

# USS EVERETT F LARSON DD/DDR 830

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## President's Corner

Well, I had a nice response on my plea for people to host the Reunion in 2010: we have one shipmate looking into a potential Alaskan or Caribbean Cruise and another checking out Eugene, Oregon.

We didn't do quite as well in getting to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director positions for 2009 & 2010. We did have one person throw his name in the hat, but not for either of the top two positions. Come on, Guys! It's the reunion coordinators who do most of the work (as I'm sure any of them will tell you!), and Tom Nordquist is willing to stick around as the Newsletter guy for at least a while longer.

Our members are the nicest people you would ever want to work with: I haven't seen any of the infighting, etc that seems to characterize so many other groups - just a group of people working in a spirit of service and camaraderie.

I still have not received any information on Captain Toland or Captain Wood.

I have been working diligently to try to get as many of us as possible into the U S Navy Memorial. We'll be there in October, and it would be nice to be able to just type in our names and see ourselves there, wouldn't it? Just contact me and I'll get you all set up. I'm always looking for photos of the guys that have passed on, too. Sometimes I can locate family, but not always by any means. Thanks to Chief Raleigh Brown for his help with this endeavor. The Chief must know every wife of every sailor whoever served on the Larson, which I find kind of frightening on another level.

See you in Washington D.C.

## 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](mailto: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

**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

### IN MEMORIAM

**DEPARTED SHIPMATES** since last Newsletter:

**Jesse Bay** passed away February 10, 2008.

**Ted Giggie SN**, 1951-55, passed away June 5, 2004.

**Paul R. Atchison**, 1960-62, passed away May 4, 2008.

**Paul Scopa**, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away June 30, 2008.

**Edgar R. Lowder**, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away May 30, 2008.

**Lonnie H. Roark**, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away November 25, 1996.

### Vietnam Memorial Names Now Accessible Online

For the first time, details on the Americans listed on the Vietnam Memorial are accessible online. Numerous search categories are available, including unit and cause of death.

Sponsored by the Utah-based company [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) and the National Archives, this information is free for the Viet War. The 58,256 names can be viewed by enlistment type, hometown and service.

For example, you can search for 17,848 draftees the accounted for 30.6% of the deaths in Vietnam.

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### Titanic Search was Cover for Secret Cold War Subs Mission

The man who located the wreck of the *Titanic* has revealed that the discovery was a cover story to camouflage the real mission of inspecting the wrecks of two Cold War nuclear submarines. When Bob Ballard lead a team that pinpointed the wreckage of the liner in 1985, he had already completed his main task of finding out what happened to USS Thresher and USS Scorpion. Both of the US Navy vessels sank during the 1960s, killing more than 200 men and giving rise to fears that at least one, the Scorpion, has been sunk by the USSR. Dr. Ballard, an oceanographer, has admitted that he located and inspected the wrecks for the US Navy in Top Secret missions before he was allowed to search for the Titanic. Only once (he had used his new underwater robot craft to map the submarine wreck sites) was he able to use it to crisscross the North Atlantic seabed to pinpoint the resting site of the luxury liner.

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**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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**Please circle one:**  
\$10.00 per year Full Membership  
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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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.amazon.com), [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com), [www.BAMM.com](http://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](http://www.destroyers.org)  
The American Legion: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)  
Veterans of Foreign Wars: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)  
The Retired Enlisted Association: [www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)  
Fleet Reserve Association: [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)  
Naval Reserve Association: [www.navy-reserve.org](http://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 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, September 1, 2008**). The rate is **\$118.81 per night** for a single or double which includes taxes and breakfast. 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](mailto: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](http://www.uss-everett-f-larson.com)

### **LARSON PATCHES AVAILABLE**

Vern Smith, 1855 East Oakmont, Fresno, CA 93720, E-mail [yttim2@inreach.com](mailto: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](mailto:gabel19372002@yahoo.com), 858-271-0436, or 10965 Negley Avenue, San Diego, CA 92131.