

## MARINE EMBASSY

### MEGA

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Happy Holidays to All!!

I want to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday Season. I have made many new friends through meetings, e-mail and phone conversations. I hope this year's end and the coming New Year brings you good health, wealth and happiness.

CHEERS. !!



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### THANK YOU

I personally want to thank each of you who came through when you were needed. Thanks for your donations to the operating expenses of MEGA. Most of all I want to pass on a hearty THANK YOU for the donations to the Mrs Aliganga travel fund. We will be able to take care of all her expenses. I also want to add my own thanks to Mike Meehan and the Nassau Suffolk County Police Dept of Mineola NY. During their Marine Corps Ball they donated \$215.00

We all owe a big THANKS to Tom Butler Esq. who has completed the task of making our association a legal non-profit corporation, at his own time and expense. His help has saved us many dollars and legal fees.

THANKS TOM.

Thanks also to the members who remember to add their member number to correspondence. It really helps.

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## GUARD ASSOCIATION

### NEWS

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#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you have a few extra dollars at this time of year, please enclose them marked for this worthy cause. We need volunteers to approach corporations for corporate donations.

#### VOLUNTEERS

If you are planning to attend the reunion, I need some help. There is lots of work to do after we arrive. If you are willing to serve a few hours doing this or that, please send a note along with your registration form. Things like getting the refreshments, manning the hospitality suite, counting ballots, helping visitors with their needs. All fun and no work makes Jack an unhappy camper. !! Thanks.

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#### KEEPING ADDRESSES CURRENT

PLEASE send the association secretary any information changes ASAP, so we don't lose track of you, and you don't miss out on news bulletins and the MEG-NEWS mailings. PLEASE include membership number on ALL correspondence. This is really important. It saves a lot of time searching thru 400+ names to change your e-mail address. THANKS.

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#### SHIPS STORE

I am working on adding such items as coffee cups, caps, decals and bumper stickers.

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#### MEMBERSHIP ROSTER PAGE

<http://www.embassymarine.org/roster.htm>

I have posted the members information to the roster. Check it out. If something is wrong or missing, or something is listed that you do NOT want listed, notify the assoc. secretary ASAP. This roster will be posted till the next MEGA-NEWS letter. It will then be replaced with the new members who have joined since this letter, along with any changes or corrections. For those of you who have access to the web site, I suggest you print a copy for your records. For those who don't have access, you may request a copy of the roster be mailed to you, PLEASE enclose \$3.00 to cover costs of printing and mailing.

## REUNION NEWS

Here are the plans as far as I have them completed to date. There may be some changes, but I hope they are minor.

*Co-Founder  
#112517*



The dates of the annual muster are arrival on February 17<sup>th</sup> and departure on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999.

The reunion and muster will take place at the SHERATON NATIONAL at Arlington.

- (1-800-468-9090) The room rate is \$89.00 per night, single or double occupancy. When making reservations, mention you are with the Marine Embassy Guard Association reunion group. If you would like to come earlier or stay later than those dates, the rate is the same for up to 3 days either way. The hotel will furnish free shuttle service from National Airport every 30 minutes. Call the hotel from a courtesy phone and advise them which Air Line exit you are near.



### PLANNED EVENTS

Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Arrival, check in and meet in the hospitality suite for an 'open' bar and snacks. Meet new and old friends, pick up tour and banquet tickets plus register for door prizes.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup>: There will be an 'open house' at MSG Bn. Transportation plans unknown.

Then back to the hotel for more good times in the hospitality suite. Following the counting of the ballots, there will be a short meeting of the newly elected officers.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>: Half a day for your own leisure activities and the other half for the trip to Quantico. I am making plans for bus service to and from Quantico which should make it possible for you NOT to have to rent an automobile while you are here. The savings in this alone should pay most of the costs. However, you MUST sign up for this on the registration form so we know how many buses to obtain.

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: Plans are still incomplete. Possibly the all day guided bus tour. Evening banquet and annual muster. I am working on guest speaker(s), music, and dancing. Attire is semi-formal, black tie or Blue Blazers with MEGA emblem, which is my Uniform of the Day.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup>: Bidding farewell and leaving, making plans for REUNION 2000.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

We received a very beautiful touching Thank You and Christmas Card from Mrs Aliganga.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

You MUST send in your registration form and monies prior to Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to attend the reunion. Send completed registration form to

**MEGA Secretary**

**Norman Root**

**792 Darlington Lane,**

**Crystal Lake, Illinois**

**60014-7873**

If you live in the area or plan to stay at a different location, and you plan to attend the functions, you are still required to pay the 'registration fee'.

### Election of Officers

Complete your ballot, marking an 'X' in the appropriate box. Mail your ballot to the secretary in a separate envelope marked 'BALLOT'. These ballots will be taken to the reunion, removed from their envelopes, placed in a box, and then counted. DO NOT include ANYTHING else in the envelope, since it won't be opened till the reunion.

# VOTE

### ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for 1999 are set at \$15.00 for current members, due January 1<sup>st</sup>. If dues are not received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, the members information will be deleted from the membership roster. New applicants will pay the dues plus a \$10.00 initiation fee to cover costs of the patch, certificate and mailing. (Total \$25.00)

Mail your dues to:

**MEGA Treasurer**

**Bill Stanton**

**98 Chelmsford Dr.**

**Aurora, OH 44202-8811**



## **Ambassadors in Blue**