



## **CVA NEWS LETTER AND REUNION AGENDA**

Ann and I were in Columbus, Georgia last week end to check out the area and activities. The best Hotel option was the Best Western Plus. The dates selected were Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup> checking out on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a very popular hotel for reunions. The rate will be \$84.00 plus any taxes per night. The hotel provides a complimentary hot breakfast and a super hospitality room. Its located on the North end of Columbus near the airport and right off highway 80. The phone number for the hotel is 706-507-1111 and let them know you are with the Clamagore Veterans Association or CVA. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

All attractions seem to be about 15 to 20 minutes from the hotel. Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> will be check-in day and social time in the hospitality room. Continue check-in on Tuesday and Pizza night in the Hospitality room with some of the auction. Wednesday there will be a group tour of the Confederate Naval Museum (Time to be announced at check-in) and balance of the auction. Thursday at 8am will be our business meeting in the hospitality room and Memorial Service to follow at 10am. Our banquet will be Thursday evening in the hospitality room and will consist of a Georgia down home BAR-B-Q.

**CLAMAGORE VETERANS ASSOCIATION 2018 REUNION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LADY/GUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enter your phone number and e-mail so we can update our records)

**Number Attending Pizza Party (\$8.00 per person)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending Museum Tour (\$7.00 per person)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending Banquet (\$20.00 Per person)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit payment for activities to:**

**Jim Griffin**

**3021 Stillwell Blvd**

**Crestview, FL 32539**

**Checks payable to Clamagore Veterans Association  
(CVA)**

## **Intresting item:**

Subject: **You're a 19 year old kid.**

**You're a 19 year old kid....**

**You're critically wounded and dying in the jungle somewhere in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam . It's November 11, 1967. LZ (landing zone) X-ray.**

**Your unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense from 100 yards away, that your CO (commanding officer) has ordered the MedEvac helicopters to stop coming in.**

**You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out.**

**Your family is half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again.**

**As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.**

**Then - over the machine gun noise - you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter.**

**You look up to see a Huey coming in. But.. It doesn't seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it.**

**Captain Ed Freeman is coming in for you.**

**He's not MedEvac so it's not his job, but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway.**

**Even after the MedEvacs were ordered not to come. He's coming anyway.**

**And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 3 of you at a time on board.**

**Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses and safety.**

**And, he kept coming back!! 13 more times!!**

**Until all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that the Captain had been hit 4 times in the legs and left arm.**

**He took 29 of you and your buddies out that day. Some would not have made it without the Captain and his Huey.**

**Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Ed Freeman, United States Air Force, died at the age of 70, in Boise , Idaho. May God rest his soul.**

## Article of history interest –



USS *Clamagore* (SS 343) moored at US Naval Academy Santee Dock, April 1949

As *Clamagore* proceeded up Chesapeake Bay for a port visit at the Naval Academy, then First Lieutenant and Torpedo Officer LTJG L. S. (Stan) Smith, a recent USNA grad, wanted everything topside to look smart and shipshape. A rust stain on the QHP hydrophone (black structure immediately aft of the jack staff) canvas inport cover did not fit his criteria. Smith attached a heavy line bitter end to the cover, the monkey fist to a deck cleat and tossed the cover overboard to wash off in the sea stream, *Clamagore* making twelve knots through the water. The First Lieutenant ordered newly reported Petty Officer Third Class Ulmer to ‘Keep an eye on it.’ LTJG Smith returned minutes later and ordered Ulmer to haul in the heavy only to find the cover gone.

“Dammit, Ulmer, I told you to keep an eye on it.”

“I did Mister Smith. After you tossed it over the side the cover drifted aft, filled with water and parted the heavy line.”

Nothing more needed saying nor was it.

And so *Clamagore* passed her Annapolis port visit with a naked QHB hydrophone on the main deck.

Recognize any of these?

