

Letter from the President...

Hi Shipmates and Families,

Thank you for re-electing me as your President for another year.

We had a great reunion in the Chicago/Great Lakes area in 2016. While on tour of Great Lakes Naval Training Center, we had the privilege of attending Recruit Graduation. It was exciting to see our NAVY Future being supplied with great young men and women.

While in Chicago, we had a bus tour and a boat ride on the Chicago River and on Lake Michigan. It was a perfect day for viewing the Chicago Skyline.

Al Getter, our reunion chairman had our hospitality room well-arranged and well-supplied. During the reunion, we had good times going out for dinner and lunch at Chicago Style restaurants.

The guest speaker at our banquet was Captain Ray Downs, USN, RET. It was very interesting to hear about his Navy career. In case you don't know, he is one of our own...He was on the Guam from 1967 – 1970 (Seaman Apprentice – Boatswains Mate 2nd Class). He advanced up the enlisted ranks to BMC and retired as a Full Navy Captain. His story is amazing and we are proud to call him one of our own.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our 2017 Reunion in Louisville, KY (Sept. 11 / Sept. 16). We always have a good time and hope you will join us for our 20th Reunion. Complete information will be available soon.

Take care & God Bless,

Gar Braniger