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All Members of the "Great Fifty-Eight "

Sadly, I must report to you that our beloved Skipper, Captain Ward de Groot passed away early this morning. He had been ill for most of this year.

Captain de Groot led us through the dark days of the Vietnam War and had continued to be an inspiration and good friend for more than fifty years.

We will conduct a tribute to him on 11 May at the opening ceremonies of our upcoming reunion in at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA.

Please keep the Captain and the entire de Groot family in your prayers.

Sincerely,

John Gallen