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Dear Ginny,

I'm glad to hear that you are feeling better, and I'm sorry you couldn't join us for dinner at the Great Southern last month -- it was an enjoyable evening and there were a lot of familiar faces there. Several asked about you and I said that you were under the weather, but on the mend. The Board of Trustees enjoyed their visit to Gulfport and voted to meet here again next fall, so there will be another opportunity for you to join us for dinner next fall.

I'm repeating myself, but I want to thank you again for all the items from Don's career that you passed on to me. I am holding most of them here until the Director of the Seabee Museum, Lara Godbille, determines which items they want transferred to Port Hueneme, and which items they want to hold here for use in the displays in the new Seabee Heritage Center opening next year here in Gulfport.

As I mentioned, I have given Don's NMCB 62 battalion flag to CM1 Norman Hahn, who along with Dennis Wasson, is heading up the reunion group for SIXTY TWO. Hahn served under Don's command and was very pleased to learn that they would get a flag. It will be a focal point of every reunion.

Thanks again for thinking of us. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Take care.

Sincerely,

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