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President's Corner

We are getting down to the wire. Now is the time to get your reservations into Tom Flynn so he can know how many are participating in each activity and make final adjustments to the schedule. I'm getting excited thinking about seeing some NAVY gain!

There are a couple of new items to consider, Tom & Peggy Nordquist have asked for someone else to take over the newsletter. They have done this for the past four years now, as well as hosting a reunion, serving as President, and running the ship's store until a couple of years ago. Time to give these folks a well-earned break.

Speaking of well-earned breaks, we need a President for the coming year and a host for 2011. We do have someone thinking about hosting the 2011 reunion, but we're to the point where we need to be thinking a couple years into the future. We have several ex-presidents and ex-hosts on tap to help with details and guidance, and the more people we have who have done these jobs, the more depth we'll have on our bench.

I have been trying to find out happened to all the Plank Owners. It has been a daunting task since we don't even have first names for most of them, but I'm making some progress, thanks to several of the guys, especially Ron Maury, who was able to furnish names and even 50-year-old addresses. I have located about a half dozen we didn't know were still around, and I haven't even begun to scratch the surface. If, as I hope, we can meet in New England in 2011, we may be able to get a lot of Plank Owners who haven't been able to travel in the past. Also, we have the possibility of a reunion within a reunion NEXT year for the Larson's final crew, and the only one to

actually get shot at (not counting Japanese New Year 1968 in a bar in Sasebo, but that was only a beer bottle and that's another story anyway). CAPT Toland and CAPT Klausner (they are both retired Captains) both live in the area, and from what their crew tells me, there are a lot of you out there who just want to say "Thanks" and shake their hands. I'm still trying to locate Captain Smith.

We still need help getting information on CAPT Wood, and also a photo. I DID find out that he went on to become CO of the Yosemite, but that's it. I have tried contacting the Yosemite folks, but no luck so far. A cruise book photo or write-up, or either of the Change of Command Programs would really help.

As you can see, a lot is going on. Keep checking the web site. More stories have been entered, and a lot more shipmates in the US Navy Memorial (www.navylog.com).

See you in Myrtle Beach, SC!

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.

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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

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:

Raymond A. "Ray" Ruffing, passed away **December 19, 2008.**

John J. "Jack" Kelly, F2C, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away **May 10, 2009.**

Robert J. Pecenko, WT2, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away **October 7, 2008.**

Billy F. Tetlow, ET3, 1960-62, passed away on **May 24, 2009.**

Lester M. Cable, BT3, 1951-54, passed away **September 14, 2008.**

Eugene A. Ranno, S2C, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away **September 30, 2008.**

Julian A. Wallace, RM1, 1945, plank Owner, passed away **May 31, 2009.**

James D. Decola, SN, 1952-54, passed away **July 15, 1986.**

Edward Earl Adkins, EM3, 1956-57, passed away **June 29, 2009.**

Leonard Sturgill, MM1, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away **September 23, 2005.**

In Memoriam (Continued)

Thomas W. Miller, EM3, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away June 29, 2009.

Frederick A. Bailey, SN, 1952, passed away July 30, 2009.

Current Events

USS Freedom (LCS 1)

The nation's first littoral combat ship, **USS Freedom**, the inaugural ship in an entirely new class of US Navy surface warships – makes a spectacular side launch during her christening at the Marinette Marine Shipyard. The agile 377-foot **Freedom**, designed and built by a team led by Lockheed Martin, will help the US Navy defeat growing littoral, or close-to-close, threats and provide access and dominance in coastal water battle-space. Displacing 3,000 metric tons and with a capability of reaching speeds well over 40 knots. **Freedom** will be a fast, maneuverable, and networked surface combatant with operational flexibility to execute focused missions, such as mine warfare, antisubmarine warfare, surface warfare, and humanitarian relief.
(reprint from AUSN Magazine, August 2009)

Individual Navy Augmentees to Expected Decline

Navy officials are hoping the need for individual augmentees, Sailors deployed to

the war zones to do traditional Army jobs, will soon begin to decline. “We are looking at the IA demand starting to wane in 2011 and 2012.” Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Admiral Mark Ferguson told Navy Career Counselor's recently. He also acknowledged that the lion's share of IA work has actually been accomplished by Reserve Component Sailors. There have been 55,000 Reserve individual mobilizations for IA deployments compared to 20,000 deployments on the active-duty side. CNP said, “We could not have fought this conflict without the Reserve force.”

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With every edition, your Association mails out 460 Newsletters and e-mails 160 newsletters to members.

We continue to both e-mail and sending via the postal system to about 120 newsletters with each mailing.

With the raising cost of stamps, envelopes and printing, we would appreciate your help in cutting our costs. Please let Tom Nordquist (tnordqu670@aol.com) if we can just provide you with the e-mail version.

Thank you for your help.

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:

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Please circle one:
 \$10.00 per year Full Membership
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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.**

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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 a 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.
- Resort Fee.

Correction from last Newsletter:

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

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

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

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

Thursday 10/8 – Hotel
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**

**Sunday 10/11 –
MORNING OPEN**

**AFTERNOON-BUSINESS MEETING
RAFFLE AT THE HOTEL**

**EVENING ACTIVITY
REUNION BANQUET**

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**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

**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 yttim2@dslextreme.com has
Larson patches available. The cost is \$3.50.
including mailing cost. Please contact Vern
directly, if interest.

**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
Viet Nam Wall
- Crew Rosters Additions for 1950 &
1952
- Plan of the Day 1968
- Miss USS Larson of 1956
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