

# WOODMAN NEWSLETTER

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## News Wanted!

It is hard to write a family Newsletter without family news.

This publisher (ha-ha) does not want to have to beg.... nor does she want to have the whole newsletter filled with stories about only her or her family. It makes her VERY uncomfortable.

So PLEASE send me some of YOUR family stories.

Does someone have the scoop on Rea/Rae Woodman?

Who else in our family history has many of us not heard of?

Tell US about them.

This publisher plans to mail out the next family newsletter in January. So please take time to write down how your holidays go.

The address to send your stories to is:

Mary Smith



or e-mail me at:



If you want others to know your e-mail address send me those too.

## Thank you, Rennee'

On the back of this page you will find a wonderful letter from Rennee' Martin, daughter of Judy Carter, grand daughter of Rose Marie Haines.

Thank you Rennee' for sending it to us. (Sorry I'm slow at passing it on... hoping for more letters to go with it.)

## Jim & Tiena

The couple spent a fun evening out this summer reminding family how fun it is to play Pinochle. It was good to be retaught but not as much fun as getting to be with family and having that long missed warm feeling inside! When can we do it again?!

## Stephen Smith

Stephen has been putting in a lot of overtime at his job. When he's not busy working for Arby's he has taken it upon himself to make repairs to his parents trailer in Elk City. He has also made the rank of Corporal in the Marine Reserves this summer.

## New Addresses

If you haven't heard, James Hull has a new address. He it seems he lost his trailer to the summer tornado. We are glad you weren't hurt big guy!!! Here's his address & Phone number:

James Hull



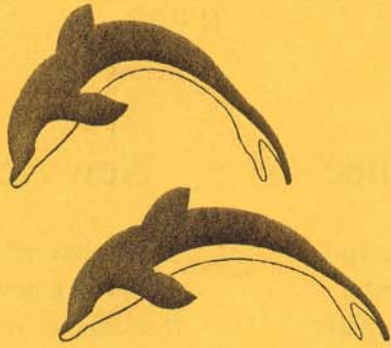
Also, we finally located a family member- it was great seeing you at the family reunion, "TEX"!

His address is:

Mike Wallace



Well that's the news for now. God Bless, and have wonderful holidays!



## MARTIN MARITIME NEWS

Hello all!!

We are pleased to announce that after years of hard work Bob has been *promoted* to the next level. He now wears the rank of first class petty officer in the US Navy. This comes on the heels of his return from his fifth deployment to the Persian Gulf area.

To add to the joy of his return the entire family was able to fly to Hawaii to meet him on his way to his home port of San Diego California. I hadn't had a vacation in nearly 18 months due to job related issues.

### HAWAII

Hawaii was a truly spectacular place. The skies were always clear, even at night taking on a breathtaking on a royal shade of blue. The mountains seem to join the sea a almost mythical union adding to the beauty of what seems much like another country. The streets are cleaning with graffiti free buildings.

The ocean is a blue green that is so crystal clear you know where the phrase "jewels of the sea" came from. The people were all friendly and helpful when you would stop to ask for directions or any other information. I had a great time. I think by far the most peaceful place on earth for me was at the Buddha Temple.

Along the coast of the island of Oahu, one of the eight Hawaiian Islands, is the most exquisite, quiet, and peaceful place. The oriental temple is nestled in a place with a mountain at its back and a grassy area in front. As you drive the narrow road back to the temple, you realize that you are traveling through a cemetery; however, the thought of anything gloomy stays with until you hear the sound of the three ton bell ring out from the chapel in front of you...so you continue to drive no longer bothered by the cemetery. The bell is drawing you in. You reached the temple and cross the bridge into the bell house. You ring the bell and it rings loudly, yet comfortingly as you begin your stroll through the gardens you can hear the sound of the streams that run in front of the temple. As you look in one you see the many koi fish swimming. As you prepare to leave this place, you know there will never be a more peaceful place or time.