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President's Corner

Pete and Donna Barnett really outdid themselves this year! I think we saw about everything there was to see in Washington DC, except maybe an honest politician (although some claimed they saw one at the World War II Memorial). My personal favorite memory was the look of terror on the face of the five-foot tall catering manager, when he saw Pete with his full beard and pirate hat bearing down on him to find out why the buffet wasn't scheduled to open on time! Miraculously, it DID!

Next fall in Myrtle Beach, SC will be more laid back. I encourage you to get your hotel reservations made ASAP. There are no bad rooms, but there are a limited number of GREAT rooms and they are dirt cheap, thanks to Tom Flynn's efforts.

We voted for Portland, OR in 2010, with Max and Fran Schwald already hard at work putting together a great agenda.

Now we need a volunteer for 2011. Hopefully, we'll be able to have it in a Midwest location. If you live there and would be interested in being a host, let me know. "Midwest" could be a lot of places: Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, you get the drift. One of the advantages of being a relatively small group is that any town big enough to host a high school reunion can handle us and some of the smaller locations work harder to get our reunion than the big ones do. A Navy presence is nice, but remember that the only Navy presence in some of our very best reunions was fellow shipmates having a good time sharing each other's company.

Check our web site www.uss-everett-f-larson.com from time to time.

It is maintained almost on a daily basis to update departed shipmates and people who would appreciate a call or a note for one reason or another, and our new web master, Harold Vaughn, continues to add new features. Look for a guide as to what medals you earned for your Larson service to be added soon. We are working on getting cruise books online as well. The year 1953 is on our web site now.

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

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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

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.

Lorraine Colson, Art's wife recently had surgery and doing well. Cards: 17 Maple Avenue, Eliot, ME 03903-2144.

John "Jack" Kelly, 1945-46, has been hospitalized. Card can be sent to Jack & Joy at 81 West Street, Foxboro, MA 02035

IN MEMORIAM

DEPARTED SHIPMATES since last Newsletter:

Frank Kohler, S1C, 1946-47, passed away December 24, 2004.

Leroy Frank Liles, RD3, late 1950's, passed away October 14, 2008.

Edward A. O'Donnell, GMCS, 1950, passed away March 30, 1974. His daughter, Nancy, would like to hear from shipmates who served with her Dad.

E-mail is: nancyocoop2tb@optonline.net

Lennie H. Roark, LCDR, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away November 25, 1996.

Joseph A. Vandandaigue, COX, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away August 19, 1980.

Edward T. Alberta, former XO, CAPT (Retired) 1962-63, passed away January 17, 2000.

John D. Mourey, BT3, 1953-57, passed away May 31, 2008.

John P. Flynn, YNC (Retired), 1953-54, passed away June 16, 2008.

J. Edward Snyder, former XO, RADM (Retired), 1955-56, passed away November 4, 2007.

Rick Selbrede, STG2, 1962-65, passed away June 14, 2008.

In Memoriam (continued)

Allen P. Cook Jr., former XO, CAPT (Retired), 1945-46, passed away December 20, 2005.

Knox M. Cologne Jr., LT, 1945, Plank Owner, passed away June 15, 1994.

Robert H. Beese, YNC, 1950's, passed away June 30, 2002.

Frank A. "Mike" Miles, LCDR, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away July 23, 1996.

Leo G. Dwyer, S1C, 1945-46, Plank Owner, passed away October 27, 1978.

Kenneth P. Bryant, LT, 1968-70, passed away November 24, 2008.

Thomas Randall "Randy" Adkins, HTFN, 1971-72, passed away November 21, 2006.

John Sherwood Tribble, TM3, 1964-67, passed away December 17, 2008.

Bruce Gordon Haney, SN, 1972, passed away May 21, 2007.

Harold P. "Red" Noland, MM3, 1963-67, passed away January 2, 2009.

Current Events:

COLA AND MILITARY PAY RAISES

Retirees will benefit from a 5.8% COLA raise starting with the retirement of December 2008. This is the largest increase in COLA since 1982. Active Duty and Drilling Reservist will receive a 3.9% increase effective 1 January 2009.

RARE AIRPLANE RESTORED AT PENSACOLA NAVAL AIR MUSEUM

The National Naval Aviation Museum is restoring the aircraft that was Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Chester Nimitz's flying headquarters during World War II. If this plane could talk, you'd hear the conversations that happened aboard the vintage PB2Y Coronado. Nearly every Navy Admiral in the Pacific was aboard at one time or another, The Coronado, the first U.S. plane to land in Tokyo after the war, is the latest restoration project undertaken by the museum's mostly volunteer staff of hundreds of military retirees.

RESERVE MOBILIZATIONS

Currently, the total number of Reserve Components members on active duty in support of the partial mobilization of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 94,117; Navy Reserve, 6,205; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 12,101; Marine Corps Reserve, 7,790; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 734. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been mobilized to 120,947, including both units and individual augmentees.

BUDGET CRUNCH A THREAT TO DEFENSE SPENDING

With a financial crisis pinching federal coffers and deep cuts in federal spending looming, multibillion-dollar weapons purchases could take a serious hit. Defense spending will fall off. The current historically high budget for defense is not sustainable, especially as the federal budget will be straining from the recent bailout. Major projects such as the \$200-billion F-35 fighter jet program or the \$160-billion effort to modernize the Army are expected to be the biggest targets for cuts.

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:

Frank Wyzywany
12 Ashleigh Court
Lansing, Mi 48906

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)

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.
- Resort Fee.

Call Hotel for Reservations: 1-800-200-8687(Daytime). 1-800-732-6478 (Evenings & Weekends).

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

SINGLES OR ADDITIONAL PARTIES OTHER RATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 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**

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

**NOTICE: 2008 Washington DC
Reunion Attendees**

We have been made aware that individuals,
who purchased a group photograph at the US
Navy Memorial, may not have received their
picture yet. If so, please call Trish at phone
number: 202-380-0755 & she will get the
picture right out to you.

Ship's Store

Larson hats, shirts and jackets are available
through Embroidery Creations, Huber
Heights, Ohio, Phone Number: 937-235-
0441.
Website: www.embroiderycreations.com
Contact: Jerry or Lana.
They have been our supplier for the last
several years.

DD-214

A replacement can be obtained by submitting
a Standard Form 180 to:
National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Phone Number: 314-801-0800
E-mail: MPR.center@nara.gov
Website: [www.archives.gov/st-
louis/military-personnel/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html)
Print the Form 180 from their website:
[www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-
personnel/standard-form-180.html](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html)

