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## USS Somers Crewmembers Association

Gentlemen:

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A reunion of the USS Somers was recently held in Cameron, Oklahoma from April 29-May 1, 2011. The reunion was a resounding success and was held at the Goforth Ranch, the home of Tom and MaryAnne Goforth DD947 (63-66). Fifty-four former Shipmates from DD947 & DDG34, family and friends attended the reunion. The reunion hotel was the Best Western Traders Inn in Poteau, Oklahoma with our introduction dinner hosted by LaHuerta Mexican Restaurant and door prizes were provided by our friends, the Tin Can Sailors Association. The Rusty Plow Band provided bluegrass and country music for everyone's listening pleasure and a catered luncheon by Bruce Terri Catering was a big hit. A major news affiliate provided television coverage and interviews of those attending and raffles and an auction were a resounding success.

One hundred seventy (170) former crewmembers are currently on the "**Somers Shipmate Roster**" and we're looking for others that may be interested in joining us. Additionally, we have 101 former shipmates on the "**Email Only Address List**." The roster breakdown includes the following former shipmates: DD381 - 6, DD947 - 86 and DDG34 - 78. There are 22 plank owners from DD947 and 17 from DDG34. Shipmates reside in 39 states with 1 residing in Australia, 1 in Canada, 1 in Guam and 1 in Japan. The roster includes 13 former Naval Officers with shipmates representing 30 current and former Navy ratings.

We would be pleased to have you on the Somers Shipmate Roster and to share with you the experiences of reuniting with former shipmates and to provide a glimpse of what reunions have to offer. We understand not everyone can always attend but you can still be an integral part of this very selective group of individuals by contacting former Somers shipmates and advising them of the Shipmate Roster and of the reunions. We will share with you our Newsletter; provide the Shipmate Roster and email regular updates as the roster continues to grow.

The "**USS Somers Crewmembers Association**" has been in existence since 2010, providing funding for the Newsletters, printing, postage, office supplies, expenses and assistance in providing you customized Somers Caps, embroidered Polo shirts and screen-printed Tee shirts, and expenses associated with the reunions from annual dues. Membership is voluntary and dues are currently thirty-five (\$35) dollars annually. You do not have to be an Association member to be placed on the Shipmate Roster nor to attend the reunions: however your annual dues will ensure our continued growth and success.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and if it has sparked an interest in seeing, meeting or just speaking to old and new shipmates, please, send me an email expressing your interest and I'll get you on the Shipmate Roster. Provide your name, mailing address, phone numbers, email address, your rating and the years you were aboard Somers.

We're looking forward to having you on-board.

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