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Gene Maresca

Boy, did we get a dose of NAVY at the Myrtle Beach Reunion! Of course, destroyers are where it's at, but it's always nice to see how the other half lives. I don't think I'd trade places with a submariner though! Thanks so much to Tom Flynn for stepping up to the plate (again) and making that reunion possible.

The next one will be in Portland, OR in September, thanks to HTC Max and Commander-in-Chief Fran Schwald. Hope to see as many there as possible, with SPECIAL emphasis on the last (1972) crew. I have still not been able to locate Captain Smith, but have been in touch with the XO from that crew and others. This would be the time for all of you 1972 guys to make some phone calls and recruit some people. I would expect that Captain Quanstrom's crew may want to make an extra effort as well, and all of the folks west of the Mississippi.

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Next year will be in Great Lakes with Tom and Peggy Nordquist recreating their special brand of magic. I know that Recruit graduation won't seem the same without two feet of snow, but we can always imagine and remember!

And the following year we are hoping to get back to New England.

If you haven't looked at the website: www.uss-everett-f-larson.com lately, check it out! Harold Vaughn has put a lot of new stuff on there, with more to come. If you have a Cruise Book that isn't in there, please contact him. He needs all the help he can get!

Thanks to our new Newsletter editors too, I think we're really on a roll!

- Gene Maresca

Sick Call/Get Well



Chaplain Francis E. Juntunen

L B Thompson 1945-46, is undergoing treatment for Kidney issues. Cards can be sent to: 1308 West Ray Branum Road, 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 1945, is feeling ill and would appreciate calls from his Plankowner buddies. His number in Avon, NY is 585-226-2251

In Memoriam

Departed Shipmates (since last newsletter)

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

William J. Polk, SHSN, 1948 - 1950, passed away March 24, 2009.

Thomas J. Andrea, SN, 1952-53, passed away October 3, 2009.

Edwin A. Torrey, F1c, 1946, passed away November 16, 2009.

John Wayne McIntyre, FN, 1962, passed away December 19, 2009

William Herman (Bill) Ruhlen, SK3, 1952-1955, passed away December 21, 2009 in Findlay, Ohio

William J. Hasler, S2c, 1946, passed away January 7, 2010 in Loveland Colorado

Clyde G Spradling, MMFN, 1948-52, passed away January 17, 2010. Condolences to: Lynn Stephens, PO Box 781, Wayne WV 25570



CURRENT EVENTS

We have been asked the question "Can you provide me with information on living shipmates?" We have a listing of over 1000 shipmates that we have located. We list them as Regular, Deceased or Not Current Address (no forwarding address). So unless we are notified of a shipmate passing, we assume they are still living.

To answer the question, please contact Doug Rice for a particular shipmate name, so a listing is available through Doug Rice's email: drice@ctslabs.com

We have an author in our Association, he is shipmate BILL FORBES a Radarman on board from 1958 to 1962. Bill's autobiography "AN ANCHOR IN THE PRAIRIE" is now published and available through www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com or www.BAMM.com. or order through your local bookstore. Cost is \$19.95. Many of our shipmates are recognized in the book.

"It's a nostalgic and fun journey from Middle America in the 1940's and 1950's, though 3 careers, and into retirement. Bill takes us from his hometown of Utica, IL, through 2 Navy enlistments, 20 years as a broadcast journalist, and 16 years as a civil servant in the nation's capital. Bill is the guy who burned a hole in Bill Clinton's brand new office carpet, walked beneath the Arkansas River, logged more than 1200 hours in a news helicopter, and survived the bureaucracy of Washington, DC. Bill was at our past Reunions in San Diego, CA, Dayton, OH, and Washington DC Reunions.

We have received some very interesting and personal emails and letters from those who served on the Larson, that you will find under the "Mail Call" heading.

There have to be hundreds of these stories. We would ask you to think back to these years on the Larson and email it or write it down and mail it to drice@ctslabs.com or Doug Rice, 83 Stonehedge Lane South, Guilford, CT 06437.

Give us as much detail as possible, with dates, names and we will share it with the Larson crew in our next newsletter!

Larson hats, shirts and jackets will be available from EMBROIDERY CREATIONS, 5050 Nebraska Avenue, Ste. 8, HUBER HEIGHTS, OHIO. Phone: 937-235-0441. Fax: 937-235-0487. Website: www.embroiderycreations.com

Contacts are Jerry or Lana. EMBROIDERY CREATIONS has been the source of our articles for the last several years and have been an excellent supplier.

LARSON PATCHES AVAILABLE - Vern Smith, 1855 E. Oakmont Ave., Fresno, CA 93720, (e-mail: yttim2@dslextreme.com) has Larson Patches available.

The cost is \$3.50 which includes mailing cost. If you have a interest in purchasing a patch, please contact Vern directly.

If any of you have comments to pass on to our Shipmates, please e-mail me: geneMMaresca@aol.com and I will post in this column.

2011 Great Lakes, Illinois Reunion - October 5-9, 2011 at Embassy Suites, Deerfield, IL - \$95.00 per night plus tax includes full breakfast and nightly free activities include a Tour of Great Lakes Navel Training Center, including possible Graduation Ceremony, Navy Museum & Lunch, and Chicago Tour including Museum of Science and Industry, Tom & Peggy Nordquist are our hosts! Mark your calendars for this Great event!

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SHIPMATES!

Mail Call



Art Colson

Crew Member Additions:

Tom and Peggy Nordquist are Grandparents of a new baby boy---"Fired one round WP, bore clear, no casualties".

Vietnam Virtual Wall: <http://www.vvmf.org/index.cfm?SectionID=2>

Any Navy personnel who served at the Receiving Station, Anacosta, Washington, DC in 1946 or aboard the USS E. F. Larson DD830 in 1947 who may have knowledge of my accident or complaint, please contact me Domenick Scarlato, 620 N. W. San Candido Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 or call (772)343-8477 (a.m.)

MED Cruise of the USS Everett Larson 1951:

Left Newport RI on January 8, 1951 in company with the USS Powers DD839 for degaussing at Norfolk, VA. Arrived Norva January 9, 1951. Left Norva January 10 for Argentia, Newfoundland. Trip to Argentia was uneventful with the weather clear, warm, due to travelling in the Gulf Stream. January 13th we arrived in Argentia, and the weather was cold and snowy, in fact almost a blizzard. Argentia for the most part is a barren island.

The same day we left Argentia enroute to the Med. From the day we left and for the next couple of days we had very bad weather. Winds from forty to sixty knots and seas running from twenty to sixty feet high.

The second night out on the mid-watch we picked up an SOS from the Gloucester FV Gudrun. She reported that she was sinking and was approximately 250 miles from our position. We radioed this info to the Powers and we both took off in search at twenty five knots. The seas were very rough and on our way we lost a 26 foot motor whale boat, bent the strong-backs and sprung a leak in the post office. Also, a depth charge broke loose from the starboard side aft racks and was rolling from side to side against the life line and the bulkhead until finally cornered by the gunners mates. The after crews quarters also had about a foot of water covering the deck.

When we got to the position of the Gudrun we searched all day and the better part of the night. We sighted a fishing vessel but they did not need aid. Later on that night we were relieved by the CGC Casco. We then continued on our way.

The next evening we received another SOS on Fox from Washington informing us that a Portuguese freighter was in distress. We went to its aid and when we reached them they refused our assistance. We continued on our way.

The rest of the trip was uneventful and we rendezvous-ed with the Sixth Fleet off of the Azores on January 18. There was quite a collection of ships. Some were the: Roosevelt, Newport News, Wright, Columbus, Roanoke, Powers, Goodrich, Larson, Gearing, Steinaker, Greene, Wacamaw, Hyades, and many more.

January 20, we passed through the Straits of Gibralter and to Oran, North Africa. Other ports we visited were: Tripoli, Gibralter, Cannes, Nice, Golfe Juan, Villafrance, Augusta Bay, Naples, Leghorn, Trieste, Vennide, Catania, Patras, Leros, Corfu, and finally back to Newport.

- Chuck Oman

John Prendergast would like to hear from anyone that knew his father, Arthur O. Prendergast BM1, and has a story to tell. He was only 7 years old, when his dad was killed in Vietnam. Arthur was aboard the Larson 1966-68, so he 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.

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

Robert L. Gabrielson, who was on a NROTC Midshipman 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 gabel9372002@yahoo.com, phone: (858)271-0436 or 10965 Negley Avenue, San Diego, CA 92131.

Daniel T. Gatti served on the USS Larson from its commissioning until April 1946. He would greatly appreciate it if you would contact him. He is interested in any information/photos you may have concerning this ship. You can contact Dan at: 268 Firetown Road, Simsbury, CT 06070.

I served with 42 officers on Larson – 3 complete wardrooms – in 3 years.
I went from Larson to Submarine school in 57, qualified on USS Tunny (SSG-282); Nuclear Power school in NLON; was the 33rd graduate of the Officer program. Plank Owner in Thresher, served in Skipjack, Plank Owner in Andrew Jackson, XO Pollack, OP-31 (Submarine Warfare), CO USS SNOOK SSN-592 69-72, Trident program office 72-76 Retired in 76.

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My dad taught me that the orders of friendships are:
A messmate before a shipmate; A shipmate before a friend; A friend before a dog; and A dog before a soldier.
He was really Old Navy – USNA 1916 – Chief, BuOrd 1943-1947. Retired as VADM in 1947

Dear Art,
I received the latest news letter and after reading your writing I thought I should respond. First off it was nice seeing the photo of the old Larson Retiree. Seeing that sort of prompted me to ask my son (ex-Navy) and his wife to search the web to see if the photos I sent Ed a year or so ago was in the computer. Sure enough they were on it with all the others and it was a joy not only for me but for my family also.
The photo of the ship I sent looked great I thought. I sure hope all hands enjoy seeing her how she was. The photo I took from the Quad 40s of a shipmate silhouetted between depth charge racks on the fantail was quite interesting because Kenny West wanted to turn the screw up to see what the Larson would do after being worked on.

I was on the forward engine room when I heard what was going to be tried so I got quickly to my compartment and grabbed my camera and got topside just in time to get that shot and when I got back down in the engine room I found out we were close to 38 knots at that time. "Nice Ride" when I was aboard the USS Everett F Larson DD830 as the Flagship (2 stars) for the commander Destroyer Division 142, CDR Allan Roby and Kenneth West CDR was our commanding officer.

The 2 star came onboard when we were at sea somewhere in the Atlantic or Mediterranean because he had heard what we did and were doing with the NO 1 evaporators in the forward engine room. We had that Evap. equipment working 99% efficiency and we had confiscated baby blue and baby pink and white paint from the seaman's paint locker and we had our evap. section looking like a nursery with all the brass piping shining all the dials, whatever we could polish and shine we did it. Some how the two star heard about it and had to see with his own eyes.

Well I was the only water king there at the time he came down the ladder into the Engine #1 room. I saw the khaki paints coming down but not until he faced me did I know who the heck it was. He told me it was on the Evaps. where his first duty was in the Navy.

He looked quite happy in what he was seeing and especially the hour to hour log book. He was so impressed he saluted me. I'll never forget that time!

Before he left the ship he instructed Lt. Poole our Eng. officer to allow the four of us on the Evaps. to have un-limited liberty when ever we were stateside, Lt. Poole and Kenny West obliged us. One other statement, the two star made to me before he went topside was he wished we could put the Evaporation System topside so the others in the task force could see.

He was short in stature- very short compared to my almost 6 feet, but he made a tall impression on me! Here is a list of our officers at that time 1947-48. By the way our nickname was "The Eversharp Larson".

I'm sure others have many stories to tell, I know I have many more myself - Good ones and some not so - but we had Great Officers and a great Eng. Division.

Well I'm sure many of us could talk of experiences for days and never be able to tell it all. Thank YOU "Pres" Art for leading the association and also your committee.

God's Blessings
RP Wilson

"The EVERSHARP LARSON"

ComDesDiv 142	CDR Allan B. Roby
Commanding Officer	CDR Kenneth West
Executive Officer	LCDR G. W. Rahill
Engineering Officer	Lt. J. S. Poole
Medical Officer	LTJG F.G. Jenson
Operations Officer	LTJG E. J. Bisiar
1st Lieutenant	Ens. Hall
Gunnery Officer	Ens. Wilson
Communications Officer	Ens. Cundy
Combat (CIC) Officer	Ens. Buegler
Supply Officers	Ens. McBroom & Ens. Asi
Damage Control	Ens. Campbell
2nd Division Officer	Ens. Gurney

Attention on Deck!

Dues...You know the drill!

Please send your 2010 Dues. Fill out this form, send it and your check made payable to: **USS Everett F. Larson DD-830** with a self addressed envelope to:

Frank Wyzywany, Treasurer
12 Ashleigh Court
Lansing, MI 48906

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Town: _____
State: _____ ZipCode: _____
Tel #: _____
Email: _____
Please Check One:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 per year Full Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> \$120.00 Lifetime Membership (w/ spouse)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 per year Associate Membership (no voting rights at meeting)
Years beng 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 Doug so you will receive your copy of the Larson Newsletter in a timely and cost efficient fashion.

Doug Rice
83 Stonehedge Lane South
Guilford, CT 06437

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Town: _____
State: _____ Zipcode: _____
Tel #: _____
Email: _____
Rate & Years on Larson: _____
Spouse's Name: _____

THIS IS NOT A DRILL

At the last reunion we had a chance to look at our financial picture, and while we are not in a crisis, we need to take a hard look at things. Basically, we're getting dues from a relitively small part of our mailing list (a big thanks to those folks). Soooo - Please remember to get your dues in if you can afford them, and also give us your email address if you are OK with getting the newsletter by email.

The reunions are designed to be self supporting, but the newsletter expenses and costs associated with the website are primarily funded by dues, as well as the small memorial donations we make for departed shipmates in lieu of flowers. We had also been giving some money each year to help maintain specific historic destroyers. We aren't getting in sufficient dues to support these things.

We voted against raising dues for now, and we are looking at such things as reducing the number of mailings, but really don't want to if we don't have to. Also, anything you can do to get new members to join would help as well! They're out there, hundreds of them!

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Get Your Larson Association Newsletter Via Email

With every edition, your Association mails out 460 Newsletters and Emails 160 Newsletters to members.

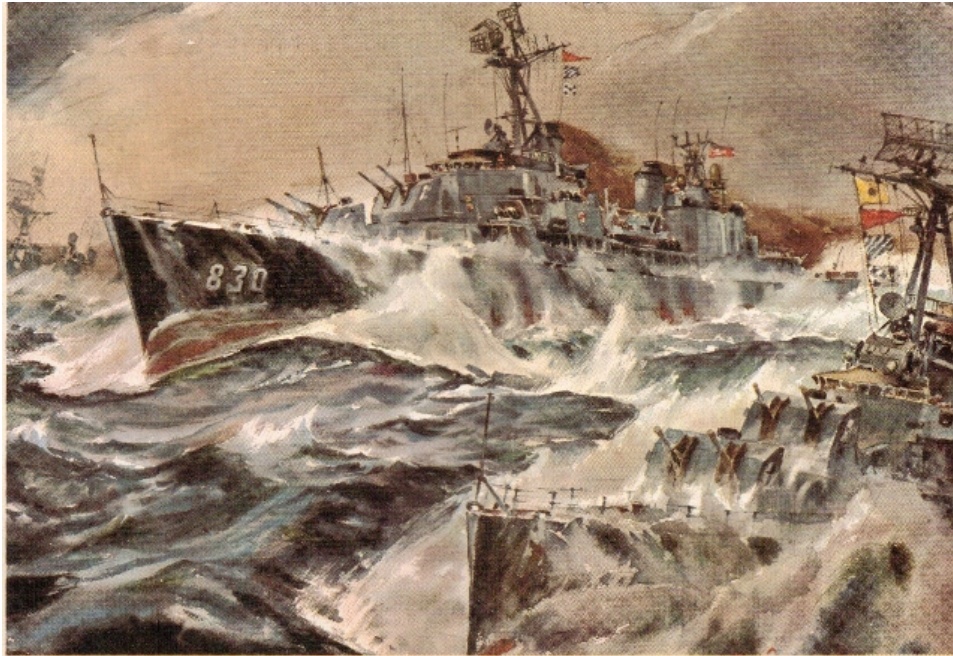
We continue to both email and mail to about 120 shipmates with each mailing.

Please let Doug Rice (drice@ctslabs.com) know if we can just provide you with the email version. With the rising costs of stamps, envelopes and printing, we would appreciate your help in cutting our costs.

Thank you for your help.

ATTENTION ON DECK Auction of the year

"Sea, Speed and Signals"



Opportunity of a Lifetime

CAPT Fred McCandless, former XO, has a 24"x18" lithograph print of the Larson in heavy weather which he bought in about 1967 and which he is offering to us to auction off with all proceeds going to the Association. The original "Sea, Speed and Signals" hung in the wardroom and was available on postcards from the Ship's Store.

Minimum bid should be no less than \$75.00 unframed – \$125.00 framed and matted, but we are hoping for much more. You won't find it on eBay or maybe any place else now.

Send bids to Gene Maresca no later than April 15th. I'll open them May 1st and notify the winner. To be successful, a bid for a framed and matted version will have to be at least \$50 higher than the highest bid for an unframed version to offset the costs of framing, matting and transportation. Either will have to be over the minimum shown.

September 15-19, 2010 Portland Oregon

Reunion Reservation Request



A. Wednesday 9/15/10 Registration & Welcoming Reception
Registration – All Day
Reception – 1900 in the Hospitality Room
\$ no cost

B. Thursday 9/16/10 Evergreen Aviation Museum & Winery
Self-guided tours (wheelchairs available)
Lunch on your own.

Number of Persons: _____ X \$37.00 each = \$ _____

C. Friday 9/17/10 Columbia River Maritime Museum
Self Guided Tour
Lunch at Bridgewater Bistro

Number of Persons: _____ X \$45.00 each = \$ _____
Tour Price Includes Lunch

D. Saturday 9/18/10 Business meeting @ 0900. Free afternoon
Buffet Banquet with no host bar – evening
Dancing after dinner.

Number of Persons: _____ X \$45.00 each = \$ _____

E. Sunday 9/19/10 Farewell & Goodbyes.

Make Checks payable to: **Max Schwald**

Send this completed form and your check to: Max Schwald
155 Emerald Street
Sutherlin, OR 97479

Name Tag Information:
Your Name (Please Print): _____

Your Guests Name: _____

Years Aboard the Larson: _____

PLEASE BRING YOUR LARSON LANYARD