



Shipmate Reports To Fnal Duty Station

With deep sorrow we report that cwo4 gerald hoover, reported to the commander at u s s heaven 18 oct 2019. Jerry will be sorely missed. He will recieve a naval burial at sea aboard the u s s bonca. Fair winds and following sea's shipmate. He did not desire services so that will be observed.

FPO Mail Change

Last week we were visited by the head of fpo mail services from japan. To say he was impressed with our office and operations is a major understatement. We did however receive notice that our handling of "registered mail" was not in compliance. Apparently handling of that particular mail requires that only a u.S. Citizen with a secret clearance is authorized to handle it. Research shows the way we have been handling it for the past 20 years has been wrong, but has never until now been identified as a no no. Fortunately, only about 1/1000 of our mail is received registered. We also found that if members request that the sender forwards the mail "certified" the requirements aforementioned do not apply. Therefore effective immediately, rao will not receipt for registered mail. That leaves members with 2 options, change over to certified which is cheaper, or they will have to pick the mail up at the fpo in manila.

New T-shirts Being Planned

We have commissioned a new design for rao shirts, which will be the light weight dri-fit type material that breathes, hope to have them on hand in about 2-3 weeks if not sooner.

The Unknown Eater

Our continuing feature from the unknown eater features the arizona this week. Breakfast at arizona was a pleasurable experience. Waitress neri was immediately at the table and her happy demeanor started the day off great. In scanning the menu the eater found sos. It comes with toast, hash browns and a fried egg on top. The eater also got a side of ham steak. The sos

was excellent! The ham steak was the perfect accompaniment. Tender, succulent, with a hint of smoked flavor it was fabulous! The food, customer service and price made for a great breakfast experience. Rating = five stars

A little correction from last weeks newsletter, we listed the new computer repair in baretto as easy click. That is the name of the same owners store near the victory liner terminal in olongapo. The store here is laptop pc express, located on the second floor right near duncan donuts, the service and low prices are definitely a reason to visit them. Rating =four stars

On that note: if you go to either the computer store or dynamite dicks and show your rao id, you will get a 10% discount, were working on more providers to join that club. Rating= four stars

Adding to our list if you are an oyster fan and not really happy when you order them locally and get the deflated little things served, here's the place for you for the real thing. Schooner restaurant just in front of the bahia hotel across the street on the same side from texas joes has chesapeake bay style oysters. You can get them raw or baked with cheese, either way they are delicious! I hesitate to let this out as i dont want them to run out when i go. Recommend you take your own horseradish, as the cocktail sauce is the local variety. Best of all the price is right! Rating= four stars

Time For The Big Boy Pants.

It's time to revisit a previous article concerning how we leave our loved ones financially. Over and over again we have to deal with cases where the vet has basically taken the attitude of i'm gonna be dead so you get by ever how you can. Whether it's a spouse or girlfriend in most cases they don't deserve to be left with huge hospital and burial expenses. The normal scenario is the vet gets sick, the loved one takes them to the hospital and he gets put in icu. The hospital requires somebody to promise to pay the bill and they out of love and concern sign the document. The vet stays there for a week or two and dies. Ok so now there's a bill for 3-4 hundred thousand peso's and tricore takes care of its part but she still is facing how to pay p100,000. Then comes the funeral expense, even if you go the cheap route it's 5-16,000 for embalming, which will have to happen because the hospital wont release the death certificate until the bill is paid. Next is burial or cremation, a casket burial is upwards of p150,000 for a cheap one. Cremation is normally in the range of p30,000, add to that the cost of storage and the lowest she will have to pay is about p150,000 and thats a really low estimate. It does sometimes occur that the loved one just can't come up with that amount even after borrowing and selling your belongings, and she just abandons the vet like he did her and he ends up being considered as indigent and gets put in a box and a hole in a paupers grave out in a field somewhere. Sometimes there is no loved one here and the vets family in the states is asked to provide funds, you would be amazed how many say no and thank you for your call. Same result vet goes in to a hole in a field. Do us a favor, before you get to the point of leaving, stop by and let us know you dont care what happens to your body, so we dont waste the time getting you

to the hospital and trying to get your last wishes carried out. Please put on the big boy pants and also tell your loved ones so they dont get stuck with bills they can never pay.

For those who do care and do love their families and i know thats the majority, take the time to let them know what to do in the event you get seriously ill, such as where to take you, what your wishes are for continued care and what you want to happen should you pass away. Show them where all your important docs are and also try to put aside funds to cover the large majority of a 2-3 week hospital stay. Also don't forget to let them know who you want to handle your remains when you do pass, there are a few funeral homes that see \$\$\$\$ signs when you have an american surname. (golden star is one who doesnt.) to you guys we say thank you and god bless, and i'm sure your loved ones will also. To the others it's ok, you'll probably end up where you were meant to be, hope it doesn't get too hot.

Don't forget the rao bake sale each wednesday in support of the toys for tykes. Next week bring the kids by for candy and decorations

Have a scary halloween and a blessed all saints day, be safe and semper fi !