# USS EVERETT F LARSON DD/DDR 830

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### **President's Corner**

I'm starting to get channel fever about the upcoming reunion! How about you? Days in the Sun in Myrtle Beach don't sound bad!! I'm bringing my THONG!!

Tom Flynn is on top of every detail, but needs to hear from us as soon as possible to get some idea of how many people to make arrangements for at each venue.

We still are in desperate need of a president for the coming year, as well as a director. Please call me to discuss if you're interested.

Also, we still need a site for the 2011 Reunion. Once again, the Midwest would be ideal, but we'll look at any fun place, where we have somebody close enough to make the arrangements. It's really kind of fun to show off your hometown and neighborhood, you know, and there are a lot of them we've never seen, or at least not in many years: Oklahoma City, Indianapolis, Little Rock, St. Louis, Chicago, Lake Michigan and Battleship Cove, Salem, and Mystic Seaport in the North East.

Our web master continues to set new standards. Check out the website for the new Larson history, for which plank owner Ed Reute provided a lot of new information on the early years. Now he (web master Harold Vaughn) is looking for Cruise Books to put into the web site. 1953 is the only one in there, and I'd like to see them ALL on line. Ever wonder what Stew looked with hair? The answer may rest in an old cruise book that we'd ALL like to see! Please contact me at let me know what you have. It would entail mailing the original to Harold to scan in unless you have away of scanning it and sending it to him that way. I'm sitting by the phone as you read this newsletter, waiting to hear from the new President of our Association!!!

#### 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 <u>oscar26charlie@earthlink.net</u>

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

L B Thompson, 1945-46, is undergoing treatment for kidney issues. Cards: 1308 West Ray Branum Rd, Tishomingo, OK 73460

**Robert M Shelton, RD2,** 1960-62 is undergoing treatment for cancer. Cards: 6302 County Road 74-40, Lubbock, TX 79424-8425. Phone: 806-698-0502

**Shirley (Gene) Hayhurst** had kidney surgery and doing well. Cards: 7007 Monroe Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715. Phone: 812-476-6630.

Angelo Temperato, S1C, 1945, is ill and would appreciate calls from his Plank Owner buddies. His number in Avon, NY is 585-226-2251.

# IN MEMORIAM

**DEPARTED SHIPMATES** since last Newsletter: **Hillary Parrack**, LTjg, 1966-68, passed away in Loveland, CO on January 18, 2009.

**Robert C. Mellors**, LTjg(MC), 1945-46, passed away IN Armonk, NY on August 25, 2007.

**Glenn Olsen**, TMC, 1945, passed away on February 13, 2005.

**Forrest C. Parry**, LTjg, 1947, passed away on December 31, 2005.

William W. (Bill) Wilson Jr., QM3, 1970-72, passed away on January 9, 2006.

**Joseph L. Czvornyek** passed away on February 22, 2009.

**Robert Falace**, RD2, 1955-56, passed away in Schenectady, NY. This past year.

Lyle G. Seebach, RD3, 1945-46, passed away in Cresco, IA, on March 2, 2009.

**Shirley Gennuso**, wife of Ted Gennuso, passed away. Cards may be sent to: 28530 Sky Harbour Drive, Friant, CA, 93626.

**Peter McCauley**, RM2, 1950, passed away on September 2, 2008.

Edward Bremer, FTG2, 1968-70, passed away on March 20, 2009.

Walter E. Farrow, EN3, 1940's, Plank Owner, passed away on March 29, 2006.

**Earnest M. Peck**, F1C, 1940's, passed away on February 28, 2005.

#### **In Memoriam** (Continued)

**Billy Woodruff**, MRC, 1968-69, passed away on January 30, 2005.

William A Boyd, CAPT, 1953-54, Former XO, passed away on February 6, 2009.

**Noble Earl Allison**, S2C, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away on August 15, 2003.

**Louis Del Bianco**, RDSN, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away on August 25, 2008.

Albert H. Viering Jr., EM2, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away on September 24, 2001.

George E. Brand, LT, 1945, passed away on June 25, 2008.

**J B Shows**, WT1, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away on November 24, 2005.

## Current Events

#### 1958 BLUE ANGEL CRASH ARTIFACTS UNCOVERED

As a lifelong resident of Fort Morgan, AL. Debbie Harris know the story of the Blue Angel pilot who crashed near her home 50 years ago. And on February 17, 2009, on what would have been CDR Robert N. Glasgow's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, Harris found his dog tags in the sand outside her home. That was less than three months after she found his small Navy fighter squadron emblem in the beach nearby. Her search for information about the pilot took her to the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola and its director, former Blue Angel and retired Navy Capt. Bob Rasmussen. Rasmussen knew the story well. He and Glasgow were flying together – in separate planes – minutes before the crash in October 1958. Glasgow had been a member of the Navy's flight demonstration team for only a few days at the time and on an indoctrination flight.

(Reprint from April, 2009 Naval Reserve Association Magazine)

#### The Healing Power of Honey

Studies conducted by Penn State College of Medicine have found that honey is safe and effective alternative to couch syrups with dextromethorphan. In recent laboratory tests, honey proved to be an exceptional antibacterial agent by killing pesky strains of bacteria that cause chronic sinusitis. These types of bacteria are notoriously difficult to treat with traditional antibiotics. While more work needs to be done to determine how to apply this treatment to patients, the finding offer promise for using honey as a natural remedy.

(Reprint from May, 2009 American legion Magazine)

#### Get Your Larson Association Newsletter Via E-Mail

Your Association mails out about 460 Newsletter per mailing, and now e-mails about 160 newsletters to members. With the continuing raising cost postage, envelopes and printing, we would like to add your name to our e-mail list. Please let Tom Nordquist (<u>tnordqu670@aol.com</u>) know if receiving your newsletter via e-mail would be OK.

#### DUES... YOU KNOW

**THE DRILL!** Please send your 2009 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:

**Frank Wyzywany** 12 Ashleigh Court Lansing, Mi 48906

Name:
City/Town
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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

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

#### **REMINDER:**

We have been asked the question " Can you provide information on living shipmates?" We have a listing of over 1100 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)

#### 2009 Myrtle Beach, SC Reunion

The 2009 Reunion of members of the USS Everett F. Larson DD/DDR 830 will be held Thursday, October 8 to Monday, October 12, 2009. A number of rooms are being held at the Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort, 1200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC. 29577

Cutoff date for reservations is Saturday, September 5, 2009. The rate is \$268.01/person for 4 night/5 Day OCEANFRONT Stay for double package, which includes:

-Breakfast Buffet each day of stay.

- -Tickets to the Alabama Theater.
- -Reunion Banquet Sunday Evening.
- -Welcome Reception.

-T-Shirt with Group Name.

-All Taxes & Gratuities.

Correction from last Newsletter: Call Hotel for Reservations: 1-800-200-8687 (Daytime Number). 1-800-732-6478 (Evening/Weekends).

Sea Mist Web Site: <u>www.seamist.com</u> E-mail address: <u>GroupSales@Seamist.com</u>

OTHER RATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SINGLES OR ADDITONAL PARTIES PER ROOM. ALSO, OCEANVIEW LODGING IS LESS EXPENSIVE PER PERSON.

<sup>-</sup>Resort Fee.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2009 MYRTLE BEACH REUNION

<u>Thursday 10/8 – Hotel</u> Check in/Welcome Reception 1800-2000.

Friday 10/9 – PATRIOTS POINT, CHARLESTON, SC – LARSON MEMORIAL SERVICE, LUNCH ON THE USS YORKTOWN (CV-10), SELF GUIDED TOUR OF ALL FACILITIES.

Saturday 10/10 – DAY ACTIVITY TOUR OF BATTLESHIP USS NORTH CAROLINA (BB-55), WILMINGTON, NC. LUNCH ON THE FANTAIL OF THE USS NORTH CAROLINA.

EVENING ACTIVITY: ALABAMA THEATER

<u>Sunday 10/11 –</u> MORNING OPEN

AFTERNOON-BUSINESS MEETING RAFFLE AT THE HOTEL

EVENING ACTIVITY REUNION BANQUET

Point of contact: Tom Flynn, 2586 Broadranch Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-3702 Phone: 941-629-8636 (Home) (Until 4/30/2009)

285 Pinkham Road, Middleton, NH 03887-6021 Phone: 603-755-2937 (Home) (From 5/1/2009 to 9/5/2009)

#### E-mail: bettepaints@aol.com

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

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

#### INFORMATION ON 2010 PORTLAND, OREGON REUNION

For planning purposes, tentative dates for the 2010 Portland Reunion will be: Arrival: Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 – Departure: Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

Max and Fran Schwald will be our Hosts. They are planning a full schedule of events.

#### LARSON PATCHES AVAILABLE

Vern Smith, 1855 East Oakmont, Fresno, CA 93720, E-mail <u>yttim2@dslextreme.com</u> 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 92746, phone: 909-362-1057.

#### New Additions to the USS Everett F. Larson Website

#### www.uss-everett-f-larson.com

- Pre-commissioning Document
- Commissioning Documents & Photos
- Decommissioning & Transfer to the South Korean Navy
- Cruise Books
- Golden Dragon Certificates
- Christmas Menus
- Med Cruise Maps
- Larson Last Combat tour
- DD830 in the South Korean Navy
- Plank Owner Certificate
- Welcome Aboard Pamphlet 1945
- Larson Crew Members Listing on the Vietnam Wall
- Crew Rosters Additions for 1950 & 1952
- Plan of the Day 1968
- Miss USS Larson of 1952