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A Message from our President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

The only news of any consequence is our Warren Reunion which already is four months in the past. We really can't comment since unfortunately we were not able to attend. It was really painful to be absent since we truly love these reunions and the renewed friendships, especially now since we only get together annually. Physically it was even more painful since my ongoing back problems would not allow me to sit in a car let alone drive it. Nevertheless, the reunion was on my mind the entire 3 days and we are sure all of you that attended had a fabulous time, even without me. We understand that Donna Wampler did an outstanding job once again of organizing the reunion and decorating the hospitality room.

Thank you Donna for you efforts! We also understand that the new float was a huge success. Last, but not least, thank you all for the beautiful get well cards. Your thoughtfulness meant so very much and was truly appreciated.

Unless you want me to write about the Pittsburgh weather, Steelers, or the approaching winter, we guess this pretty much sums it up for now. The approaching winter does give us an excellent opportunity to wish you all a very safe and blessed Thanksgiving, joyous Christmas, and a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

As is our custom, we will end by expressing our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the association staff who contribute so much to keep "this ship afloat"; John & Dorothy Lichoff, Mike & Jan Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Barry & Marlene Stark, Roger & Bev Reller, and Donna & Dwayne Wampler.

Sincere thanks to all of you.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Chuck Wazenegger

PS: Happy Birthday US Navy! We are now 243 years old.

Some Notes from John Lichoff

Shipmates/Spouses, Significant Loved ones,

Where has the summer gone? It seems as if last week spring had arrives and here it is fall. My how time flies when we are having fun!

Graduations are over and getting ready for next year's. Some of us are just getting used to the Empty Nest Syndrome.

I noticed some new inventions that were on the market when our daughters and last son were gone. The one I liked best was that they made a NEW hot water tank and hot water was readily available. Also I notice several new items for the home. I could leave the bath room door open if I wanted and there were Snacks and goodies left in the fridge. NO FIGHTS OVER THE REMOTE.

Yet you still have trouble over that empty space that has occurred since they left.

Our youngest son Doug finally retired from the Air Force after 21 years. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant and now resides in Phoenix Arizona. (Looking forward to winter visits with him)

Our Grandson Connor (the one that came to Warren all the time) graduates this year. He wants to be an

electrician and has been accepted into the program already. He is now 6 foot tall.

Our granddaughter in Arkansas graduates in December and goes to grad school in January in Texas. She wants to be a sports trainer at college level.

Her brother Josh is getting married Oct 13. We're looking forward to this.

Their dad (Dan Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman) now loves his man cave.

Please note

John is not receiving many notices or hearing about what's going on with shipmates. Please keep him informed so that he can keep our records up to date. Please be sure to update your mailing and e mail addresses , phone numbers , and info about illnesses and deaths.

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NEW FIND

Welcome Aboard
James (Jim) Butler IC1 62-65

THINKING OF YOU

Sick/.Surgery//Treatments/Recovery
Please keep in your prayers.
Chuck Wazenegger
Don Bond
Eles Barnes, Jr.
Leonard Buck
Ed Lanahan
Joe Fanali SN/FN 63-65 broken hip

CONDOLENCES

To Paul Tucker on the loss of his beloved wife
Brenda

NOTE BENE

Ed Lanahan finally got things straightened out with the VA about asbestos on the Salamonie. Ed says that if you have any questions or problems he will give you the information. Call him at (704) 438-6166.

Summer 2017 Reunion Notes from John Lichoff

Our summer reunion at Warren this past July was a good one and a lot of fun.

Doc Blanchard came down and brought his restored beautiful car to show everyone.

John Gilliam and Mike Stokes put on a musical for everyone at the motel.

The music and songs were great and we can't thank them enough for the performance.

Don Bond was able to make an unexpected and short visit to see everyone. Dee was able to get him in the van and make the trip. It was very tiring but a good trip and it was a treat for everyone to visit with Don before he and Dee had to go back home.

Donna Wampler (Don & Dee's Daughter) did a great job with decorating the meeting room and setting up treats. Thanks to Donna for her efforts.

A lot of remodeling work is being done at the museum and civic center. A brand new kitchen was redone and brought up to code and safety regulations. They were trying to raise money for two new stoves for the Civic Center.

We had an officers meeting to go over our finance's. We had approximately \$3000.00 in our building fund. This money is "NOT" from our dues money. This is money that you have given to us for whatever expenses or donations that we might need for the museum.

The officers of the USS Salamonie unanimously agreed to donate \$2,300.00 for two stoves for the kitchen in the name of the USS Salamonie A0-26.

New-New-New

We now have a beautiful new USS Salamonie Float that Karen Herr, Her Husband and Taya Decker built. Karen got merchants to donate a trailer for use and supply's for the float. Thanks to Karen and her crew for a job well done.

Please take the time to renew your Dues donation ASAP. They are important as to keeping us in the black and able to

function in our endeavors for the Salamonie.

**Greetings from your Treasurer
Mike Seidel**

**Hello Fellow Salamonie
Shipmates**

I hope that this finds all of you doing well.

As I have been learning getting older is not as much fun as I thought it would be but really have few complaints. As you know we were in the 4th of July parade in Warren this year. As always we are treated well by the town folks. It is an expensive trip for me as we stop at a Casino on the way from Rochester MN and I never win!! LOL. We also do not lose much if any so it is a good half way for us. I know John told you how we spent your money and I am so pleased that we could use it for the good of the building in which our museum is housed. It is always good to be there and again look at my dress blues! I still wonder how I got into those looking at me now. Now must be the part of my notes to you when I ask for more money? We are coming up again on that time of the year when the 2019 dues are to be paid. I asked John to get me cards for all of you saying you are a paid up member for 2019. It will be fun sending them out to all of you.

Remember that the newsletter has a cost to print and mail it. I must add a note to this also. If not for Rita doing what she does we would all be in trouble. She really helps keep us afloat!! Thanks to all of you!!

DUES

Dues are still at the amazing low price of \$25.00.

Your dues help to keep the Association afloat.

**Make your check out to USS Salamonie and
send it with this form to**

Mike Seidel

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Additional donations can be made to the:
Knight-Bergman Civic Center



**Happy Veterans' Day
November 11, 2018
Thank You for your Service**

USS Salamonie Postage Fund

You may make a donation for any of the following:



**Best Wishes for
the many Winter Holidays
Enjoy!**

Your Name: _____

_____ Knight-Bergman Civic Center

_____ USS Salamonie Postage Fund

_____ Troop Care Packages

_____ Other (please indicate)

**Things to do ASAP
Pay your dues
Make a donation**

**# Enjoy the Fall
and Winter Weather**

**Watch for the Spring news
in April/May 2019.**

A note from Rita Wood
I have made cards for the following:
Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of you
Each features a picture of the USS Salamonie
and is sent from the members of the
Salamonie Association.

If you want me to send a card to one of our
members (or someone in their family)
please let me know the name and address
of that person. You can send it to my e mail,
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One Box at a Time
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