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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates and Navy Wives or Significant Others,

I understand that you all had a terrific time at the reunion and were kept busy as usual. Another outstanding Salomonie reunion is no surprise to me. Don't think there is any such thing as a bad one!

John tells me the banquet food was some of the best food he has ever eaten anywhere. Naturally that is the case since i wasn't there. That's always my luck! We saw the menu and my reaction was outstanding. Love everything.

When I found out we would not be able to attend. Bummer! Hopefully we can do as well in Virginia Beach. At least one night we hopefully will. My favorite restaurant anywhere is the Ship's Cabin next to Little Creek Naval Base. It is right on Chesapeake Bay with an outstanding view of the water, excellent service, and superb food. So we asked John and Curtis to schedule an evening during our stay. To be honest, we have not been there in about 16 years so we hope that we are not disappointed. Nevertheless, Ship's Cabin

is still there so they must be doing something right.

Thank you all for choosing Virginia Beach. I spent a lot of time at Norfolk and Little Creek Naval bases for active duty for training during my reserve years and we really enjoy the area. Since we will be there during the off season, it will not be crowded and we should have a terrific time. If you have never attended a reunion, we highly recommend this one!

I look forward to attending our event in Warren this year, so we are excited that we will see you there.

Finally, a sincere thank you to you all for the heartfelt card. All of your kind words and considerate notes truly cheered me up and we are most appreciative.

Best wishes,

Chuck Wazenegger

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*He was interred in Arlington on April 3, 2012 with full military honors. He was 97 years old.

New Finds

Welcome aboard

Ronald J. Evans BT2 55-59

James Harold Carter GM3 42-45

Tom Martens RM3 67-68

Sick/Surgery/Treatments

Please keep in your prayers . Send cards

Chuck Wazenegger

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Get Well Soon

DUES

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send your check made out to USS Salomonie to:

Don Bond

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Remember that your membership dues help to keep the association afloat.

Additional donations can be made for the following:

Knight-Bergman Civic Center

USS Salomonie Postage Fund

Troop Care Packages

Troop Packages

Lily Nutter has sent **1,134** packages to people serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. She's looking for names and addresses of others who are serving there so that she can send them packages, too. If you can help her, please send information to Lily Nutter, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.



**USS Salamonie Warren Reunion
June 28, 29, 30, 2012
4th of July Celebration**

Comfort Inn
7275 S. CR. 75 East
Warren, Indiana 46792
(260) 375-4800

HELP

Some of our newsletters were returned because they were unable to be forwarded. If you can help us locate any of these people please let John Lichoff or Don Bond know.

**Clark Anderson
Vernon Anderson
Roger Babcock
Raymond Bell
Donald Bennett
Nicholas Carideo
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Walter Gagne
Jack Lucey
Norman Gilman
James Hooper
Thomas Tilseth
Calvin Willhoite**

When you call for your reservation, make "SURE" to tell them that you are with the USS Salamonie and we have rooms reserved either under John Lichoff or USS Salamonie.

The manager's name is Angela Michaud and she will help you with reservations.

There are 25 rooms reserved and when you call to make reservations ask for non smoking or handicapped rooms if needed.

The phone number for the motel is (260) 375-4800 and the cutoff date is June 20, 2012, so they can rent out the unneeded rooms.

The parade will be held on Friday, June 29, 2012. (The activities are always held on the weekend preceding the 4th.)

The banquet will be on Saturday, June 30, 2012. The price is \$16.00 per person including the gratuity. Banquet reservations can be made through Don Bond when you get to Warren. You can pay him then, also.

**We will man the cookout this
year for the Civic Center.**



*USS Salamonie AO-26
Annual Reunion in St. Louis
April 18, 2012 to April 22, 2012*



The reunion was well attended and a great time was had by all. We were able to see many wonderful sites, including going up into the Arch, Budweiser Brewery and Grant's Farm to name just a few.

Several people were able to go to a St. Louis Cardinal's baseball game at Busch Stadium and we were recognized several times on the giant score board.



2013 Reunion

The 2013 USS Salamonie Reunion will be held in Virginia Beach. The program is being put together and details will be in the next newsletter.



Things to do ASAP

- Pay your 2012 dues
- Register for the Warren Reunion
- Get ready for the parade

Fleet Tanker Association

The Fleet Tanker Association is having their annual reunion in Charleston South Carolina September 26-30 2012.

The following ships that will be there so far are: USS Sabine AO-25, USS Salamonie AO-26, USS Chemung AO-30, USS Saugatuck AO-75 and USS Tamalpais AO-96.

Dorothy and I are planning to attend and have our reservation already made.

If anyone is interested in also attending, please contact me at (419) 668-8666 and I will give you the information..

John D. Lichoff RM3 57-59

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

President John F. Kennedy,
1 August 1963, in Bancroft Hall at the U.S Naval Academy