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President's Corner

HELLLLLPPPPP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am in desperate need of the following,
in order of priority:

Someone to host the 2010 Reunion.
Hopefully, somewhere in the western part of
the country. The best person would be
someone who lives in or within easy driving
distance of the site. Some Navy connection
would be nice, but not necessary. A good
many of our best reunions have been in
places with no Navy presence at all (until we
got there!).

Shipmates who would like to run for officer
and director positions for the coming two
years: President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, and three directors.

A Webmaster.

Photos and information on the night when
Jayne Mansfield became Miss USS Everett F.
Larson.

Contact information or biographical
information and/or photos of former CO's
Robert D. Wood and James C. Toland.

PLEASE give some thought especially to the
first two. If you have questions as to what
each job entails, contact me or the person
who does it now and we'll be glad to fill you
in.

Special thanks to Don Capie, who so ably
represented our Association at Captain
Jack's Memorial Service.

Gene Maresca

SICK CALL

Please advise **Frank Juntunen**, Our Chaplain, if you know of anyone who is sick or who has passed away so he can send an appropriate message.

Frank can be reached at 8389 Carl Road, Everson, WA 98247

(360) 966-4406

oscar26charlie@earthlink.net

GET WELL. Several of our Shipmates are undergoing medical treatment and would appreciate our thoughts and prayers:

Fred McCandless, 1966-67, is recovering from breaking 12 vertebrae.

Cards:

3391 Lakeside Drive, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440-9738

Kenneth O. Eisentraut (1951-54) has Alzheimer's and in a nursing home.

Send cards to: Kenneth Eisentraut (c/o Mike Eisentraut) 4940 Jasper Road, Emmaus, PA 18049

L B Thompson, 1945-46, is undergoing treatment for kidney issues.

Cards: 1308 West Ray Branum Rd, Tishomingo, OK 73460

Angelo Temperato, S1C, 1945-46, Plank Owner, has been undergoing medical treatment, but hopes to be at our 2008 Reunion. Cards: 180 River Street, Avon, NY 14414-1110, Phone: 585-226-2251.

Donna Kendall, Sal Savarino's friend and companion, is doing very well since her surgery last year, and looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's reunion.

IN MEMORIAM

DEPARTED SHIPMATES since last Newsletter:

Nathan Granitz, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away January 2, 2007.

Michael "Mickey" DeBellis, late 1940's, passed away November 15, 2005

Noah Hyder, GMCM(Ret), 1948-57, passed away in March, 2005.

Richard LeBlanc, BMC, 1961-62, passed away in September 14, 2007.

Gearald G. Cook, 1945-46, passed away February 1, 2007.

James O. Erickson, 1945-46(?), passed away in February 20, 2006.

Frank Signorelli, S1C, 1945-46, passed away February 5, 2007.

Wendall Ward, S1C, Plank Owner, 1945-46, passed away June 10, 1992.

Jerry Leckrone, BT3, 1956-58, passed away March, 1992.

Edwin J. Fleischer, EM1, 1945-46, passed away November 18, 1992.

Lloyd Paraday, CS3, 1958, passed away April 29, 1994.

Dewey Watson, 1961, passed away October 7, 1985.

Kenneth O. Eisentraut, 1951-54, passed away January 10, 2008.

Elmer Guisinger, 1945, passed away march 18, 2008.

James Rice Jr., CDR, 1961-63, passed away May 27, 2006.

**DUES... YOU KNOW
THE DRILL!**

Please send your 2008 Dues. Fill out this form, send it and your check made payable to the USS Everett F. Larson DD-830 with a self addressed envelope to:

**Ron Lee, Treasurer
1 Insh Lane
Bella Vista, AR 72715**

Name:

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City/Town

State ZipCode.....

Tel. No. (.....)

Email address:

Please circle one:
 \$10.00 per year Full Membership
 \$5.00 per year Associate Membership
 Years being paid for

Mailing Address:

Are you current? Take a moment to check to see if you need to update information. **Send in the changes to Tom so you will receive your copy of the Larson Newsletter in a timely and cost efficient fashion.**

**Tom Nordquist
11608 Channelview Drive
Lakeview, OH 43331**

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State: Zip Code.....

Tel. No. (.....)

Email address:

Rate and Years on Larson:

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Spouse's Name:

An E-mail of the complete Newsletter Name Database is available from Tom Nordquist (tnordqu670@aol.com)

LARSON SHIP'S STORE IS CLOSED (2nd Notice)

Tom and Peggy Nordquist have relocated to Indian Lake, Ohio and will not be able to manage the Ship's store. No one else has stepped forward to take over the store. However, Larson hats, shirts and jackets will be available from Embroidery Creations, Huber Heights, OHIO, Phone: 937-235-0441. Website: www.embroiderycreations.com
 Contacts: Jerry or Lana. Embroidery Creations has been the source of our articles for the last several years and an excellent supplier.

An Author in our Association, he is shipmate **Bill Forbes** on board 1958-1962. Bill's autobiography "**An Anchor in the Prairie**" is published & available thru www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, www.BAMM.com, or order thru your local bookstore. Cost is \$19.95 plus applicable tax. Many of his shipmates are recognized in the book.

Veterans Organizations

Many of you may belong to the following organizations, but may be unaware of their Web Sites. They each offer great articles and items of interest for veterans:
 National Association of Destroyer Veterans (Tin Can Sailors): www.destroyers.org
 The American Legion: www.legion.org
 Veterans of Foreign Wars: www.vfw.org
 The Retired Enlisted Association: www.trea.org
 Fleet Reserve Association: www.fra.org
 Naval Reserve Association: www.navy-reserve.org

We have been asked the question " Can you provide information on living shipmates?" We have a listing of over 1000 shipmates that we have located. We list them as Regular, Deceased, or No Current Address (no forwarding address). So unless we are notified of a shipmate passing, we assume they are living. To answer the question, contact Tom Nordquist for a particular shipmate name, or a copy of the Ship's Roster is available via E-mail though Tom Nordquist (tnordqu670@aol.com)

2008 WASHINGTON, DC Reunion

The 2008 Reunion of members of the USS Everett F. Larson DD/DDR 830 will be held from Thursday, 16 October to Monday, 20 October 2008. A number of rooms are being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, at the Dulles International Airport (**cutoff date for reservations is Monday, 29 August, 2008**). The rate is **\$118.81 per night** for a single or double which includes taxes and breakfast. We are offered this same rate for 3 nights prior and 3 nights after the reunion. Hotel phone number is **1-800-227-6963**.

There is a free shuttle service to and from Dulles International Airport and free parking at the Hotel.

The link to the Crown Plaza website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/washv>

Schedule of events are as follows:

Thursday 10/16 – Hotel

Check in/Hospitality Suite Buffet

Friday 10/17 – US Navy Memorial

Larson Plaque Dedication & Memorial Service

IMAX Movie

Visit Memorial & Gift Shop

Lunch at The Navy Yard

Tour Naval Museum

Navy Archives and Station Ship

Saturday 10/18 – Washington, DC Area

Tour of Military Memorials

Bus Tour of Arlington Cemetery

Lunch (at your expense)

Sunday 10/19 – Annapolis, MD

Tour of US Naval Academy

Lunch (included)

Business Meeting

Raffle (Fund Raiser)

Dinner/Dance

Point of contact is Pete Barnett, 8625

Pappas Way, Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-978-6558 (H)

571-332-7782 (C)

E-mail: pbarnett1@cox.net

Be sure to bring an item or two for our fund raising Raffle.

Also, keep posted on Reunion Events at our website: www.uss-everett-f-larson.com

LARSON PATCHES AVAILABLE

Vern Smith, 1855 East Oakmont, Fresno, CA 93720, E-mail yttim2@inreach.com has Larson patches available. The cost is \$3.50. including mailing cost. Please contact Vern directly, if interest.

Notice:

John Prendergast would like to hear from anyone that knew his father, BM1 Arthur Prendergast, and has a story to tell. He was only 7 years old, when his father was killed in Viet Nam. Arthur was aboard the Larson 1966-68, so John has to pretty much depend on other people for information about his dad when he was in the Navy. John's address: 9006 Independence Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92745, phone: 909-362-1057.

Wendall S. Ward, Plank Owner, died June 10, 1992, His son, **Wendall Jr.**, 910-324-6132, would like to hear from his Shipmates who knew his Dad. Wendall Sr. tried to reenlist in the Navy, but failed the physical because of his hearing. So he enlisted in the Air Force and retired from there in 1965.

YN2 Richard Diamond's widow, Christine, would like to hear from anyone who might remember her or her late husband. Her address is: 6919 Barack Drive, Springfield, VA 22152-3320.

Robert L. Gabrielson, who was on a NROTC Cruise in 1958, would like to locate a 1958 Cruise Book for purchase or pay for a copy to be made. Please contact Bob at gabel19372002@yahoo.com, 858-271-0436, or 10965 Negley Avenue, San Diego, CA 92131.