

From the Editor:

As the season got later and later and the stack of cruisebook layouts was getting bigger instead of smaller, I asked myself whether all the time and energy and sleepless nights were worth it. I suppose most any task at hand seems to be at its worst 90% of the time but despite all my moaning and groaning I can honestly say I've enjoyed being the editor and layout artist and photo editor and messenger and . . .

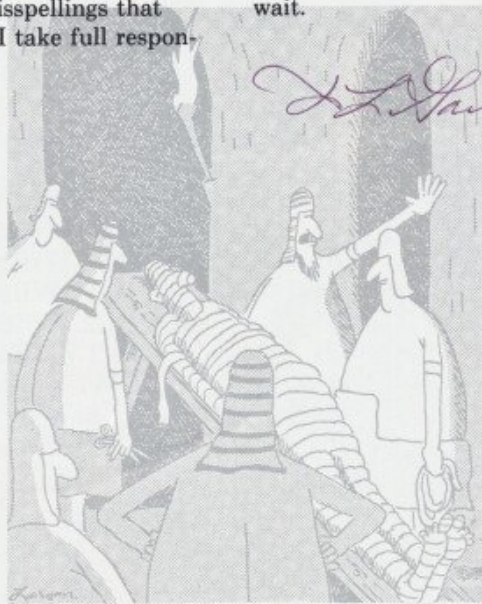
It takes a lot of pride and interest from everyone to have a successful cruisebook. This book will fill many times the number of hours it took to put it together with reliving our experiences and adventures with our families and friends. As you go through this book I hope you will take a moment to remember that shipmate/friend who has since gone on to another adventure. Or maybe reflect on some of the historical and heroic actions of previous Ticonderogamen. This cruisebook is for you, the men of **TICO**, and our families and friends. I had hoped to put a record of everyone on **TICO** either by picture and/or name in the book. I sincerely apologize for any omissions and oversights and especially for any misspellings that may have occurred. I take full respon-

sibility for any misguidings and incorrect information. It is not always easy to handle all the details and get everything perfect when there are 350 differences of opinion.

A number of people were instrumental to making this book a reality. Thank you all who submitted photos and facts and names and ideas. I wish I could list you all. Thanks to Barry, Jeanne and Sherry at Walsworth Publishing, for your professionalism, assistance and especially your patience. Thanks to Lt Inzer for keeping your boondockers on when I needed those swift kicks. Thanks to SN Sauer, GMM2(SW) Bell, EW3 Pollock, OS3 Paradise for assistance in layouts, information gathering and rides to the publisher's. Thanks to my shipmates in XN division who put up with my absences and reduced workload so that I could concentrate on this book. And thanks to our families and friends who encouraged us day after day and brought us through those six months.

I know I can't solve the world's problems and I can't make everyone pleased with this cruisebook, but I hope we all can look back at these days and smile at the memories (both good and bad). I hope it was worth the wait.

J. Sauer (SW)



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