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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

Those of you that attended the July 4th celebration in Warren know that we had a terrific time. The fun and comradery that we share is an experience to treasure and the bond between the community and Salamonie veterans continues to amaze. We had an open house at the museum that was extremely well attended and people were genuinely interested in the Salamonie and our experiences while serving. The Boy Scouts who carry the Salamonie flag in the parade collected \$253.45. Lilly presented the association with three awards at our banquet for our assistance with her care packages, one from an Indiana State Representative, one from the VFW who had two officers in attendance, and one from our President. Indeed, it was quite an honor and very emotional. We also presented Shelly Boxall, President of the Knight-Bergman Center with a letter officially designating the Center as the recipient of all Salamonie Association funds and property when the time comes that we no longer exist. The Center does an exceptional job with the dinner and they are most gracious. We also celebrated three wedding anniversaries at the dinner. Now our attention turns to the Kansas reunion in April. We truly hope that you all attend. You will not be disappointed and we are not getting any younger.

We express a very special thank you to Tom Applegate and Dee and Don Bond for their kind efforts assisting Lilly get used to her new WOW computer which the association purchased for her so that she can continue to pursue her untiring efforts supporting our troops. It took some time, but all is well as of last reports.

With the holidays approaching, we pray that you all have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season with family and friends. Let us be grateful that we have each other and pray for those less fortunate.

We again take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to Dorothy & John Lichoff, Dee & Don Bond, and Dave & Rita Wood for their continued efforts and assistance,

Best wishes,

Chuck Wazenegger

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WELCOME BACK

Rodney L. Stewart LCDR

Sick/surgery/treatments Please keep in your prayers

Pat Whiteside, Bev Madore, Al Jirik,
Lois Perrualt, Vickie Snead.

Condolences

Andy Mosher on the loss of his wife of 43
years, Marie
Lilly Nutter on the loss of her son and sister



12/12/13

On this date Lilly Nutter will be 101 years young. Please send her a birthday card.

Ms. Lilly Nutter

801 Huntington Avenue
Warren, IN 46792-9402



A Tribute to John Lichoff from Lilly Nutter

More than 11 years ago, the veterans of the fames USS Salamonie Association came to Warren in search of a home for their treasured museum.* When John Lichoff, president of the group, heard about my “boxes for the troops”, he didn’t hesitate a moment to say they would adopt my project by paying for the postage.

It’s difficult to describe all he personally defined the word “adopt”. One outstanding gift was driving hundreds of miles to take me to Norwalk to be thanked by the troops...a gala celebration with cake, interviews and more.

Another special event he planned was taking me to Huntington for the surprise award from the National VFW. He planned a special party for my 99th birthday in the dead of winter snows.

What a shining example of an American veteran is John Lichoff.

I just had to share this with his group as I am certain that many were unaware of these facts.

May our loving Father continue to bless John and his wonderful wife, Dorothy. With love and thanks from Lilly Nutter.



**Mayor Honors Navy Veteran
Our Own George Perrault**

An article in the Saline Post stated that after proclaiming a week “Veterans’ Week” week the mayor, Brian Marl, honored U.S. Navy veteran George Perrault with a proclamation. George and his wife, Lois, have live in Saline since the 1970’s and he served in the Navy for more than twenty years.

The mayor noted many of George’s accomplishments including the fact that he represented the Navy in the Color Guard overseeing the casket of John F. Kennedy in the White House Rotunda in 1963.

George’s passion is for the correct display of the United States flag and he has visited local businesses to remind them of flag etiquette when their flags are damaged or worn.

He has helped organize Memorial Day activities and is involved in a “VFW effort that shops for goods and sends packages overseas to service men and women”. Tim Driscoll, Commander of Saline’s American Legion Post noted that “George’s commitment to the country has been stellar.” He also noted that George is “driven by love for the Americans who serve the country.”

The article noted that the recognition came as a shock to George because he thought he was attending the meeting for the purpose of the proclamation of Veteran’s Week. George said that his reasons for serving are simple: “I’ve been with the service for 38 years. It’s in my blood.”

Congratulations to our USS Salamonie friend for an honor well deserved.



George went to Dallas in November on the anniversary of JFK’s death.

**Visit to Dallas
George Perrault**

I went to Dallas with my 16 year old granddaughter and when I got home I was bogged down with some 95 emails, mail and honey do lists and I’m just getting back on schedule

I have finally put closure on this. Being in DC when it happened”, seeing his gravesite in Arlington just days after, spending almost a whole day in Dealy Plaza and the Texas School Book Depository and yes even went to Oswald’s gravesite. The whole scene was surreal, just like all the photos I have seen over the last 50 years.



Report from Lilly Nutter

As of November 15, 2013, 1288 packages have been sent to those serving overseas.



Lilly’s Computer

WOW
Dee Bond

Lilly is legally blind, but is able to distinguish some images in black and white. When Microsoft discontinued supporting WEBTV (which was in black and white), we searched for a replacement that would most closely match what she was used to using to correspond with the active military men and women she sends packages to. We selected a computer called a WOW, which has a large screen, keyboard, the email screen is in black and white, and is advertised to be for

grandparents, not their grandchildren. The company gave us a discounted price when we told them about Lilly, and offered her lifetime support. We also had the option to return the computer for full credit if she was not able to adjust.

Well our miracle 100 year old lady never gives up. She uses a strong LED light to see the outline of the black and white images but she was unable to see the colored icons on the wow. The WOW support people told us it is not possible to change the colored icons to black and white, so we discussed an idea I had about marking the side of the computer somehow so that she could find the icons she needed to use the WOW.

Her daughter came to visit and Lilly shared my idea with her. Her daughter attached a 3” wide strip of white cardboard to each side of the computer and printed each application alongside the icon in large black letters. A black line under each category created a separation between applications. Now Lilly can shine the light in “E-mail” and move her finger onto the screen to the right of the cardboard, or left if the icon is on the opposite side. E-mail or whatever application she selects is easily accessed. Tom Applegate volunteered his services to help her adjust to the new computer, and Lilly had another friend who came and sat with her.

You will be happy to know she tells me she is “taming the monster” and is actually E-mailing me and her soldiers using the WOW. She has definitely decided to keep it so Tom Applegate ordered and installed a new WOW compatible printer. Following is a portion of the e-mail Lilly sent.

“I’m sitting here with a happy grin on my face, with a new HP printer on a stool to the left of my computer! Saved a spot on top of my TV but the cord wouldn’t reach. But it looks comfy on the little stool and works perfectly. That Tom is a whiz; everything seems effortless for him.”

BEST WISHES FOR



We will be calling the support line when Don and I go to visit Lilly as another option may be available. The option would allow WOW to read her e-mails to her. I saw that option in the literature so we are keeping our fingers crossed as this would be another wonderful application that will make her even more independent.

DUES

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send your check made out to USS Salamonie to:

Don Bond
18940 Filmore Drive
Goshen, IN 46528
(574) 533-8835

**Remember that your dues help to keep
the Association afloat.**

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

USS Salamonie Association
Dues 2014

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Lilly Nutter and the Members of the USS Salamonie Association who were present at the Banquet in Warren, Indiana on July 6, 2013

An Article from the Warren Weekly
Warren, Indiana
July 26, 2013

USS Salamonie Banquet

Members of the USS Salamonie Organization were on deck Saturday, July 6 at 6 PM in the Knight –Bergman Center for a banquet in their honor.

Our own Lilly Nutter was responsible for several presentations that evening.

A plaque was presented by VFW Post 2689 and its Auxiliary “for outstanding contributions to support the Troops of the U.S. Military stationed throughout the world.

A certificate from State Representative Dan Leonard recognized the Veterans of the USS Salamonie “for their dedication and generosity to our men and women serving in active duty”. Thank you for your generosity of over \$12,000 in donations for postage on packages being sent to the troops. Your group represents everything that is right with America. I wish you all the best and may God bless your organization.

A letter from President Obama stating “Thank you for your dedication to our nation’s Veterans and your community. As beneficiaries of their courage and sacrifice, we have an obligation to those who have risked their lives to defend our freedom. Across our country, Americans are doing their part for the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the united States. By supporting them and paying tribute to their service, they help improve the lives of others and embody what is best about our Nation. I hope you take pride in your commitment to our veterans and active duty service members. May God bless and protect all those who serve, and may God bless the United States of America.”

Lilly also presented a Flag that she had received to Donny Stroud, museum curator. The flag had been flown during an Operation Iraq Freedom mission on October 10, 2008.

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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



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 -



Apollo 13
Capsule



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

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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

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

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EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING \$102.00 Includes tax.

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FULL Package (see above listed prices)	: _____	x \$ _____	= _____
# of EXTRA Room Nights	_____	x \$102.00	= _____

Special needs? Diet, HC room etc.

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Wichita is the 49th largest city in the United States and is located on the Arkansas River.

It is an area center of culture, media and trade. Pioneer trader Jesse Chisholm established a trading post on the site in 1860s and Wichita's position on the Chisholm Trail made it a destination for cattle drives heading north.

In the 20th century it became the "Air Capital of the World" where aircraft manufacturing became a huge industry. Healthcare is Wichita's second largest industry.

Wichita is a cultural center for Kansas. It has an Art Museum, a County Zoo, and a Kansas Aviation Museum as well as other places of interest.

Hattie McDaniel (Gone with the Wind) was born in Wichita. Wyatt Earp served as a lawman there. Gale Sayers and Barry Sanders were born there.



Things to do ASAP:

- Pay your 2014 dues
- **Make your reservations for the 2014 Reunion in Wichita, Kansas** It should be fun
- Have a Wonderful Holiday Season