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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MCMANUELS FAMILY



The Holiday Season is here, Christmas 2003 finds us truly blessed. As in previous years, I would like to use this edition of "Gunboat Riders" to give thanks for the many blessings that we have shared over the past year. The recent loss of my father reminds me of how precious life is and the importance of friends and family. To the many members who called and sent cards, thank you for your concern and prayers. Your support in our time of need was appreciated. It is truly comforting to know that my father made so many friends and touched so many lives, both in the USS Canberra Association and the members of the Patrol Gunboat Association.

I also want to express my thanks to all who have helped me make our reunions such a success. We all appreciate the help of shipmates like our Historian, Dave Donaldson and our Webmaster, Jim Thomas. To those who assisted me with the Valley Forge reunion, a special thanks, we all appreciated your help. To all of the shipmates and their families who we have had the pleasure meeting

and corresponding with, thank you for your support. Without the members of the Patrol Gunboat Association, there would be no reunion. Each time I talk to a former crewmember, whether it is by way of a letter, an e-mail, a postcard or a phone call, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to have had the privilege to serve in the United States Navy, to serve this great country, and to have been lucky enough to do so on a Patrol Gunboat.

As we celebrate the holidays this year, remember that Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines continue to go in harms way. The conflict in the Middle East continues with no end in sight. The best men and women that America has to offer continue to support and defend the Flag far away from home, loved ones and families. As combat operations continue, please take a moment during the Holidays to give thanks to the Veterans who put their lives on the line everyday. Keep them in your thoughts and say a prayer for their safe and quick return home. It is their vigilance and sacrifices that ensure our way of life and keep America strong.

*From our home to yours, we wish each of you the
Happiest of Holiday Seasons.
Terry and Nancy McManuels*

Nancy and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, a festive Holiday Season and a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Concord, California in August, 2004.

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WE NOW HAVE GREEN SHIRTS

I just placed another order for Golf Shirts and found out that Eagle Crest now has them available in Forest Green. Initially I ordered shirts in red, white and blue, but have received requests from the Green Bay crew for green shirts, go figure.

While the good news is that I now have golf shirts in green, the bad news is that price of shirts has gone up. I really don't want to tie up the Associations money with a lot of inventory sitting on the shelf, so our orders are now for around 20 at a time. When I start to run out of one particular size and color, I place another order. Between the resulting smaller orders and price increases at Eagle Crest, we need to raise the price of the shirts. The price of the shirts is now \$23.00 for small, medium, large and extra large. Extra extra large shirts are \$25.00. Postage to mail the shirts varies, but to make it simple, I plan to charge \$2.00 per shirt for postage. Right now I have a full inventory of sizes and colors, so if you want one of these great looking shirts, red, white, blue or even GREEN, simply send a check made out to the Patrol Gunboat Association for the appropriate amount.

Ship's patches for Tacoma, Crockett and Gallup have been selling at a rather slow pace, but we are ready to order patches for another two ships. If you are interested in one, two or more patches from your ship, please let me know. I will order patches for the two ships that have the most interest. Remember, there is a minimum order of 50 patches for each ship and that they run close to \$500.00 per patch ordered.

Ships patches are \$12.00 each, with the Association paying postage to mail them. Please do not send me money for any patches that we currently do not have, it makes the bookkeeping a real problem for me. Just let me know what patch you want and I will let you know when they are in. If you want Tacoma, Gallup or Crockett patches, send me a check for the appropriate amount and I will get them to you as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS IN FILE

Following is a list of new members that have been located since the last newsletter was published.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Contacted</u>
Allen, Barry F.	Green Bay	10/20/2003
Lamarque, Carl J.	Gallup	10/20/2003
O'Dell, Raymond	Gallup	11/06/2003

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARDS

I finally got around to setting up a special data base and program to print membership cards for the Association. If your membership dues are paid for calendar year 2004, then your card will be included with your membership directory. The directory will be mailed out sometime in January or February. This data file has been set to merge specific data from the data base. Your ID Card should reflect your first year of continuous membership. For example, if you paid dues in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and 2004, missing year 2002, then your card states that you have been a continuous member since 2003. Your card also includes an expiration date, that date would be December 31 of the last year for which your dues are currently paid.

A quick note on dues. Occasionally I receive a check for two or more years dues. I enter the payment into the data base for the current year and additional years depending on the amount of the check. Dues received between the August reunion and the end of the year are credited to the following year unless otherwise indicated on the check or in a note to me. That means that unless you request your check to be credited to a previous year, any years where your dues were not paid prior to the reunion will remain listed as unpaid and the continuous member date on your membership ID card will start over.

LOOK WHO CAME TO DINNER

The following former crewmembers joined us at the 2003 Patrol Gunboat Association Reunion in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Aiello, Antelope
James Ayers, Beacon
Peter Baumann, Gallup
Michael Baumiester, Canon
Paul Bennett, Crockett
Dale Boroff, Canon
Anthony Brauneck, Antelope
Bruce Carlson, Welch
Philip Carrigan, Green Bay
Fred Carrozzo, Surprise
Charles Chupco, Crockett
Montey Collins, Defiance
Michael Cramer, Douglas
Ronald Currie, Antelope
James Davies, Gallup
David Donaldson, CCR-3
Terrence Eccleston, Tacoma
Richard Egnor, CCR-3
Paul Ekman, Gallup, COSDIV-32

Edward Enlow, Green Bay
William Farmer, Green Bay
Hal Fonner, Crockett
Morris Foote, Green Bay
Allen Gross, Gallup
Kurt Hauge, Marathon
Albert Havranek, Antelope
Richard Hayes, Gallup
James Hoben, Antelope
George Ingram, Crockett
Daniel Jacobson, Antelope
Richard Johannsen, Antelope
William Joseph, Ready
Michael Kaprielian, Antelope
Edwin Kaufman, Antelope
Terrance Klein, Antelope
Leo Klotz, Gallup
George Kochik, Surprise
Harold Lankford, Surprise

Thomas Ledvina, Beacon
Wilfredo Lucindo, Gallup
Bill Lydon, Green Bay
Floyd Mackey, Gallup
Patrick McGrady, Canon
Paul McGurgan, Crockett
Terry McManuels, Canon
Gary Metoxen, Gallup
Albert Minzer, Tacoma
Robert Mitchell, Asheville
Joe Moore, Green Bay
Charles Moran, Green Bay
Don Morris, Green Bay
David Nekola, Canon
Terrence Pankowski, Ready
Gary Peekenschneider, Cascade
Daniel Peirce, Grand Rapids
John Perrigo, Antelope
John Pletsch, Crockett

William Powell, Antelope
Pat Robertazzi, Canon
Vernon Roe, Asheville
Wesley Ronk, Antelope
Richard Smoktunowicz, Antelope
William Spane, Gallup
Gary Stankey, Chehalis
Bobby Strozier, Surprise
Frank Struse, Ready
James Thomas, Asheville
John Torek, Green Bay
Gene Van Orden, Chehalis
Timothy Van Raalte, Crockett
Joel Walker, Ready
Danny Watson, Canon
Gary Wentworth, Antelope
David Wheeler, Canon
Stan Zalinka, Green Bay
Michael Zealor, Antelope

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ASSEMBLY LINE MEDICINE

It seems that more and more physicians are running their practices like an assembly line. Here's what happened to Buford.....

Buford walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Buford said "Shingles." So she took down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aid came out and asked Buford what he had. Buford said "Shingles." So she took his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Buford to wait in the examining room. A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Buford what he had. Buford said "Shingles." So she gave Buford a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, told Buford to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor. An hour later the doctor came and asked Buford what he had. Buford said, "Shingles." The doctor said, "Where?" Buford said, "Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to put them?"

MARTHA'S NOT COMING

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Christmas. I'm telling you in advance, so don't act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won't be coming, we have made a few small changes:

Our sidewalk will not be lined with homemade, paper bag luminaries. After a trial run, it was decided that no matter how cleverly done, rows of flaming lunch sacks do not have the desired welcoming effect.

Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of Indian Corn and fall foliage we had planned to make. Instead, we got the kids and grandkids involved in the decorating by having them track in colorful autumn leaves from the front yard. The mud was their idea.

The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, we will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this is Christmas, we will refrain from using the plastic Peter Rabbit plate and the Bunny napkins from last Easter.

Our centerpiece will not be a tower of fresh fruit and flowers, instead we will be displaying a hedgehog-like decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper. The artist assures me it is a turkey.

We will be dining fashionably late. The children will entertain you while you wait. I'm sure they will be happy to share every choice comment I have made regarding Christmas, Santa Claus and the turkey hotline. Please remember that most of these comments were made at 5:00 a.m. upon discovering that the turkey was still hard enough to cut diamonds.

As accompaniment to the children's recital, I will play a recording of tribal drumming. If the children should mention that I don't own a recording of tribal drumming, or that tribal drumming sounds suspiciously like a frozen turkey in a clothes dryer, ignore them. They are lying.

We toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, we chose to keep our traditional method. We've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, we will ask the children to sit at a separate table.

Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning, "Do not, under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not send small, unsuspecting children to check on my progress. I have an electric knife."

The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reason that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat. As a reminder to our young diners, "passing the rolls" is not a football play. Nor is it a request to bean your sister in the head with warm tasty bread.

Before I forget, there is one last change. Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, we will be serving the traditional pumpkin pie, garnished with whipped cream and small fingerprints. You will still have a choice; take it or leave it.

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Christmas. She probably won't come next year either. I am ever so thankful.

2004 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

I am currently working on the 2004 Membership Directory. I have made several changes to the new directory. First, at the suggestion of more than a few members, the new directory will be in larger print, almost twice as large. This will increase the number of pages and obviously the cost of printing the directory will also go up. I am also adding several new fields from the data base.

The 2004 directory will include your report date and the date you transferred off your boat. Keep in mind that the only information I have to go on is what you have sent me. If you have never sent me your dates onboard the boat, then those fields will be blank in the directory. I have also managed to include the number of reunions you have attended in the directory. Next to your name you will find one star (★) for each reunion you have attended. If you have been to all six reunions, then you will find six stars (★★★★★) right after your name. Keep in mind that the only information I have on those who have attended the reunions is the registration forms that you sent in prior to the reunion. I have already found several members who have attended reunions, but since they didn't register in advance, the information was never added to the data base. If you find a mistake in the directory, please let me know and I will make changes to the file which will be reflected in the next directory.

As always, if you have requested that I not release your information, the directory simply lists your name and "Address not published at members request".

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WATCH AND LEARN

Three Southerners & three Yankees are traveling by train to the Super Bowl. At the station, the three Northerners each buy a ticket & watch as the three Southerners buy just one ticket.

"How are the three of you going to travel on one ticket?" asks one of the Yankees. "Watch & learn," answers one of the men from the South.

They all board the train. The three Yankee men take their respective seats, but all three Southerners cram into a toilet together and close the door. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack & a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The Yankees see this happen and agree it was quite a clever idea. So, after the game, they decide to do the same thing on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip, but, to their astonishment, they see that the three Southerners don't buy any ticket at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed Yankee. "Watch & learn," answers one of the Southerners.

When they board the train, the three Northerners cram themselves into a toilet while the three Southerners cram into another toilet just down the way. Shortly after the train is on it's way, one of the Southerners leaves their toilet and walks over to the toilet in which the Yankees are hiding. The Southerner knocks on their door and says, "Ticket, please."

BALLCAPS AND COFFEE MUGS

This is just a reminder that we still have a good selection of Ballcaps and Coffee Mugs available from most of our reunions. The price for the Ballcap and Mug set is \$16.00 for all reunions up to and including 2002. The cap and mug set for the 2003 reunion is \$25.00. Priority mail shipping is included in this price.

Since I am on the subject of available memorabilia, be sure to check out the K&E Crafts Website. The internet address for K&E is http://www.kec-co.com/gunboat_riders.htm. Ed Reynolds from K&E is a former sailor and he is dedicated to making the finest products available. The Patrol Gunboat Association memorabilia manufactured by K&E is all top quality, reasonably priced and guaranteed to meet you approval.

Ed will also do special orders utilizing your graphics when possible. In the event you do not have access to the internet, feel free to call K&E at (540) 721-1980 for more information. The Association receives a percentage of all sales. This money goes into the general fund and is used to support our administrative expenses. K&E Crafts also donates items each year to be given away at the reunion as raffle table prizes.

2004 DUES STATUS

Back when we held our first business meeting in Peoria, we voted on Association Membership Dues. The membership present at that first reunion decided to set dues at \$20.00, and we have continued to collect this amount ever since.

Dues are used primarily for costs associated with running the Association. Our biggest expense is the cost of printing and mailing the Gunboat Riders newsletter. Copies of the newsletter go out to all dues paying members each quarter. Many members save their newsletters, so I always have them printed on 60# paper. This increases the cost to print the newsletter, and on occasion, increases the cost of postage for mailing. Right now there are 2279 names in the data base file. Of that number, we have mailing addresses on 928 people. We closed out 2003 with 283 dues paying members. That makes the cost of mailing the newsletter to those 283 members \$104.71 for postage alone. Two of the newsletters weigh more than one ounce. The Pre Reunion and Post Reunion editions go out to all 928 members. With the weight of these two editions being over one ounce, the cost for postage is more than \$550.00 for each special edition of the Gunboat Riders newsletter.

The cost of the membership directory is also substantial, and starting with the 2004 directory, that cost will almost double. We are financially secure, and even though we are no longer in debt, I still try to be responsible with your money. Another major expense is the cost of producing and mailing out the annual press release.

We collected \$5660.00 in 2003 dues, and have currently collected \$3000.00 in dues for 2004. All dues paying members receive the membership directory along with an Association membership card.

Your dues status is printed on the mailing label sent with this newsletter. This label shows your dues status for both calendar year 2003 and 2004. To determine your dues status, check the label on the envelope that this newsletter came in.

Your First and Last Name	2003 Status
Your Command	RP
Your Street Address	
Your City, State and Zip Code	2004 Dues
	Not Paid

Name and address information is on the left side of the label. On the top right side of the label is your member status for 2003. If there is an "RP" under 2003, then your 2003 dues were paid. If there is an "RNP" or "RNP1", then your 2003 dues were not paid. On the bottom right side of the label is your dues status for 2004.

The sample label indicates that the member has paid their 2003 dues, but has not paid their 2004 dues. Unless your dues are paid prior to the next newsletter, this will be the last newsletter you will receive until the 2004 Concord Pre Reunion edition. You will also not receive the new and exciting 2004 Patrol Gunboat Association Membership Directory and Membership Card unless you send in your dues check. I will have additional membership directories printed, but when they run out, there will be no more until 2005.

Family members of deceased Gunboat Riders receive the annual Membership Directory and are exempt from paying dues. Honorary and Associate members are also exempt from paying dues but do not receive the Membership Directory. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or send me an email message and ask for clarification.

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REAL HOLLYWOOD HEROES

In contrast to the ideals, opinions and feelings of today's "Hollywonk" the real actors of yesteryear loved the United States. They had both class and integrity. With the advent of World War many of our actors went to fight rather than stand and rant against this country we all love. They gave up their wealth, position and fame to become service men & women, many as simple "enlisted men". This page lists but a few, but from this group of only 18 men came over 70 medals in honor of their valor, spanning from Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Distinguish Service Cross', Purple Hearts and one Congressional Medal of Honor. So remember; while the "Entertainers of 2003" have been in all of the news media lately (for it seems News Paper, Television and Radio has been more than ready to put them and their anti-American, anti-Bush message before the public) I would like to remind the people of what the entertainers of 1943 were doing, (60 years ago). Most of these brave men have since passed on.

* Alec Guinness (Star Wars) operated a British Royal Navy landing craft on D-Day.

* James Doohan ("Scotty" on Star Trek) landed in Normandy with the U. S. Army on D-Day.

* Donald Pleasance (The Great Escape) really was an R. A. F. Pilot who was shot down, held prisoner and tortured by the Germans.

* David Niven was a Sandhurst graduate and Lt. Colonel of the British Commandos in Normandy.

* James Stewart Entered the Army Air Force as a private and worked his way to the rank of Colonel. During World War II, Stewart served as a bomber pilot, his service record crediting him with leading more than 20 missions over Germany, and taking part in hundreds of air strikes during his tour of duty. Stewart earned the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre, and 7 Battle Stars during World War II. In peace time, Stewart continued to be an active member of the Air Force as a reservist, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before retiring in the 1950s.

* Clark Gable (Mega-Movie Star when war broke out) was beyond the draft age at the time the U.S. entered WW II. Gable enlisted as a private in the AAF on Aug. 12, 1942 at Los Angeles. He attended the Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. and graduated as a second lieutenant on Oct. 28, 1942. He then attended aerial gunnery school and in Feb. 1943 he was assigned to the 351st Bomb Group at Polebrook where he flew operational missions over Europe in B-17s. Capt. Gable returned to the U.S. in Oct. 1943 and was relieved from active duty as a major on Jun. 12, 1944 at his own request, since he was over-age for combat.

* Charlton Heston was an Army Air Corps Sergeant in Kodiak.

* Earnest Borgnine was a U. S. Navy Gunners Mate 1935-1945.

* Charles Durning was a U. S. Army Ranger at Normandy earning a Silver Star and awarded the Purple Heart.

* Charles Bronson was a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps, more specifically on B-29s in the 20th Air Force out of Guam, Tinian, and Saipan.

* George C. Scott was a decorated U. S. Marine.

* Eddie Albert (Green Acres TV) was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroic action as a U. S. Naval officer aiding Marines at the horrific battle on the island of Tarawa in the Pacific Nov. 1943.

* Brian Keith served as a U.S. Marine rear gunner in several actions against the Japanese on Rabal in the Pacific.

* Lee Marvin was a U.S. Marine on Saipan during the Marianas campaign when he was wounded earning the Purple Heart.

* John Russell: In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he received a battlefield commission and was wounded and highly decorated for valor at Guadalcanal.

* Robert Ryan was a U. S. Marine who served with the O. S. S. in Yugoslavia.

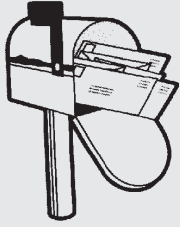
* Tyrone Power (an established movie star when Pearl Harbor was bombed) joined the U.S. Marines, was a pilot flying supplies into, and wounded Marines out of, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

* Audie Murphy, little 5'5" tall 110 pound guy from Texas who played cowboy parts. Most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 2 Bronze Star Medals with "V", 2 Purple Hearts, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Distinguished Unit Emblems, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France) World War II Victory Medal Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar, French Fourragere in Colors of the Croix de Guerre, French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre With Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medal of Liberated France, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.

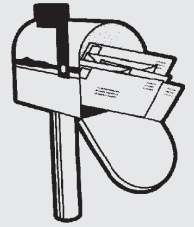
So how do you feel the real heroes of the silver screen acted when compared to the hollywonks today who spray out anti-American drivel as they bite the hand that feeds them? Can you imagine these stars of yesteryear saying they hate our flag, making anti-war speeches, marching in anti-American parades and saying they hate our president? I thought not, neither did I!

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FROM THE MAILBAG



On this page, I want to print some of the comments that I have received from shipmates who either call or write to me. Due to space restrictions, I cannot include all of these comments. I will include those for which I have space in the current publishing period.



From the editor: If I were to put in the Mailbag section all the notes and comments regarding my father, well, I would have to make this a twenty page newsletter. We all have appreciated the notes, cards, letters and email messages. They show how much my father was liked, respected and appreciated by the membership. From all of us, thank you all, so very much.

From Shipmate Gary Canfield {PG-87}: I will never forget my time on this Gunboat. Although I never saw any wartime on her, I was very proud to be a member of her crew. The four PG's in Naples were in a class all by themselves.

GOLF IN CONCORD

Back in my youth, I decided that I should learn to play golf. Please do not ask me why, even then I wasn't certain why anyone would want to play a game like golf. Someone once said that golf was an excellent way to ruin a good walk.

I decided that if I was going to learn this game, I should learn from a professional. Enter Mr. Charles Campbell. Charlie Campbell was a professional golfer, at least he said he was. Along with stance, grip, what to wear, what not to wear, how to talk, how to walk, and who a novice like me was permitted to talk to, was an additional short list of rules, called "Charlies Rules", rules that could never be broken. To this day, I only remember one of Charles's rules that can never be broken. The law if you will, was that when you head out to the links to play eighteen holes, then you play eighteen holes. Never mind that nine is acceptable, nine is only acceptable if your original intent was to play nine. Now, if you planned to play nine, then you could always increase that to eighteen, going up was



not against the rules, but, going down was forbidden.

So, after spending a ridiculous amount of money and time on golf lessons, we finally head out to the golf course. The plan, play eighteen. The first two holes went fine, I was doing pretty good, even though Charlie was spending most of the time telling me what all I was doing wrong. But, just as we get to the third hole, Charlie drops dead from an apparent heart attack.

Golf, what a miserable game, sport, whatever. I will never forget how much I hate that game. And, talk about some stupid rules, from three to eighteen, Hit The Ball, Drag Charlie, Hit The Ball, Drag Charlie.....

I need a volunteer to make arrangements for golf in Concord to act as the Association Coordinator for a day of golf for those who enjoy the game. You will act as the point of contact for others who may want to play. My preference is that golf be arranged for Wednesday, so that it does not interfere with tours. If you are interested, please contact me and let me know.

FROM A FEMALE FRIEND, NATURALLY

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year. Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen had to be female.

We should've known. Only women, while pregnant, would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

WEB SITE GUESTBOOK/FORUM

A new forum/guestbook is available for use on the Gunboatriders Web Site. When you click on the "New Forum" link on the main menu, a new window will open. Before you can post to the forum, you must register. Once you enter your information on the registration page, you will have access to the Gunboatriders forum. Our Webmaster has created the new forum link instead of the old guestbook so that he can better control access to the information on our site. We were simply getting too much junk entered in the old guestbook.

The original guestbooks from 1998 through 2003 are still on the site. However, they are closed as far as adding new information.

The Supreme Commander

Following are names of **Patrol Gunboat Shipmates** that have met the Supreme Commander since the last edition of "Gunboat Riders". As this information is made available, I will include it in the following newsletter.

Shipmate:

Ship:

Departed

Terrence Byrne Graham County (AGP-1176) 10/17/2001