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Hello, it's been a while since I wrote you, we've had our 2017 Reunion in Branson, Mo. in Oct. and a good time was had by all. My wife Marlene out did herself again with arranging the Showboat Dinner Tour, the Memorial arrangements and the dinner at the Uptown Cafe preceding the show at the Baldknobber Theater. I want to thank Ben Diaz for a great DJ job and everyone else who helped with the food service and raffle. On a side note, we did end the Reunion with a slight profit thanks to all the contributions.

This year's reunion will be different than years before. There are a lot of IMPORTANT items that will be voted on at our general meeting. First and foremost, we need a large turnout, so the decisions made will be by all and not just a few. A few of the items are:

- The election of Officers
- After speaking with shipmates, I feel the women need a voice in our discussions as they do a lot of our planning behind the scenes, therefore I believe they should have a vote.
- I feel this is the most "IMPORTANT", Voting on joining with the Gearing Gang, USS EVERSOLE AND USS SHELTON.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion this year and to think of the experience that we shared on the Larson which gives us our Identity, the friends, spouses and children of shipmates, present and past which makes us Family, the company and friendship of others with a common goal which makes Comradeship. I, myself have a lot of reservations about this possible merger.

Till next time, fair sailing and have a safe journey.

Ellis Warmkessel

Note from the Vice President:

A very Happy New Year!! My wife and I are excited to be going to Charleston, SC Sept 12-16th, as we haven't had the pleasure of visiting this city. Since we missed the last reunion due to some health issues within the family, we are looking forward to seeing shipmates/family and catching up with everyone. Safe travels and see you soon.

~ John and Leesa Clements.

Important Note about our Reunions:

Shipmates,

This is the latest update on our possible joining with the two ships in the Gearing Gang.

We are scheduled to meet in Charleston, SC on September 12, 2018 to September 16, 2018. We are attending as guests of the Gearing Gang ships and will be sharing many of their reunion events.

There will be a common Hospitality Suite for all the ships. The Larson has agreed to run this suite.

There will be a special "Mixer" event at 7:00 pm on Wednesday night to assist us to start meeting these existing members of the Gearing Gang and for them to start meeting us. I will be running the mixer and I urge you all to make an effort to be involved. To fully participate you will need a pen or pencil per person. If you don't remember to bring one there are most likely pens in the hotel rooms.

The tours for each day are being run by the USS Shelton of the Gearing Gang. We will be travelling by bus and boat to see the attractions on the reunion schedule. This is an excellent time to also mingle with these sailors and their mates. Please try to meet and talk to as many as possible. You will be surprised by the things we all have in common, besides serving on a destroyer. At the end of the Thursday tour the hospitality suite will be opening, and this again is another opportunity to mingle.

On Friday evening the Gearing Gang will hold their banquet. I urge you to consider going to this banquet besides the Larson banquet to see how they are doing things. I know some of their plans and they sometimes have a guest speaker at their event. The cost of the Gearing Gang banquet is set to be \$50 per person. If you plan on attending this banquet include your payment with your registration form.

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The Larson banquet is on Saturday evening and I have requested the Gearing Gang include this information in their newsletter with the same suggestion on attending both banquets.

Please try to register in a timely manner so the hotel can be ready for all attending these banquets.

- Art Jacobson

Note From Our Historian:

Most of you will remember a painting called Sea, Speed and Signals. Prints and postcards were available in the ship's store and the original hung in the wardroom. It was a heroic semi-impressionistic painting of the Larson at speed in very heavy seas in company with another ship.

After talking with Glenn Folkerts at the last reunion, I found out that it depicted a real event and he was part of it.

In January 1951, the Larson was a couple of days out of Argentia, Newfoundland bound for the Med when they received a distress call from a fishing vessel, the F/V Gudrun. They were 250 miles away and they reported that they were sinking.

Despite the very heavy seas and blizzard conditions, they came to 25 knots and steamed to the rescue, in company with the USS Powers DD-839. The 26' motor whaleboat was carried away, the bulkhead in the Post Office sprang a leak, a depth charge broke loose and was rolling around the deck (the Boatswain's Mates finally got it secured), and still they kept the handles down until they reached the last known position of the Gudrun.

They searched all day and most of the night and finally were relieved by the USCG Cutter Casco. We never heard any more about what became of the fishing vessel and her crew.

Glenn tells me that another shipmate on board at the time, Chuck Oman, kept a record of happenings on the cruise, he (Glenn) has it now, and that there is at least one other good story in there!

- Gene Maresca

Note From Our Secretary:

At the Branson reunion it was decided by the Executive Committee that the Secretary's responsibilities should also include maintenance of the membership roster.

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"The Secretary shall add to his recording responsibilities that of Membership Coordinator. The Secretary shall establish and maintain a roster of all members of the USS Everett F. Larson (DD/DDR-830) Association. This roster shall indicate member's name and last year dues paid, including lifetime members. Each update of the roster shall be shared with the Treasurer, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. Any membership funds received by the Secretary shall be promptly forwarded to the Treasurer."

I am currently coordinating with David Pickett, our Treasurer, and hope to soon be able to answer shipmate's questions about our membership roster.
Terry

In Memoriam

Bernard Diaz, Chaplain

Departed Shipmates (since last newsletter)

MM2 Kenneth Edge (Plank Owner)

SFC Henry Marechal

SHC Juan Cepeda

EMFN Pete Reynolds

TM3 Randy Daniels

S1(FC) John Peterson (Plank Owner)

CDR Henry T. Mayo (XO)

Scott Shaffer

GMC Donald "Moose" Fulbright

YN Clifford Clark

LT(SC) Ed Ruete (Plank Owner)

SKC George Parodi

S1c Ray Valcourt (Plank Owner)

FTSN Jimmie BlueEyes

My Dear Friend, Chester,

I got a call from a Larson crew member, Bill Forbes I believe, to ask me to be the Chaplain for the crew. I thought out loud, "Do you have any idea who you're asking to be the Chaplain? I am no saint, have done things I am not proud of, I'm not sure this is a good idea." The response was basically, "Just like the rest of the crew!"

I said yes, but after I hung up I wondered just what I had gotten myself into, what do I do? Thank goodness Gene Maresca was kind enough to fill me in and away I went.

A short rundown on me, and then.....

My mother was in the hospital for 12 years while I was a kid, she went in when I was 5. I wasn't allowed to see her, and my stepfather who was a Greek self-taught marine engineer, was away a lot of the time. So I took care of myself as best as I could, with the help from some neighbors and an occasional family member stopping by. The apartment was paid in advance for months, and utilities as well. As far as everything else, I was on my own, it was not easy but I managed.

After my shift in the Navy, I did auto body work and ship repairs and....

Because of my mother's many years in the hospital, I promised myself I would never work in a hospital, ever. But it just goes to show you that nothing that you plan is a certainty.

I have worked in Hospitals and nursing homes for most of my adult life, 34 years to be exact. I treated every resident as if he or she were my mom or dad. With love and affection, all coming from this down and out kid from Hell's Kitchen. I believe I did the best I possibly could to make their lives better, with dignity and respect. I could walk down the corridors and was always greeted with airborne kisses from the ladies and thumbs up from the gents. I joked with them, brought requested goodies from outside, did whatever I could to make their day a happy one. I was blessed to receive cards and gifts, and words of gratitude from family members.

But in a facility in North Miami Beach, I had a resident who would speak to no one. He was a short stocky fellow, who had great pride in his appearance. Grey hair, thin lips, strong build. But spoke to no one.

One day I saw him in the courtyard, alone, away from everyone, he was even turned so he wouldn't have to look at anyone. Crap, this just can't be. So, I strolled over and bent down as if I was looking at the end of the bench. "What is wrong with it?" Yes...he talks! I thought. So I said, "Nothing is wrong with the bench, just wanted to see for myself if you could talk!" I got a sharp "Smart Ass". Well at least we are communicating.

"Can't even get a cigar in this lousy place!" he said. Ahh, I thought, that's it! So I asked, "What

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kind, who knows Santa might show up." "Smart ass, its July!" But he told me anyway. It was towards the end of the day, so I figured tomorrow would be a great day. I ran home and picked up four cigars for him after calling my facility and making sure it was alright with the nursing staff for him to smoke them. I walked into his room the next morning and got my standard "Smart Ass, you square away this place yet?" Square this place away? Wait, this guy is military! So I waltzed over to him and handed him his four cigars. Christ I thought he was going to kiss me! He hops out of his chair, and pushed me aside and ran out of his room.

What have I done? I ran after him, into the yard, all the way to the other side of the courtyard to his favorite bench. Sits down, tears open the wrapping, clips the end and lights his stogy ablaze. That was a happy man. Now I could not get him to shut up for awhile so I could ask him some questions the staff had for him. He asked if anyone in my family was military, Yes that's it! I told him I was the first born in the country, but my two uncles from Puerto Rico, one in WW2, one in Korea, both Army. Me, I was Navy. "I was in the Army, Army Air Corp., actually then the U.S. Air force. He smoked his stogy with determination, extremely proud, as if on a mission. I was on one too! Walked him back to his room and he showed me his two discharges, you could see they meant the world to him. I was getting looks from the nursing staff, encouraging me to continue. We became great frields and I was now the nursing home hero for getting him to open up. Chester Brown, was his name, a P-51 Mustang Pilot who had to have blocks of wood strapped to the pedals because he couldn't reach. No family, he used to say, "Shit I lived through 2 wars and they went before me!" For two years we went on joking, shooting the shit, just sharing moments.

On a cold Monday Morning, I walk into the nursing home and immediately sensed something was wrong. Everyone was looking at me with a sad face. I ran to Chester's room and it was empty. I turned to the charge nurse behind me and she said, "He passed Saturday night, but he knew it was time and said his goodbyes. I asked him if he wanted me to call you, he said no, I can't say goodbye to Ben, he's a brother.

"He said to give what was in the closet to you when you came by." At the end of the day, I was called to the administrator's office. He reached into his office closet, and pulled out a guitar case. I had never seen the case, didn't know he played. The administrator said he remembered asking Chester why he finally started talking, and he said "That crazy sailor stood up to me, I'd call him a smart ass and he came back for more!". Chester had asked me what hobbies I had and I told him I played the guitar. That's why the case. I took it home, I was too broken up to open it. Put it in the closet and there it sat for five years. I finally opened it one day to find a 1935 Gibson Flattop guitar, a precious classic, in mint condition. I could not believe my eyes.

A note left strung between the strings said "Play it Ben, play it for both of us, thank you my friend, Chester Brown!"

Its been 25 years, I still play that guitar, for you Chester. Yes, I'm a crazy, and street taught, never give up guy. Just never realized I was doing God's work all along.

- Bernardo Diaz, Chaplain



Jimmie BlueEyes FT3 Dec.25,1946 - Dec.18,2017

No farewells were spoken,
No time to say good bye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
A Sailor went to sea,
To see what he could see,
Calm weather and blue skies.
For a Sailor died today,
A Sailor died today,
Fair winds and calm seas.

RIP Jimmie

~ Joe Torres and all your Larson buddies (71 west pac)

Minutes of USS Everett F. Larson (DD/DDR 830) Association business meeting October 14, 2017 at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson, MO.

President Ellis Warmkessel called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Warmkessel and recited by those present. A show of hands by those attending their first Larson reunion revealed several first-timers. President Warmkessel had all shipmates present tell their names, years aboard the Larson and duties. President Warmkessel asked all plankholders to stand. There were very few.

In the absence of Treasurer David Pickett, Historian Gene Maresca presented a financial statement showing that the Association's balance at last year's meeting was \$6,701.28 and at this year's meeting it is \$7,221.41. and that no irregularities were noted.

Minutes of the last annual meeting at Henderson, NV were read by Secretary Terry Weathers and were approved as presented.

Old Business: Art Jacobson, Chairman of the Joint Reunion Committee , reported on the Committee's efforts to date. Art attended a meeting in Boise, ID of members of the Gearing Gang, comprising crew- members from the USS Shelton (DD 790) and USS Eversole (DD 789). The Committee has proposed that we conduct a joint reunion with the Gearing Gang at our next reunion in 2018 at Charleston, SC. An active discussion followed clarifying the following: Ships will maintain their own identity with the Larson controlling its money and the other Gear- ing Gang ships controlling theirs.

Reunion locations will continue to follow time zone rotations.

At the Charleston, SC reunion the second week in September 2018 the Shelton will handle tours.

The tentative Seattle, WA reunion the second week of September 2019 is being investigated by the Eversole, which has a willing shipmate in the area.

A reunion evaluation system will be initiated at the Charleston reunion.

The Wednesday evening pizza and mixer will again be handled by Ellis and Marlene.

The Friday reunion schedule will include the memorial service. The Saturday schedule will provide for ship's individual meetings followed by the evening joint banquet.

Dick Petrowich, representing the Gearing Gang, described some of the various problems associated with the joint reunion concept, but expressed confidence that we would work out these details so that we can continue to conduct reunions with affordable hotel and tour rates despite our obviously dwindling numbers.

For Charleston, Ellis and Marlene will cover the hotel and hospitality room which will be at the Double Tree by the Airport September 12-16, including free airport shuttle.

1New Business. Cutoff date for reunion reservations needs to be established for 2019 reunion. Doug Rice confirmed that the newsletter schedule currently calls for winter (February) and Summer (July) editions.

President Ellis Warmkessel explained that webmaster Dave Cook had to step down and that Tom Nordquist volunteered to take over the website.

He further explained the addition of membership responsibilities to the Secretary and that Secretary Terry Weathers will coordinate details with treasurer David Pickett.

Art Jacobson will continue to coordinate joint reunion details with the the Gearing Gang. Membership cards for associate members were approved and will be created. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

- Terry Weathers, Secretary

MAIL CALL

When I served aboard Larson (1958-61), it was USS Everett F. Larson (DDR 830). We usually steamed with other tin cans like USS Black (DD 666) or USS Benner (DDR 807) or Lyman K. Swenson (DD 720). Once in a while, during a war game, we would serve in our role as the radar picket ship the R in DDR designated. That meant we would be stationed a hundred miles or so between our carrier task force and the simulated enemy. Our enemy in this particular air defense war game was other U.S. Navy planes bent on attacking our carrier. Our job was to detect their presence and radio the information to the carrier. Of course the carrier planes would then fly out, do their tally ho thing and shoot down the bad guys.

After being at general quarters for several hours and the good guys having managed to protect the carrier

against all enemies, there was a lull in the action. That didn't mean the exercise was over and it meant we were still at general quarters. By now, Sailors who were smokers (and back then that was most of us) were really hungry for a cigarette. As you no doubt remember, the smoking lamp is out during GQ. Finally, the Admiral in Flag Plot on the carrier had his voice radio operator call us, the picket ship, to determine the situation. His radio operator said "Walter (our clever call sign) what do you hold" (meaning what do you hold on your radar). Our phone talker, a smoker himself and as tired of being at GQ as the rest of us, didn't wait for the ops officer to tell him how to respond. He just said, "This is Walter, we don't hold sh*t." Of course every ship in the exercise and probably several others heard the response. The only thing to do now was to wait and see what the Admiral would do to our Commanding Officer who would come down on the Ops Officer in CIC who would surely come down on our voice radio operator.

It turns out the Admiral on the carrier was just as tired of being at GQ as the rest of us. He must have been a smoker. The word that came back to us was that he thought the radio response was funny. In fact, it made him feel so good, he ended the exercise for the day.

Our voice radio operator was one of those guys who could always get away with "stuff". If I would have been on the radio that day and issued that assessment, I would probably still be in the brig.

- Bill Forbes RD2

WELCOME TO THE NAVY



Photo courtesy Mike Patterson

It was 1960, in a small town in Indiana. I was a high school senior and didn't know for sure what I wanted to pursue in my life. I talked to a Navy recruiter, and he advised me to take the entrance tests. I did so and was hooked. The comedy here came from the old line that you join the Navy and see the world. What they neglected to say was that the world is three-fourths water.

At Great Lakes, we were immediately herded into groups, talked down to for any reason the drill instructor saw fit, and learned the meaning of "yes, sir." The first week passed in a blur. I got a haircut (there went my Elvis duck tail), and was issued clothing that fit half decently and a battery of shots to supposedly keep me well.

Now we were full-fledged "boots." It was hours of marching on the grinder and washing clothes by hand. Classes on Navy background. Getting acquainted with "The Bluejacket's Manual" and, of course, Taps and Reveille.

I remember learning to use a firearm. We marched over to the firing range and were told about the M1 rifle – a bit more than I was used to. Ever had a Marine put his boot squarely on your butt, shove down and say, "Keep it there"? If the moment hadn't been dead serious, I probably would have laughed, as I think I missed the whole darn target.

We continued this intense indoctrination for most of 12 weeks, and by the end we were actually beginning to look like spit-and-polish sailors. To this day I want to thank the aviation gunner's mate first class we had as a company commander, who put us into shape for years to come.

– Mike Patterson, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Congress fights Navy decision to discontinue peacoat

By KERY MURAKAMI
CNHI Washington Reporter

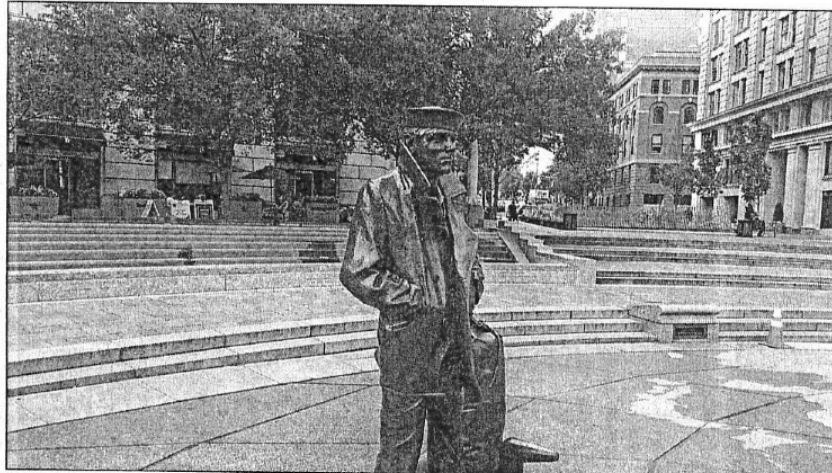
WASHINGTON — When the late sculptor Stanley Bleifeld designed a bronze statue for the U.S. Naval Memorial in Washington, he depicted a lone sailor warming his hands in the pockets of his peacoat.

Both the statue and the double-breasted coat, with its classic turned-up-high collar, stand as symbols of Navy personnel's dedication and sacrifice throughout the nation's history.

But come October, the peacoat will no longer be considered standard naval uniform issue. Taking its place will be an all-weather raincoat with parka.

The decision, part of a government cost-cutting effort, has brought objections from the U.S. companies that make the coat.

G.J. Littlewood and Sons



KERY MURAKAMI/Staff photo

A bronze statue of a peacoat-wearing lone sailor stands in front of the U.S. Naval Memorial in Washington. The peacoat, historically standard naval uniform issue, is set to be replaced by an all-weather raincoat with parka.

Inc. of Philadelphia dies the wool for Navy peacoats, and Sterlingwear, an East Boston company, sews 40,000 of them annually for the Navy.

They want Congress to reverse the Navy's decision and save scores of manufacturing jobs.

"This is affecting

employment and local economies," said Richard Littlewood, fifth generation owner of the Philadelphia company. Naval historian Jennifer

Daley also lamented the decision.

"The Navy would essentially be deleting a part of history, a fashion that is strongly identifiable with sailors," said Daley, a war studies researcher at King's College London.

In response, members of the House Armed Services Committee added language to the defense spending bill requiring the Navy to explain the decision to substitute the raincoat for the peacoat, and to also consider the impact on the nation's textile manufacturing industry.

The House passed the bill two weeks ago, sending it to the Senate.

Protecting pork?

But the move has drawn criticism from Taxpayers for Common Sense, a government watchdog group. Vice President Steve Ellis said

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discontinuing the peacoat has little to do with keeping U.S. jobs and more to do with protecting pork to the affected congressional districts.

The House in 2010 ended the controversial practice of writing earmarks in bills, benefiting specific projects or businesses in the districts of influential lawmakers. Yet, said Ellis, members use the guise of promoting American-made products to steer business to local companies.

Last year, for instance, Ellis' group criticized a provision in the bill setting defense spending policy pushed by Lowell Congresswoman Niki Tsongas requiring the defense department to buy only completely U.S.-made athletic footwear.

Boston-based New Balance, which has a location in Tsongas' district, was the only company that qualified.

This year, the group has also criticized a provision by Pennsylvania Congressman Tom Marino requiring the defense department to study buying its tungsten, a hard metal used for things like rocket engine components, only from U.S. companies.

Marino added the provision at the request of a tungsten producer in his Central Pennsylvania district.

"With the moratorium on earmarks, lawmakers are getting more creative in their attempts to circumvent the rules," Ellis wrote in a recent blog post.

"These 'Buy America' provisions are a new form of backdoor earmarking to pick winners and losers," often times at the expense of taxpayers, he said.

Navy spokesman Lt. Commander Nate Christensen said the switch from peacoats to raincoat parkas is expected to save money, a statement disputed by the companies that produce the peacoat.

By pushing the Navy to review the peacoat decision more thoroughly, lawmakers are simply doing their duty to oversee the military, said Chase Adams, senior policy director for the American Sheep Industry Association.

Similarly, Stacy Garrity, vice president of Global Tungsten & Powders Corp., said Marino was looking out for local jobs when he added his tungsten provision to the defense spending bill.

Garrity said the company cut half of the 1,000 workers it had 10 years ago because of increased competition from Chinese tungsten producers. Products branded as being made in the U.S., Garrity said, actually use Chinese tungsten.

Marino legislative director Judd Smith defended the provision in an email on Wednesday, saying the "congressman was concerned about the effects this would have on our national security and industrial base."

Contact Washington reporter Kery Murakami at kmurakami@cnhi.com.

****CURRENT EVENTS - PLEASE READ****

WE NEED MORE STORIES!!!

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 those years on the Larson and email it or write it down and send 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!

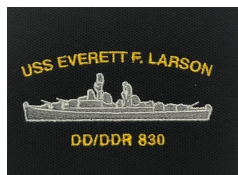
NEW Larson Logo Apparel

I have set up an account with LL Bean to supply us with apparel. There is no minimum order, but there is a shipping cost and in most states if you do not have an LL Bean outlet store no tax. They are a great company, I have been a customer with them for many years.

Set up with their art department are 2 logos, one with black lettering for light colored apparel and gold lettering for dark colored apparel. If you go to their web site at www.llbeanbusiness.com you will see what is available for all polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, jackets, baseball caps and so on. All their clothing is available in Small to XXL and for men and women, and the logo can be added. There is a service charge of \$16.00 to add the Embroidered Logo. The clothing is very reasonable and good quality.

I ordered two polo shirts—one black and one white—and a baseball cap and they came out great. Below are the logos, if you would like to see them in color, please email me. When you call (see below) ask for **Direct to Business and tell them you want the USS E F Larson—account number—543365** and they will help you out with sizes, color, etc.

L.L.Bean
Direct to Business
Freeport, Maine 04033
Phone: 1-800-832-1889



NOTICES

We have been asked the question "Can you provide me with information on living shipmates?" We have a listing on 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 still living. To answer the question, please contact Doug Rice for a particular shipmate name, so a listing is available through Doug Rice (e-mail drice@ctslabs.com). Thank you.

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Did you know that you can purchase everything from uniform insignia and apparel to statues and mugs all year round?

No trip to the U.S. Navy Memorial is complete without a visit to the Ship's Store. Shop for your special hero, or treat yourself. The store is a fun place to browse and find souvenirs of our rich naval history.

Next time you're in Washington, D.C., stop in! Or visit us at: navymemorial.org.



THIS IS NOT A DRILL

Its still important to get dues paid and to get new members. We need to do both!
DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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With every edition, your Association mails out 309 Newsletters and Emails 149 Newsletters to members. **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!

The members present at the San Francisco reunion voted to increase our dues. Effective March 1, 2015, annual dues are \$20 and Lifetime Membership is \$150.

As you know, once you pay a Lifetime Membership, you no longer pay annual dues. If you were already a Lifetime member, you **do not** owe anything more.

Welcome to Charleston South Carolina! The 2018 USS Everett F. Larson Association Reunion

- Reunion Dates – September 12 – 16, 2018
- Hotel –Doubletree by Hilton, 7401 Northwoods Blvd, Charleston SC, 29406, #843-518-6200.
- **Group Code:** Give code GGR. Rate \$129/night plus tax. Cut off is August 12, 2018
- Free Shuttle to and from airport and within 6 miles of hotel. Breakfast Included Daily.
- All Tours will be run by Gearing Gang to get to know how they do reunions. Larson Association will do the Hospitality Suite.
- Robert has invited golfers to play a morning round before Registration on Weds. Call him at 618-475-3248 or email rbpetrowich@gmail.com

| Date | Event | # of People | Total Amount |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| Wednesday Sept 12th | REGISTRATION , 1pm in Hospitality Room. Gathering at 7:30pm also. \$15.00 per person for Registration Fee | | \$ |
| Thursday Sept 13th | Tour Magnolia Plantation at 8:45am. Lunch 12-12:30. Tour Charleston & shopping, Return to hotel 4:30pm. 7:15pm Sunset Memorial Service Choose # of lunch: ___Chicken Salad ___Turkey & Cheese ___Ham & Cheese \$101.00 per person | | \$ |
| Friday Sept 14th | 9am Tour of Patriots Point. Lunch 11:45 Roasted Chicken. 12:45pm Tour Fort Sumter & Charleston Harbor. Return at 4pm \$89.00 per person | | \$ |
| | 6:30pm Gearing Gang Banquet – Hospitality Room ___Grilled Salmon ___Herb Roasted Prime Rib \$50.00 per person | | \$ |
| OR | 6:30pm O'Charleys Restaurant Dinner option. Dinners \$10 and up Shuttle service available to restaurant Individual checks – Number of People Reservation___ | | |
| Saturday Sept 15th | Morning: 9-10 Executive Meeting 10-12 General Meeting, 12:30 Raffle Evening: 6:30 Cash bar. 7pm Larson Buffet Banquet & Dancing \$65.00 per person | | \$ |
| Sunday Oct 15th | Breakfast & Checkout Farewell Hope Everyone had a great time and see you next year! | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED | | | \$ |

Name: _____ First Name for Name Tag: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ First Name for Name Tag: _____

Address: _____

City/ ST / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

What years did you serve on Larson? _____

Please complete and make a check payable to: Ellis Warmkessel
Ellis Warmkessel, 14391 Spring Hill Drive, Suite 449, Spring Hill, FL 34609
Earlier the better! Please Return By: ??
Phone: 352-232-7655 Email: erwarmkessel@aol.com

If you have a Larson lanyard for your name tag, please bring it with you. Don't forget an item for the raffle!

EVERETT F. LARSON DD830/ DDR830
CHARLESTON REUNIONS ALONG WITH THE GEARING GANG

This year we need a large turnout of the Larson Members. We are taking a FINAL VOTE on joining with the Gearing Gang! Please attend this Reunion for the sake of the Larson Crew, please standup and be counted.

We have three things to be proud of:

- IDENTITY
- EXTENDED FAMILY
- COMRADESHIP

Let's not lose these!!

The Reunion Dates are Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** with checkout on Sunday, **September 16, 2018**. The Hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton in Charleston, SC. Phone number is 1-843-518-6200. You Give our Code GGR to get the guaranteed rate. The Rate is good for 3 days before and after the reunion dates. The rate is \$129.00 Per night plus tax. **CUT OFF IS AUGUST 12, 2018**
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ASAP!

Address of Hotel:

Doubletree by Hilton
7401 Northwoods Blvd
Charleston, SC 29406

There is a FREE Shuttle to and from the Airport and within 6 miles of the Hotel, Breakfast is included daily.

All Tours this year will be run by the Gearing Gang in order to get to know how they do their Reunions. Larson Association will be doing the Hospitality Suite.

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