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A Message from our President, Chuck Wazenegger

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

This, to say the least, has been a bittersweet, frustrating, and upsetting year for all of us as we continue to be "pinned down" by this virus. Travel plans have been cancelled and quality time with family and friends has been dramatically reduced, if not eliminated all together. Now as we approach the holiday season, happy gatherings with family and friends will be just something to think about and remember what it used to be. Nevertheless, if we are safe and well, we have much to be thankful for, and that must be foremost in our minds.

On a sadder note, we recently lost Don Bond. Don was very active with association affairs and was our treasurer until it was necessary for him to resign because of Parkinson's disease, and it was this dread disease that finally took his life. Don was a

close friend who we will miss very, very much. and not soon forget.

As we enter a new year in 2021, we look forward to hopefully renewing our Warren reunion. We truly missed everyone this year and pray it does not happen again. In the meantime, please have a blessed Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year and let us all be grateful for what we do have and try not to worry about what we don't have.

As always, we must thank John and Dorothy Lichoff. Jan and Mike Seidel, Rita and Dave Wood, Bev and Roger Reller, Marlene and Barry Stark, and Donna and Duane Wampler, and Stephanie (who continues to put up with me) for all their time and effort to keep this association functional.

Also, a special thank you to Taya Decker who so graciously keeps our Shoe Box Project alive and well.

Wishing you all fair winds and following seas. Chuck

**Messages from our Vice-President
John Lichoff**

Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others,
As we begin the upcoming Holiday Season, let us not forget those who have passed this past year. Please remember our Veterans, those who have served and those who are serving. I ask that all reach out to someone this year that has suffered a loss, sickness, health related and alone to remind them that we still care and that they are not forgotten.

This year of the covid epidemic has put a big strain on everyone. Yet we are strong and we will prevail. Dorothy and I are doing well and have been fortunate enough to have escaped everything and are remaining in good health and good spirits. Our expected travels that we had planned, vacation and reunion trips were put on hold.

On September 17th I went in for a routine health check and they found that I had a low heart rate. I had no symptoms that anything was wrong and I felt fine. The border line was 40 and at that time I was a 37. In the hospital it dropped to 27 and I was dying in my sleep. I had emergency surgery for a pace maker and now everything is up and running and all ok. I want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls and cards.

Most of you know that we lost one of our mainstays and shipmate, Donald Bond. Don fought his Parkinson's disease to the end. Dorothy and I were able to attend his funeral in Indiana and I was honored to be in the Honor Guard at the cemetery. The USS Salamonie Association made a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation in Don's name.

We recently had 5 troops return home from deployment that had received packages from Taya. We need more addresses of those serving in harm's way. Thank you to Taya for a job well done.

**“The United States has the largest
and best Navy in the world.”**

Robert Zubrin

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**Welcome Aboard to a
New Find**

Edward A. Muller 61-63 BMSN

A Message from Dee Bond

The family of Don Bond's hearts have been touched by all the cards and emails received after his passing. He loved his Navy experiences and being part of the U.S.S. Salamonie Association.

So many good friends have been made and fun times were had whenever we were on a reunion trip, in Warren for a 4th of July celebration, or visiting with our dear Lily.

We were so happy John and Dorothy were able to come to the funeral, and John participated in the honor guard at the burial service.

Don's memorial will have an image of the U.S.S. Salamonie at sea etched on a black granite headstone.

All of his crew members hold a special place in our hearts. God bless.

USS Salamonie Association Shoe Box Project Taya Decker

Please send names and addresses of service people in harm's way so that I can send them a shoe box filled with goodies. If you know someone please send their name and address to:

Taya Decker
PO Box 45
Huntington, IN 46750
Or call her at (260) 438-0454

Thank you all for continuing the support of the shoe box care packages. I have enjoyed corresponding with those that have received the packages this year. We prepared and sent 6 packages for 3 months, and now I am down to just one name. I am happy that 5 of the 6 men and women have returned home. I am getting ready to send a package this weekend with some special request items in them, and will be sending another box the first week in December. That will have some special Beef Jerky that is part of a local school's FFA fund raising program. A parent purchases it from the local FFA chapter and donates it to the contents of the

boxes that I am packing. I have Pringles going out in the next box as a special request. I'm looking for the small lunch box containers for next time. Merry Christmas to you all, and hope you are all doing well.

Hugs, Love and Prayers,
Taya

A Message from Karen Lane

As an assistant Girl Scout troop leader I wanted to thank everyone from the U. S. S. Salamonie for putting together your links page! I've been putting together a list of activities for our troop's Forgotten Soldiers Outreach patch that we're working on this month

Unfortunately, with all the uncertainty still happening with COVID, our troop has decided to continue postponing all in person meetings, just to be safe. We're hoping to resume our regular schedule sometime in early 2021. Fingers crossed. The girls really miss each other and how life used to be. (Don't we all?) That being said, we still encouraged parents to work with the girls at home to ensure we don't fall too far behind!

The Forgotten Soldiers Outreach patch teaches the girls about organizations that help support our service members that are deployed around the world. Your web page led us to some great sites to check out to help the girls with this patch - thanks for putting it all together!

I was also hoping you could add another link to your page? I asked the girls to email me any websites or guides they thought were noteworthy. One of the girls, Anna, found this military discount guide that I was very impressed with.

This it... <https://couponfollow.com/military>
Can you add a link to it on your page? <http://salamonie.homestead.com/Links.html>

I think veterans and military families would find it helpful, especially with these hard times upon us.

Let me know if you include it. I would LOVE to show Anna and her parents! I know Anna would be delighted to see she could help others.

It's always nice to get some recognition for a job well done!

Our Troop has a Zoom call Wednesday evening if you get a free moment to include it at some point by then...but if not, whenever you get a chance to add it is great!

Thank you for all your help!

Warmly,

Karen Lane k.lane@fairviewsca.org

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This item is on the website at the bottom of the list of links as: Military Discount Guide.



Get well soon.

**Chuck Wazenegger Leonard Buck
Joseph Manuele Ed Lanahan
Elnar Schavland John Moliere
Roger Reller George Perrault
Karen Herr
Donna Wampler**

If you need an address or phone number, please call John Lichoff at (419) 668-8666.

A Note from John Lichoff

If you know about anyone who is sick or has passed please let John Lichoff know so that a Salamonie get well or sympathy card can be sent. He will also contact them to see if we can help in any way. If you would like to send a card call John Lichoff for the address.

(419) 668-8666

A Note from Rita Wood

I have made an assortment of cards with a picture of the USS Salamonie on the front.. You can request one from me by sending the type of card and the name and address of the recipient to me at RLW313@aol.com or (401) 683-1468. When John Has info about a person needing a card ,he lets me know and I send a card to them.

From Rita Wood

I have scattered several quotes about the Navy throughout this newsletter. If you know of a good one, send it to me and I may use it in the next newsletter!

“I’ve received many honors and I’m grateful for them; but I’ve already received the highest award I’ll ever received, and that is the privilege and honor of serving very proudly in anther United States Navy.”

Grace Hopper

“I’m glad I was in the Navy.”

Yogi Berra

“A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace.”

Theodore Roosevelt



**“Whatever is Beautiful.
Whatever is Meaningful.
Whatever brings you
Happiness.
May it be yours this
Holiday season
and throughout
the coming year.**

**A Message from our Treasurer,
Mike Seidel**

Greetings from your treasurer. . Hope all is well!! It has been quite a year for sure. You would not believe how high my liquor store bill has gotten because I have to stay home. Of course we need your dues to help me pay that (just kidding)! We are doing ok with the monbut as you know we do need to keep it up so that our spot in Warren is kept up to date.

I have really missed seeing all of you. I hope we can make to Warren again at the next reunion.

We are due for our first snow storm of the year in Rochester. A friend from Northern Minnesota told me that they have 10 inches re are 10 inches of snow on the ground. Guess that is what life is in the old states.

Jan and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary on October 22. I was stationed in Norfolk and we ran away and got married. The difference in our religions was a big deal then. They said it would never last but they were wrong.

I've said a lot that has nothing to do with the dues but please do send your 2021 dues to me as soon as possible. Oh yes, the dues are still \$25.00.

Mike Seidel
3211 Northern Valley Drive N.E.
Rochester, Minnesota 55906
Thanks to all!!

**“The Navy is not just a job,
it’s an adventure.”**
Unknown

**“If your ship doesn’t come in
SWIM
Out and meet it.**
Unknown

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**We hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving.
Please remember these reason to be thankful.**



**Be thankful For
Family and True friends
Puppy Dogs and Kittens
Sunsets and Sunrises
Cool breezes and Hot Times
Turkey and Pumpkin Pie
Great Reads and Wild Dances
Rain Showers and Rainbows
Snow Covered Mountains
Peanut Butter and Jelly**

