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2019 OFFICERS

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello, it's been a few interesting months since our last Newsletter was published. I'm sorry to inform you that our Past President Bill Forbes has passed away on December 5, 2018 from Prostate Cancer. He was a great Shipmate & President.

Since we did not have a 2018 Reunion in Charleston, SC, due to the Hurricane, Florence, we will have an Election of Officers at our 2019 Reunion in Seattle, Washington. The Seattle Reunion is being hosted by Shipmates of the USS EVERSOLE, a member of the Gearing Gang.

Art Jacobson is our point of contract for the reunion and he supplied an article in this Newsletter for the planned events. Please note that the deadlines for registration for the Hotel & Tours are required much earlier than our previous Reunions.

For the 2020 Reunion, Gene Maresca has volunteered to Host in Indianapolis, Indiana. The area offers a wide variety of attractions of interest for everyone. Gene has a wealth of knowledge on the City, so it should be an exciting Reunion.

I would like to remind everyone that this is the 50th Anniversary of the collision between the USS Frank E. Evans (DD754) & the Australian Aircraft Carrier HMAS Melbourne in the South China Sea on June 3, 1969. For those of us on board the Larson, General Quarters was sounded at 3 am that morning. More information is contained in this Newsletter. This is an experience that I Will never forget. Until our next Summer Newsletter, may you be in good health and hope to see you at our 2019 Seattle Reunion.

**Your President**  
**Ellis Warmkessel**

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**Note from Art Jacobson, Reunion Coordinator - 2019 Seattle Reunion**

Shipmates

Here is the latest information I have regarding the Larson/Gearing Gang Reunion in Seattle, Washington, October 9-13, 2019. In January, I participated on an Ocean Cruise with members of the Gearing Gang. At that time we discussed our upcoming Reunion.

First you will notice that there are **important deadlines - August 1, 2019** for the EVERSOLE Reunion Registration Form, & **August 27, 2019** for Hotel Reservations.

For the Thursday, October 10 Boeing Tour & Pike Market tour, there is a maximum of 51 people that are allowed on this tour, so please get your reservation in as soon as possible, if you want to attend this event.

For the Friday, October 11 USS Turner Joy (DD951) Destroyer (will include a Ferry ride to Tacoma) & Auto Museum tour, there will also be a limit of 51 people for the tour. so please get your reservation in as soon as possible, if you want to attend this event.

Note that Lunch is not provided on each tour events - but food facilities will be available at a reasonable cost.

For Hotel reservations, our Group Name is under **EVERSOLE**.

The Larson will be sponsoring a Mixer on Thursday, October 10 & this will be an opportunity to meet members of the other ship. Fun prizes will be drawn.

Before the Reunion starts, there is a possibility of a on Wednesday morning, October 9 Golf Scramble. If you are interested, please contact Dick Petrowich at: [rbpetrowich@gmail.com](mailto:rbpetrowich@gmail.com).

Finally, will need a few individuals to help manage welcoming & registering our shipmates. If you can volunteer to help, it would be appreciated. I will be at our registration area at 1:00 pm at the Hotel.

Mark your calendar & see you in Seattle, October 9-13, 2019.

Art

**Note from Terry Weathers, Ship's Secretary**

I'm sure many of you regular Reunion attendees, share my I'm disappointment at the necessary cancellation of our 2018 Charleston Reunion. This year, I, for one, am very much looking forward to this October 2019 Seattle Reunion with Gearing Group. Which is an easy drive up 5 for us.

We are still working on updating our Larson Mailing List and urge all shipmates to send any changes in addresses, email, phone, etc. Please feel free to contact by whatever means is most convenient to you, using my information on the 1st page of each newsletter. I'll be sure to share it with our newsletter editor & our Treasurer.

Hope to see you in Seattle!

Terry

**Note from Tom Nordquist, our Ship's Newsletter Editor & Website Coordinator**

Due the unfortunate passing of Doug Rice, I have assumed the position of Larson Newsletter Editor. If you have contribution to future Newsletters and Larson Website, please keep me in the Loop at: [tnordqu670@aol.com](mailto:tnordqu670@aol.com) or call me at my Cell# 937-477-4613 or contact Ellis Warmkessel, our President at his phone or Email Address.

Tom

**IN MEMORIAM - BERNARD DIAZ, CHAPLAIN  
Departed Shipmates (Since last Newsletter)**

**HMC William M. Thomas**  
**ET1 Cliff Pickett**  
**ETM2 Ernest Nowack**  
**RD3 Kenneth Lambert**  
**S1(FC) Alvi C. Woods**  
**Alfred Mercier**  
**SM2 Frank D. Martin**

## **2019 GEARING GANG/LARSON REUNION**

The 2019 Reunion will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport in Seattle, Washington. There will be 3 ships holding this Reunion. Due to Hurricane Florence cancelling the 2018 Charleston Reunion, the USS Everett F. Larson was not officially able to join the Gearing Group. The formality will be handled at the Seattle Reunion.

There are many sights to see & a lot of other activities planned, so please come early or stay late to give you an opportunity to see all the sights of the Seattle area.

Call ANNA (Red Lion Hotel) direct (Monday-Friday) at 206-248-8182 or the front desk at 206-246-5535 at other times to make reservations. Please mention EVERSOLE as a reference to our Reunion booking Code.

Shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotel. Please call the hotel desk for arrangements. There is also free parking at the hotel.

NOTE - Breakfast is not included in the hotel room price. A Breakfast Buffet is available for \$13.95+tax, 6:00-10:00am each day.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th Activities**

- A Golf scramble is planned for a Golf course in the area. Golf clubs will be available for rental. All attendees can play. Dick Petrowich ([rbpetrowich@gmail.com](mailto:rbpetrowich@gmail.com)) needs to know by August 31st your interest & need for golf clubs.
- Hospitality Room open
- Registration starts at 1:00pm in the Hospitality Room. Registration fee is \$15.00/person for Conference expenses - name cards, hospitality refreshments, etc.

- Executive Boards meet at 7:30pm

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th Activities**

- Tour Bus boarding at 8:45am for Pike Market & Boeing Plant. Limit of 51 people. Cost - \$85.00/person. Lunch is not included in price, but available on tour. Arrive back at hotel at 4:30pm.
- Hospitality Room available for Shipmates.
- Site seeing on your own.
- Evening Mixer in Hospitality room, sponsor is USS Everett F. Larson crew at 7:30pm.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th Activities**

- Tour Buss boarding at 8:15am for Ferry ride to Bremerton, WA for tour of USS Turner Joy & Museum. Lunch (not included in price.) at a Bremerton restaurant. Afternoon at the LeMay Auto Museum. Arrive back at 4:30pm.
- Hospitality Room available for Shipmates.
- Site seeing on your own.
- Dinner on your own at local restaurants.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th Activities**

- The Larson Crew will meet for a Business Meeting to discuss Old & New Business including 2020 Reunion Site, Motion to join the Gearing Gang in future Reunions, etc.
- Annual Raffle hosted by the Larson Crew. Please bring a Raffle item of modest value.
- Afternoon on your own.
- Evening Banquet, Memorial Service, Color Guard. Seating at 6:10pm, serving Dinner at 6:30pm.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th Activities**

- Good Byes & Depart for home.

## 2019 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON REUNION OCTOBER 9-13

Hotel - Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport, 18220 International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98188  
 Hotel Phone # 1-206-248-8182 or 1-206-246-5535. Rate good for 3 days before or after.  
**Group Code - EVERSOLE.** Rate: \$109.00/night+Tax. Hotel cut off is August 27, 2019.  
 Complimentary Shuttle Service at Airport Ground Transportation Area - Island 1 or 3  
 by calling #29 for Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport or call Hotel # 206-246-5535 for pickup.

DATE	EVENT	# of People.	Total \$ Amount
WED. 10/9	Registration: Open at 1:00pm in Hospitality Room Registration Fee is \$15.00/person		
THUR. 10/10.	Tour of Pike market & Boeing Aircraft Plant. Board Bus at 8:45am Limit 51 people. \$85.00/person. Return to hotel at 4:30pm		
FRI. 10/11	Tour of USS Turner Joy & LeMay Auto Museum. Board Bus at 8:15am. Limit 51 people. \$100.00/person includes Ferry ride to Tacoma, WA. Return to hotel at 4:30pm		
SAT. 10/12.	Morning Meetings - Elections. Raffle. Free afternoon Evening Banquet: Meal: Salmon _____ Roast Beef _____ Meal Cost for either Meal is \$40.00/person		
Sun. 10/13	Departure: Leave for Home		

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

What Years did you serve on the Larson: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration to: ARTHUR JACOBSON, 141 W. BAYLOR LANE, GIBERT, AZ 85233 Phone# (H)  
 480-857-0986 or (C) 480-625-5050 EMAIL: [artjacobson@yahoo.com](mailto:artjacobson@yahoo.com) [artjacobson@cox.net](mailto:artjacobson@cox.net)

**PLEASE BRING YOUR LARSON LANYARD, IF YOU HAVE ONE.**

## **LARSON LOGO APPAREL**

An Account has been set up with L. L. Bean to supply Larson Shipmates with clothing apparel. There is no minimum order., but there is a shipping cost & possible state sales tax. They are a great company & very customer friendly.

Already set up with their art department is 2 logos, one with black lettering for light colored apparel & gold lettering for dark colored apparel. If you go to their Website at [www.llbeanbusiness.com](http://www.llbeanbusiness.com) , you will see what is available for all Polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, jackets, baseball caps, etc. All their clothing is available in small to XXL for Men & Women, & the Larson logo can be added. There will be a service charge of \$16.00 to add the embroidered Logo. The clothing is very reasonable & great quality.

### **CONTACT:**

L. L. Bean  
Direct to Business  
Freeport, Maine 04033  
Phone # 1-800-832-1889  
Reference USS Everett F. Larson  
Account # 543365

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## **NOTICES**

### **INFORMATION ON LIVING SHIPMATES**

Over the years, the Larson Reunion Association has been in contact with over 1000 shipmates. Our listings are Regular, Deceased, or Name with no current address/no forwarding address. Unless we are notified of a shipmate passing, we assume they are still living.

Please contact Gene Maresca at [genemmaresca@aol.com](mailto:genemmaresca@aol.com) for possible information on a particular shipmate name.

A complete current listing is available from Gene for a charge.

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### **THIS IS NOT A DRILL**

It's still important to get dues paid & get new members. We need to do both.

### **DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Effective March 1, 2015, Annual Members dues are \$20.00/year & Lifetime Membership is \$150.00.

## **GET YOUR LARSON NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

Current mailings include 256 Emails Newsletters & 176 Mailed Newsletters to Members. It saves your Association a lot of money to distribute through Email by not paying for stamps & publishing cost Please notify Tom Nordquist at [tnordqu670@aol.com](mailto:tnordqu670@aol.com) your Email address if you currently receive your Newsletter copy by mail.

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## **CURRENT EVENTS - PLEASE READ \*\***

### **WE NEED MORE STORIES**

We continue to receive some very interesting & personal Emails & letters from those who served on the Larson - under the "Mail Call" Heading There have to be hundreds of great sea stories, yet to be told.

We would ask you to think back to those years on the Larson, write it down & Email it or mail it to:

Contact: Gene Maresca at [genemmaresca@aol.com](mailto:genemmaresca@aol.com)

Give us as much detail as possible, with dates & names, etc. & we will share it with the Larson crew in our next Newsletter.