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A Message from our President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

Once again we had a fantastic time at our Warren reunion during the Salamonie Festival in June. This was the 50th anniversary of the festival and Warren put forth an extra effort to make it a memorable one. We had a good turnout and many visitors to the museum. It was very impressive to see the number of people who were interested in the Salamonie and our history. The only glitch was literally "rain on our parade" Friday night which forced postponement to Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately, many of us were well on our way home by then, but a few stayed to ensure that the Salamonie was represented. Now we can look forward to 2018.

Unfortunately, 2017 was a year of disasters and turmoil. Three Category 5 hurricanes, one Cat 2 (and hurricane season is still not over), unprecedented fires in California, major earthquake in Mexico, massacre in Vegas, the collision of 2 frigates (same class and same fleet) with merchant ships costing us the lives of 17 sailors for no reason (if any of you have any ideas on how the impossible happened, I would love to hear your opinion because I have no clue), and of course, the selfishness and greed once again demonstrated by the

NFL along with inexcusable ignorance and disrespect toward the anthem, flag, military, and we veterans. We could discuss this subject at length, but let us just say that there is an NFL rule (page A62-673 of their rule book) that reads in part that players and coaches will be on the field during the anthem, standing at attention and facing the flag. Furthermore, there is a federal law (36 US Code 301 - National Anthem) that reads in paragraph 1C as follows "all other persons (other than the military and veterans already addressed) present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, it applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart". So, not only do these "people" blatantly break their own rules, but they violate the law!

As we approach the holiday season, we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Once again we thank Dorothy & John Lichoff, Jan & Mike Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Bev & Roger Reller, Marlene & Barry Stark, and Donna & Duane Wampler for their efforts and contributions to this association.

Best wishes,

Chuck

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Some Notes from John Lichoff

Shipmates:

Where did the summer go? It seems that it was spring yesterday and today is fall. Mother Nature is fair but very cruel to us against Father Time.

Dorothy and I enjoyed our summer meeting and seeing our shipmates and their significant other at the functions that we were able and fortunate to attend.

Our July 4th reunion in Warren was a huge success this year. The Salamonie museum is coming along greatly. We came to Warren with our Grandson Connor and Granddaughter Ainsley a day before everyone else.

Connor and I were able to put the finishing touches in assembling the Memorial bench that the USS Salamonie purchased in memory of Lilly Nutter and getting it outside. It is anchored on a concrete pad facing the play areas and baseball diamond where the mother's can sit and watch their children from all angles.

A small dedication service was held with crew, family, and friends attending.

On October 12, Dorothy and I went back to Warren to do some work in the museum. I was able to

enclose the USS Salamonie ships model in glass and now can be viewed from all sides. We spent three hours doing various clean ups and straightening up.

Unfortunately there was a big leak in the roof and severe water damage was done in our meeting room. Plaster has come down all along the south wall and west wall creating a big mess to the room.

Unfortunately again I found out that the insurance company would not cover this damage. The civic center is trying to get the necessary repairs done, Plastering, dry wall, wood repair, painting are all being attacked and with a shortage of funds with all the damage all over the building, it was going to take some time to get things done.

I made a couple of phone calls to Mike Seidel and Chuck Wazenegger to see what we can do to help. After concurring with them I was able to get the Knight-Bergman board together in our conference room and we were able to make a donation from our fund for \$1000.00 for paint and material to help offset the cost of repairs to our rooms.

July 4th 2018, Salamonie Reunion Warren:

July 4th this year is in the middle of the week.

(Wednesday) The Salamonie festival will be the weekend before the 4th.

June 28, Check in, June 29 Parade, and June 30 Banquet.

We will be staying and the same motel as before.

Comfort INN 7275 S. 75 Rd. East

Warren, Indiana 46792

(260) 375-4800

When you call for reservations, use the USS Salamonie block for rooms reserved.

The next Fleet Tanker Reunion for 2018 will be in Jacksonville, Florida with the USS Sabine being the host. It will take place from May 9 thru 12 2018.

2017 Reunion with the Fleet Tanker group

Fleet Tanker Reunion Cruise 2017

USS Sabine, USS Salamonie, USS Kalamazoo.

This was a great and fun cruise and to all that were not able to go, you missed a great cruise and wonderful time.

Due to the hurricanes hitting and destroying the Caribbean, the cruise company re-routed us to the Western side of the Gulf of Mexico with ports of call at Cozumel, Belize, and Costa Maya. We had 20 couples and one grand-daughter on the cruise.

There were 4 couples from the Salamonie, John & Dorothy Lichoff, Cecil Blain & Raina & Kim McCulley, Jim & Jane Stewart, Russell Carter & Jan Callasch.

Lilly's Legacy – One shoe Box at a Time.

Taya Decker has stepped forward and wishes to carry on the project. Janice Jordon-Ryan has turned everything over to her. Mike Seidel and I have had her added to the account and replaced Janice.

Taya is in need of address of troops in harm's way. Please help her with names of friends, nephews, nieces, cousins, and family.

Taya was Lilly's care taker.

One Shoe Box at a Time

A Letter from Taya Decker

It is my honor to carry on Lilly's Care Package Project.

Janice Jordon-Ryan took over Lilly's project in Sept. 2015 while Lilly was still alive and Lilly provided her with the instructions of how she did everything and what she would pack. After your reunion in July 2017, Janice approached me and asked if I knew anyone that would want to carry on the project. I told her I would do it. At the beginning of September, 9/8/17, Janice brought me the check book with \$367.71 at IAB Bank, (soon to be called First Merchants Bank) and several empty shoe boxes, and some brown wrapping/packing paper, and some magazines.

Janice had been sending to two different ladies for the last few months, however one of the boxes was returned, at the end of September.

I know of a unit that is going to be deployed to Afghanistan in the near future, and have a person that will be sending me their address when they have it. The group of sewing ladies at Heritage Pointe make hand made dolls that are usually donated to the local Children's Hospital, and Janice gave me one of those. She indicated she generally puts one in a box and tells the military person to give it to a child over there, in the hospital if they have access. She said she could provide a doll each month if I wanted to add to the package.

When I get some names, I will need to get supplies gathered to go into the boxes, or find someone to donate the funds, so I can go to either Sam's Club or COSTCO, to stock up on hard candies, beef jerky or whatever might be desired to go into the boxes. Ask the local dentist if they will donate toothbrushes, etc.

As long as there are military family members in harm's way, I know Lilly would want to see this project continued. I just need to have access to some names so if any of your group can provide names and addresses for them I will be happy to pack and send a care package.

I am considering setting up a different email address for this project. For now, my personal email address is taya.decker@gmail.com

Best regards
Taya Decker
P.O. Box 45
Huntington, IN 46750 Email : taya.decker@gmail.com
Cell # 260-438-0454 - Voice mail or Text messages

Welcome Aboard:

Since our last News Letter these missing crewmates were found:

William Ballis	SN	59-61
Harold Honeycutt	SM2	64-67

Since our last newsletter these crew members have died:



Honor Roll

Bob Giles	LTJG	58-59
Gene Falcone	FN/FC	46-47
Henry Reidel	SN	44-46 (Life Member)
Clyde Barnes	FT3	43-45(Life Member)
Donald Bennett	QM1	45-46
William K. Blankenship	WT3	44-46
Raymonda Ferwerda	SN	43-44
Walter Marchand	T2	43-44
Edward Gibson	FN	46-47
Gregory R. Leoce	FN1	46-48
Richard Opper	BT3	69-60
Daniel Jewell Larson	BMSN	67
John Steinhauer	GM3	46-47 (Life Member)



Sick/Surgery/Treatment/Recovery -
Please keep them in your prayers.

Don Bond
Eles Barnes Jr.
Leonard Buck
Joe Cuneo
Jimmy Burton
Larry Pumroy
George Perrault

(If you need any address or phone numbers:
Call me (419) 668-8666)

Note Bene:

Our Warren friends Tom Applegate and Marilyn Morrison will have knee surgery soon.

USS Salamonie Hats

John Lichoff had requests for hats. He ordered 24 hats, 12 regular and 12 summer mesh.

The cost will be \$15.00 PPD, for both styles and he will fill the orders on a first come first served until they are gone.

Make check payable to USS Salamonie and mark Hats on check.

Send to:
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(419) 668-8666
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Nota Bene

John has received a few phone calls from time to time from crew members or from their children stating their dad's wanting to know why they don't get the news letter anymore. The reasons have all been the same. They have moved and did not give us a forwarding address.

John keeps a record of all returns and when he reads the address on file to them it shows that they have failed to update the address.

PLEASE keep John up to date on changes in addresses, phone numbers (cell's etc), and e-mails.

John and Rita Wood try hard to keep you informed but if there are changes in your contact information that you have not given to us it is impossible to send a newsletter to you.

A note from Rita Wood

I have made cards for the following:

Get Well

Sympathy

Thinking of you (for encouragement)

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,

RLW313@aol.com

or to my address 47 Brown Terrace,
Portsmouth RI 02871.

If you send an e mail please put USS Salamonie

on the subject line.



The USS Constitution

BOSTON –

The USS Constitution set sail for the first time in three years to celebrate the Navy's birthday and the anniversary of the Constitution's first launch.

The world's oldest commissioned warship sailed from Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston on Oct. 20, 2017.

The wooden ship traveled to Fort Independence on Castle Island, where it fired a 21-gun salute. An additional 17-gun salute was fired as the ship passed the U.S. Coast Guard station, the former site of the shipyard where the Constitution was built and launched in 1797.

It was the warship's first sail since October 2014, and commemorates the Navy's 242nd birthday and the 220th anniversary of the Constitution's launch.

The ship earned its nickname "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812.

LOL

John Lichoff saw a T Shirt in Georgia that he plans to order for himself. It has an American flag on the back with the words on top of the flag saying: "You stomp on my flag" and on the bottom:"I'll stomp on your ass."

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If you have a computer you can visit our web site.
You will find lots of interesting items such as:

- Ship's History
- Pictures
- The Fantail Scuttlebutt (our newsletter)
- Crew Members
- Honor Roll
- Reunion Information
- The Association

□ **Greetings from your Treasurer**
Mike Seidel

Hey! This is your treasurer telling you that we need money! What more can you expect from me? We can always find a use for your dues for the good of all.

My other reason for sending this note is that I had an experience that has been with me since it happened and I need to talk about it. Many of you know that I was a YN3 and served on the Salamonie in 1961 and 1962. I then came home and farmed with my father for a few years, welded for a couple for a manufacturing company and then in 1967 became a Police Officer in Rochester, MN. I have been retired from that job for 21 years.

I meet with retired cops and one of them pointed out an obit that listed a fellow who had served on the Salamonie. I thought it would be nice to have the Salamonie represented so I attended the wake wearing my Salamonie shirt and hat. I introduced myself to the family and learned that a son had served in the Navy in the 80's. Rochester has a large bell that is rung at Vet's funerals and after the wake we all came out to the bell. There were about 70 people there. His son approached me and asked if I would do a reading of the things his father had done in his life. The son felt that he could not do this because he was too emotional. I said yes and asked if I might add something and he agreed. After the ringing of the bell I told the folks who I was and how honored I was to read the man's accomplishments. I finished with the Navy "Fair Winds and Following Seas" remark and they all applauded. I have since heard from the family and told them how much it meant to have the Salamonie represented there. Sometimes little things in life make a huge difference and I think this did. Thanks for reading this and remember that the little things in our lives are probably the most important.

Nota Bene

The USS Salamonie served her country from 1941 until 1968.

She was placed on reserve on 23 August 1968 and decommissioned on 20 December.

Salamonie's name was struck from the Navy list on 2 September 1968.

She was transferred permanently to the Maritime Administration and laid up on the James River.

She remained there until 24 September 1968 when her hulk was sold to N.U. Intershitra of the Netherlands for scrapping.

DUES

Just a reminder

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

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(507- 226-8698)

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Additional donations can be made to the:
Knight-Bergman Civic Center
USS Salamonie Postage Fund
Troop Care Packages

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Things to do ASAP
Pay your dues
Make a donation
**# Think about registering a room
for the July 4th Reunion in
Warren**
**# Enjoy the Fall and Winter
Holidays**