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**A Message from the President**

Dear Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others,

Virginia Beach is now behind us and all those who attended can attest to a fabulous reunion. We had beautiful oceanfront rooms with a very friendly and accommodating hotel staff. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the USS Donald Cook (DDG 75). We were made to feel most welcome by a very gracious crew, from the Captain to every seaman we encountered. No spaces were off limits and the Captain invited us to remain on board as long as we desired. It was an incredible experience. Another highlight was a visit to the Military Aircraft Museum. There were numerous buildings and numerous aircraft dating back to WWI. This museum is privately owned and operated. Don't know what the owner does for a living, but we would be

happy with a fraction of his money. The impressive thing about this museum is the fact that they fly 90% of their aircraft. It's hard to imagine. Those of you not in attendance missed a wonderful experience. We were joined for the first time by Jim Carter, a WWII Vet, and his son, Steve. We were thrilled to see Cruz Gonzales' widow, Bev, and his sister LaVonne, and as always we were delighted to see Pat Selmer, the widow of a shipmate and her friend Bob Potash who attend on a regular basis.

Warren is ahead of us and we truly hope you all make an effort to join us. As previously stated, the reception we received from the area residents is truly impressive and heartwarming and of course, gathering with our shipmates is always a memorable experience. I can't think of a better way to kick off summer. You will also meet Lilly, which

in itself makes the trip to Warren worthwhile.

We once again, sincerely thank Dee & Don Bond, Dorothy & John Lichoff, and Rita & Dave Wood for their unselfish time and efforts on our behalf. Without their involvement this association might very well be history.

Sincere best wishes to all of you,  
Chuck Wazenegger

### **Activities in Virginia Beach**

John Lichoff

The reunion in Va. Beach was well attended and we had 38 people show up for the banquet.

The Highlight of our tour was a group tour aboard the USS Donald C. Cook DDG57. We were met and piped aboard where the captain and XO personally met us and welcomed us aboard. After that they split us up into small groups of about 5 to 6 and we toured throughout the entire ship and were allowed to take all the pictures we wanted. They had a camera man there and took pictures of everything and are sending me a CD of all pictures for our Web site and museum.

### **USS Salomonie Association**

The financial report was audited and signed for our records: We are in good financial shape presently with no outstanding bills. Don Bond has complete report if needed. Don and Dee have done wonders getting all of our records and files in order and proper forms completed.

Chuck Wazenegger is preparing a letter and form for us and The Knight-Bergman Civic Center stating that whenever the Salomonie association no longer exists, all moneys in bank and other accounts will automatically revert to the center for the

upkeep of our museum. Right now all we have is a gentleman's agreement and a handshake for this.

## **USS Salomonie Association Officers and Board Members**

**President** – Chuck Wazenegger

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### **HONOR ROLL**

Dominic Anderoli SN 54-57

Eliot Swart LT 43-56

Harold Howell LT 64-66

### **WELCOM ABOARD**

**New Find**

**George Sadler BM2 44-46**

### **Sick/surgery/treatments**

### **Please keep in your prayers**

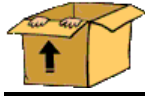
Chuck Wazenegger, Leonard Buck, Van Brown, Al Jirik, Marilyn Burton, Lois Perrault, Lillian and Bob Wheeler, Marge Cuneo.

Condolences to Andy Mosher on the loss of his beloved bride.



## 2014 Reunion

The 2014 reunion will be held in Wichita, Kansas from April 9-13, 2014. Enclosed are the Complete Reunion Package information and a registration form. We hope to see you there.



### A Report from Lilly Nutter

I mailed our 1,230th box and the balance remaining is \$684.15.

With my eyes wearing out after only 100 years of use I write the barest essentials and I'm so thankful I can continue doing this. The thank you letters from them make it so very important to me. Your museum will have a mountain of letters to read after all this is over. Thanks for all you are doing this for them and our country.

You KNOW none of this would have been possible had it not been for you veterans. My, how I appreciate what you've done, not only for the troops, but for my life as well. I see what other century old folk here are like, without the inspiration you've been for me. Just pray for me that my eyes last a bit longer. However I still don't have a single ache or pain.

Our loving Father has blessed me so richly, providing folks like you to take care of me.

Thanks, love & prayers.

Lilly

## WARREN INDIANA REUNION July 2013

This year Don and Dee Bond are in charge of all activities and events for Warren, Indiana and Fourth of July festiveness.



### **USS Salamonie Warren Reunion** **July 4, 5 and 6, 2013** **4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

#### GUEST HOUSE INN

730 West Logan Street  
Markle, IN

Located off Exit 286 (formerly Exit 86)

On I-69

(260) 758-8111

Room rate is \$49.99 per night plus tax.

This site was chosen because it offers a hospitality meeting room (beginning Thursday evening), a more complete continental breakfast, a separate lobby area, and a better "curb appearance". It has an elevator and showers only rooms (no tubs).

The hotel in Warren has no elevator, no meeting room and a moderate continental breakfast but reservations can be made there for the same price by calling (260)375-4888.

When you call for your reservation, make "SURE" to tell them that you are with the USS Salamonie group. Also, be sure to make your reservations soon as it's a "first come, first served" situation.

The parade will be held on Friday, July 5, 2013. We'll meet at the clinic as in the past at 6:00 PM for the parade schedule to start at 7:00 PM. We have some beads but you can bring more beads or candy to throw out to the kids along the way.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM. The price is \$14.00 per person. Banquet reservations **must be made** through Don Bond at 574-533-8835 **by June 30, 2013** because we must confirm the number of meals. Payment can be made the night of the banquet or mailed to Don Bond at 18940 Fillmore Drive, Goshen, IN 46528.

On Saturday, July 6, 2013 instead of a cookout we will have an **OPEN HOUSE** at the Knight-Bergman Center serving cookies and punch. Both the Warren and Salamonie Museums will be open. We will serve either on the lawn or at a room in the Center from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### **Some Notes of Interest**

Don and Dee Bond

In the event of rain the parade will be held on July 6.

Karen plans to transport us by bus to the banquet. We will carpool to the old Comfort Inn Parking lot and she will both pick us up there and return us back to our cars after the banquet.

Available for purchase will be Ole Sal Books and 9 black Salamonie hats.

John Tolen of the Warren Boy Scouts has indicated that the Scouts will be honored to carry our flag in the parade.

If you have any questions call Don or Dee at 574-533.8835.

### **NOTE BENE**

**Check out the USS Salamonie Website maintained for us by Tom Applegate at: [Salamonie.homestead.com](http://Salamonie.homestead.com)**

## **DUES**

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send this form along with your check made out to USS Salamonie Association to:

Don Bond, 18940 Filmore Drive,  
Goshen, IN 46528 574 533 8835.

<b>USS Salamonie Association Dues 2013</b>	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____
State:	_____ ZIP: _____
Telephone:	_____
I want my newsletter by E Mail at: _____	

### **Association afloat.**

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



Things to do ASAP:

- Pay your 2013 dues
- Reserve a room for the Warren July Reunion
- Have a lovely Spring!

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# USS SALAMONIE

## Complete Reunion Package

Includes: 4 Nights at Clarion Inn & Suites

7 Attractions

2 ½ Days of Area Transportation

Breakfast each A.M

5 Group Meals + Banquet Buffet

- Hospitality Room is open daily -

## Wichita Ks. Reunion

April 9-13, 2014

Clarion Inn & Suites

5805 W. Kellogg Wichita Ks



### Wednesday April 9, 2014

- 3:00 pm Check-in Clarion Inn & Suites
- 3:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens / Snacks
- 5:00 pm Everyone Meets in Hospitality Room
- 6:00 pm Dinner on own

### Thursday April 10, 2014

- 9:45 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
- 10:45 am Cosmosphere and Space Center
- 12:00 pm Lunch (Turkey or Ham Sandwich, Chips & Drink)
- 1:00 pm Cosmosphere Digital Dome Theater Film
- 2:00 pm Board and Depart for Salt Museum
- 2:30 pm Tour of Kansas Underground Salt Museum
- 4:45 pm Depart for Dinner at Amish Restaurant
- 5:15 pm Dinner at Carriage Crossing (Yoder Ks)
- 7:15 pm -Hospitality Room Opens



Moon Rock



Apollo 13 Capsule



### Friday April 11, 2014

- 9:30 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
- 10:00 am Cowtown Museum
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Bishops Family Dining (Buffet)
- 3:00 pm Back to Hotel
- 6:30 pm Diamond W Chuckwagon
- 9:15 pm Keeper of the Plains Memorial (Fire Display)
- 9:45 pm -Hospitality Room Opens -

### Saturday April 12, 2014

- 9:00 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
- 11:00 am Wyldewood Cellars Winery & Tasting
- 12:00 pm Lunch at DeFazio's Restaurant
- 1:30 pm Museum of World Treasures
- 3:00 pm Depart for Hotel / 3:30pm Arrive at Hotel
- 6:30 pm Banquet Dinner at Hotel / Cash Bar

### Complete Reunion Package Price

#### PER PERSON:

**TWO in Room: \$ 587**

**One in Room: \$ 819**

90% refunds for cancellations with 48 hours notice providing that the Attractions and Hotel refund DeeTours.

**Free Airport Shuttle from Clarion Hotel 5am to 11pm**

**To Register please fill out Registration Form (Form will be in Newsletter)**

**and return it to our friends at DeeTours LLC.**

**P.O. Box 953772 Lake Mary FL 32795 417-527-0808**

**E-mail: Curtis@DeeTours.us**

**\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2014**

**Extra Nights Lodging \$102.00 Including Tax**



**"USS SALAMONIE"** REUNION BEGINS: April 9, 2014 (Wed.) REUNION ENDS: April 13, 2014 (Sun.)

**1** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2** YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**3** LODGING - Handicap Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Smoking \_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Wheel Chair Seating: Transfer to Aisle Seat? YES NO

**5** AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICES: Available at additional cost.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Herein Client) do hereby hold harmless from any claims DeeTours llc. and all suppliers used in the final DeeTours llc. package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Client Signature Date

**\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2014 – Balance Due March 14, 2014**

**COMPLETE WICHITA PACKAGE: \$819.00 Per Person (1 in room) OR \$587.00 per person (2 in room)**  
**EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING \$102.00 Includes tax.**

<b>6</b>	<u># of Persons</u>	<u>\$ per Person</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
FULL Package (see above listed prices)	: _____	x \$ _____	= _____
# of EXTRA Room Nights	_____	x <b>\$102.00</b>	= _____

All pricing listed includes tax

Special needs? Diet, HC room etc.

**7** ADD ON Shows OR Services:  
 : \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**8** PAYMENT DUE: **GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**9** RETURN Completed form with payment to:

**DeeTours LLC. at P.O. 953772, Lake Mary Fl. 32795**  
 All Checks to be payable to: **DeeTours LLC.**  
**For additional information call DeeTours 417-527-0808**

**All Deposit and Balance payments must be paid by check or money order and mailed to the above address**

**This Section to be completed by DeeTours upon receipt of payment(s)**

DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ FINAL BAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_