

SOLEY SCOOP ARTICLE – COORDINATOR’S CORNER

Do you remember the famous quote by President Lyndon Johnson – "I shall not seek and I will not accept the nomination of my party as your President."?

Well, Jim Hawker and I have made similar decisions about seeking and accepting nominations for our current positions on the Reunion Committee at the upcoming reunion.

Over the past several months, as Jim and I have been doing what we do to plan for the upcoming reunion, we've realized that although we love doing what we do for the Association, it will be a hardship for us to continue after the May, 2017 reunion. Jim has been a Committee member for over 20 years and I've served for 16 years. Seems like age, health, and other life issues are taking their toll. We've had a great run, but it's time to pass the torch.

So, we are asking that shipmates please consider either volunteering to serve on the Committee and/or making suggestions for how we should proceed as an organization. Do we continue to hold reunions? Do we hold reunions for fewer days? Do we get together in a less-structured setting that doesn't require as much organization, planning, and recording-keeping? Do we disband as a formal group and just stay in touch – or any other options you think would work.

If you have any ideas, please let me and/or Jim know. The Association needs your input about our future. None of us are getting any younger. We need to discuss our options and make a decision at our business meeting at the May 2017 reunion.

We think this reunion will be as great as always. So, please come join us and bring your sea stories. You can walk on the beach, and go for a swim in the ocean or beautiful pools at the hotel. The registration form is on our website – www.ussoley.org. Just print it, fill it out, and mail it in. If you don't have internet access, give me a call and I'll mail you a form (571-284-7373). Also, don't forget to call the hotel or go to their website and reserve your room. We have a limited number of rooms available, so don't wait until it's too late to get our low group rate. Information on how to register is in the registration packet. See you in Myrtle!

Mike Pollack

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