



City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF THE
612TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
UNITED STATES ARMY
AUGUST 14, 1996

Hello once again. I want to thank you for showing great warmth and friendship to one of the most renowned citizens of Tarpon Springs, Florida, Mr. George Karaphillis.


Not only is George a pillar in the field of education in Pinellas County, but he is also a pillar at the University of Florida being one of their most outstanding Gators. He has also served for twenty-seven years at the historic Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas, and his membership includes serving as the Cathedral's President and as a councilor at the Cathedral. George is also one of the most popular and sought after public relations representatives from my office as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs, so please take good care of him while he is at the reunion because we need him back home!

Being that I will be in office until March of 1998, I would like for Tarpon Springs to be your host community for your reunion next summer. If at all possible, please reconsider and return to the most famous Greek community in America, so we can show you how generous and caring Greeks can be and disprove the saying - "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts".

We are very proud of George because he and his family have been one of the forerunners of putting Tarpon Springs on the historic map of the United States. I am looking forward to George, and his lovely wife Verona, returning to Tarpon Springs with the good news that you will come back to Tarpon Springs for your next reunion.

Our arms and doors are open to receive you and we send you our warm regards, and may God give you safe passage to our fine community next year. Enjoy this year's reunion in Nashville and God bless America!




ANITA E. PROTOS, Mayor
City of Tarpon Springs, Florida