and settled on the Blackstone Marriott. We have a hospitality suite on the 14th floor for both days, with a Terrace overlooking the downtown skyline, and a banquet on Friday the 5th with a menu consisting of a Texas Bar BQ.

Our reunion will be in conjunction with the SubVets Convention that is being held that week in Fort Worth. I have included information on hotels in the downtown area that have rooms blocked for the convention. So when you book your room, make sure that you tell them that you are part of the Submarine Convention to get the reduced rate. The Hilton will be the hotel hosting the convention the Blackstone is only two blocks from the Hilton. When you call the Blackstone, be sure to mention that you are there for the Gurnard Reunion. They have assured me they will do their best to have all of us on the 14th floor close to our Hospitality Room.

I need some of your help. I have a mailing list with about 250 names and addresses. We all know that since the boat was commissioned until it was decommissioned there was more than 250 who served on the Gurnard 254 & 662. What I would like from all of you is your help in adding to our list of shipmates. If you are still in contact with some of them I would appreciate you forwarding their contact info to me. At the reunion I will have that mailing list for your review.

If any one has a suggestion for a banquet speaker or perhaps would volunteer please let me know. As of today we do not have anyone, but, Tom and Wayne have volunteered sea stories depending on the wine consumption.

The cost for the banquet is \$40.00 per person. Please make your checks payable to the **USS Gurnard Assoc.** If you can not make the banquet, a donation to the cause would be greatly appreciated.

Hotel Information.

Hilton 817-870-2100 Rooms \$99.00

Worthington 800-433-5673 Rooms \$116.00

Blackstone 800-321-2211 Rooms \$120.00

Looking forward to seeing you in Texas. Your early response is appreciated.

Phil.