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A Message from our President, Chuck Wazenegger

Dear Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others,

As you now know, the July 4th festivities and our reunion have been cancelled because of the “pain in the ass” virus. However, not to be deterred and in keeping with part of our motto, “any time, anywhere”, we do have a plan B. We are hoping to have our own festivities and reunion in Warren at the end of August on the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th. We’ll get together and enjoy each other’s company. As time marches on, we would truly hate to miss a year of sharing our friendships. We pray that this epidemic will have passed, or at least be under control, and that you can alter your schedules to allow this to happen. Sailors cannot easily be deterred and hopefully can get “the job” done as we did aboard the Sal.

Obviously, since we are all seniors and trying to protect ourselves during the past three months, we have been “confined to the ship”. The only person I have socialized with since March 25, other than Stephanie, was the

electrician and friend who came to repair our phone since Verizon would not enter our house. The only place we have been since then is at our house near Seven Springs Resort on two occasions just to have a change of scenery and keep from going “nuts”. There was no one else there nor did we stop anywhere along the way. This has been a very difficult time and we are sure that you all have similar stories that we can share in August. We pray that you and your family and friends are safe and healthy. Fortunately God has blessed us and protected us and everyone we know from the virus and we pray that He will continue to do so.

I hope that Plan B will work for all of us and allow us to come together this year. Rooms and the hospitality room have been reserved at the Comfort Inn. **We would truly appreciate it if you all would let us know if you will be able to attend so that we can make the necessary arrangements for beverages, snacks, dinner, etc.**

As always, we want to thank Dorothy & John Lichoff, Jan & Mike Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Bev & Roger Reller, Maureen & Barry Stark, Donna and Duane Wampler, Stephanie and

George Perrault for their time and continuing contributions to this association. Always remember that someone has to do the work.

God bless you and stay safe and stay well. Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Messages from our Vice-President, John Lichoff

Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others,

What the Hell has happened to our country and this pandemic that has occurred? The mandatory restrictions, cancellations, isolations and everyone running around with a mask on like they are going to rob a Candy Store are unreal. I do realize that we have a problem, but they have gone overboard on the general population as well as upon our kids and schools and the Senior class kids who were looking forward to their graduation ceremonies

Our home has not been upset too much and we have adapted to what has been mandated. We were fortunate to have almost everything we needed. We miss seeing our families and going out to eat. We hope and pray that all of you and your families made it through without any major problems.

So much for my soap box! Thank you.

There has been a question about dues and Life Membership. If you are a Life Member you **DO NOT** have to pay dues. If you want to contribute and donate to helping us with our upkeep of our museum and other endeavors (and the booze to keep our treasurer sane) all donations will be appreciated.

Your donation to the City of Warren for the park sidewalk is a worthwhile project and you can be proud that you had a hand in helping the handicapped move about easily. Chuck and my name are included in this effort, but the accolades must go to Mike Seidel for spearheading the project.

USS Salomonie AO-26 2020 Reunion

Warren, Indiana on August 27, 28, 29, 30, 2020

Comfort Inn, 7281 S. 75 Road East, Warren, Indiana 46792, (260) 375-4880

Chuck has a block of rooms reserved so when you make your reservations, just tell them that you are with the Salomonie.

Museum: At the reunion we will dedicate our new ship's model donated by Doug Bauer BM3 USS Windham County LST 1170. You can see a picture of the model at Salomonie.homestead.com.

Our care package (Lilly's one shoe box at a time) project is still working thanks to Taya Decker. I received this note from one of our departed crew's wife.

Dear John,

Wanted you to know our granddaughter, Sammie received the package and it brought her tears. She was thrilled with it, and of course surprised. I am late in my response. She received the package last month.

Sincerely,
Miriam A. Shirley.

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**USS Salamonie Association
Shoe Box Project**

Taya Decker wants the names and addresses of service people in harm's way so that she 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

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

Your Treasurer and Vice President have worked together to spend your money. As you all know we have our museum in Warren Indiana. The town has been good to us and we have been good to them. They are in the process of adding a sidewalk and a wider space for wheelchairs at one of the parks and asked for a donation. We were pleased to be able to use \$2,000 of your money for this good cause. John, Chuck and I requested that they give us some credit by placing a marker indicating that this was made possible because of a gift from the Salamonie Association. They indicated that they will do that! I am proud of the Salamonie Association when we are able to do this sort of thing.. I am also VERY pleased that we, with you generous dues and donations can be part of this. THANK YOU!

John Lichoff and Mike Seidel

More from the Treasurer

Speaking of money... It is that time of year when we talk about needing funds. The town of Warren will take care of our Museum when we can no longer do this and I hope we will have some money to keep the museum going. We also have some bills that just keep happening in regards to the Association. Please use these forms to pay your 2021 dues and/or make a donation. Send them to:

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

<p>USS Salamonie Association Dues 2021</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>E Mail: _____</p> <p>I prefer to get my newsletter via:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Snail mail <input type="checkbox"/> E mail </p>

**You may make a donation for any of the following
by sending your check with this form to the
treasurer.**

<p>Your name: _____</p> <p>\$____ Knight Bergman Center</p> <p>\$____ USS Salamonie Postage Fund</p> <p>\$____ Troop Care Packages</p> <p>\$____ Other (please indicate: _____)</p>

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.

Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, Sympathy, and Congratulations.

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 information about a person needing one of these cards he lets me know so that I can send a card.

A Message from Donna Wampler

I enjoy being the USS Salamonie Reunion Hostess. We might think about inviting Warren residents to our museum's OPEN HOUSE and dedication of the newest ship's model. We could just have punch and cookies; let the kids ring the bell, etc. I can coordinate this with Taya.

My husband took us camping one weekend to "decompress". It was good just to step away and hoping to have the rest of the summer "Smooth Sailing!" Our country is strong, I'm a tough gal, my husband is the greatest so we must just keep pushing through.

As of the end of last year my contract ended with my job. Therefore, I have embarked on a new adventure! Decided to give it a go and be a Field Claims Adjuster. Studying just started as the classes I was suppose to attend in Lexington, KY were cancelled due to Covid 19, therefore it's independent study for now to be licensed.

My parents are doing well. We have had some social distancing visits recently. Glad that summer is upon us and we can have more visits as well as just get out of the house and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air!

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

See ya in August!

Donna

A Note from Rita Wood

I like these items that were written by Admiral Mc Raven. They encourage us to do our best every day. **Some Ideas from Admiral William H. Mc Raven**, author of "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... And Maybe The World," explains how making your bed every morning can have a positive impact on your well-being and behavior throughout the rest of the day.

"I think it is the amount of time that it takes to make your bed. It doesn't take an hour to do, and yet you get this sense of accomplishment. The difference between going out for a 30-minute or an hour run or doing an hour's worth of weight training or going off and doing an hour of meditation — this takes you a couple of minutes. Some things are hard to do in the morning, and I think those are important, too. I mean, if you can get up every morning and do your run or do your PT that's great as well, but if you're not one of those persons still it's good to start off with a simple task that moves you forward.

"The idea of making the bed is that it gives one a sense of discipline. It's the same sense that you're going to get up and do something, but it's an easy task to undertake. You roll out of bed, you make it straight. It's not just about kind of throwing the covers over the pillow. It's about making your bed right and walking away and going, "OK, that's good. That looks good. As simple as it sounds, I'm proud of this little task I did. And that is really what I think sets the tone for the rest of the day."

Reunion Info

August 28: Final Fridays Concert at Riverside Park in Warren. The town wants to recognize the Salamonie crew for their donation to the park.

August 29: Salamonie Museum Open House
"Dedication of Salamonie model ship. Banquet will be at the Hotel.

When August approaches an announcement about the reunion will be sent out with information about activities. We hope that it will take place but it depends on the pandemic status at the time.

Take care and stay safe.