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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses,
and Significant Others,

Another fantastic time was had by all in July at the Salamonie festival in Warren, IN. We received a warm and gracious welcome, as usual, during the parade (no buildings toppled to the ground this year) and the museum was well attended. We extend a very special thank you to the Knight-Bergman Center Officers for another fabulous banquet dinner and Tom Applegate for a very interesting and heartwarming program. On a personal note, five people approached me during breakfast on Thursday to express "thank you for your service".

There are numerous association officer changes to note as a result of our meeting in Warren. Due to health concerns, Don and Dee Bond submitted their resignation as Treasurer and Warren Reunion Coordinator. Mike and Jan Seidel graciously offered their services as Treasurer and Don and Dee's

daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Duane Wampler volunteered to be the reunion coordinators. Roger Reller was elected trustee to fill the position vacated by Mike Seidel and Barry Stark was voted Co-Chaplin to fill the position vacated by Roger. We can't begin to thank the Bonds enough for their dedicated and expert service and we are most appreciative of the Seidels, Rellers, Starks, and Wampplers offering their kind assistance.

We now look forward to our next reunion in Washington DC and the dedication of the Salamonie Plaque in the Navy Memorial. We sincerely hope that this occasion will encourage your attendance. We expect that this will be an exciting reunion with all that here is to see in our nation's capital. Speaking of the plaque, the Starks were kind enough to purchase a smaller version and donate it to the museum. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.

In addition to those mentioned above, we again thank Dorothy and John Lichoff and Rita and Dave Wood for their continued and untiring efforts on behalf of the association.

We hope that you all have had a healthy and enjoyable summer. Until we meet again in DC, we wish you all “fair winds and following seas”.

Best Wishes,
Chuck Wazenegger

A Message from John Lichoff

Shipmates,

Another summer and reunions have passed us by. We have seen many changes and have lost some very good friends whose memories and wonderful moments will never be forgotten.

The biggest change to the Salamonie family was the surprise resignation and loss of Don and Dee Bond’s outstanding service as Treasurer of USS Salamonie due to his illness and both of their knowledge will be missed. Thank You Don and Dee.

We have a new slate of officers and looking forward to a new and healthy regime for the Salamonie family as a whole.

The old motel in Warren has been bought by a new owner and he has completely gutted and rebuilt the entire complex. It will reopen sometime in October and we will be staying there next Fourth of July. Don & Dee were there last week and personally talked to the new owner. More info will be coming at a later date.

Donna Wampler (daughter of Don & Dee Bond) has volunteered to be our hostess for our Warren reunions. Welcome aboard Donna.

Things are in place for our reunion in Washington DC and looking forward to the many sites and activities and renewing old acquaintances.

Congratulations are in store for Jan Seidel’s work on the large quilt she made for the 911 disaster.

I have been sidelined for a while now and should be back to 100% in a couple of months. (Total Knee replacement)

Thanks for the cards and calls.
God Bless from Dorothy and I.
John D. Lichoff

USS Salamonie Association

New Officers:

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Leonard Strayer FN1 42-43
Max Thielbar EM2 48-52
Francis Charles Cronin
BMSN 48-50
Thomas Boland RDSN 63-66
Walter N. Cottrell
LCDR 64-66 Life member
Richard O. Knutson
SN/1C 55-57 Life member

Welcome Back:
Tom Moses

Sick/Surgery/Treatments-
Please keep in your
prayers, and send cards to:
Gordon Cook
Terry Whiteside
Harold Craton
Jacob L. Ritzen
Raleigh & Rose Masters
Don Bond
John D. Lichoff



USS Saratoga

On August 21, 2014 the USS Saratoga, a Navy aircraft carrier, left Pier 2 in Newport, RI with the help of five tug boats, barely making it under the Newport Pell Bridge while getting a nineteen gun salute from the Artillery Company of Newport.

The last shot was fired by Saratoga plank owner, Monty Gomez, who was an original crew member.

The Saratoga was decommissioned in 1994 and has been in Newport since 1995. She was headed for Brownsville, Texas where she will be dismantled and recycled.

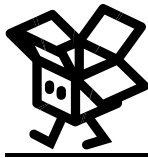
The shoreline in Newport was crowded with spectators who respectfully watched her last departure.

The USS Saratoga served her country well.

Salamonie Reunion 2015

The USS Salamonie Reunion for 2015 will take place in Washington, DC from April 22 through 26; 2015. The trip will include the installation and dedication of the USS Salamonie AO-26 Plaque in the Navy Memorial Foundation.

If you want one for yourself, they are available for a fee. Contact John Lichoff and he'll send you a form to be used for the purchase.



A Report about Lilly Nutter

She has sent 1374 boxes have been sent to service personnel in harm's way thus far. Donations from Association members help her to pay for postage.

She got a huge box of women's shoe boxes from a donor and, being an expert packer, she is able to send meaningful gifts.

At times, due to privacy concerns, Lilly has experienced obtaining names and addresses of active military personnel, but the Navy has come to the rescue. She has been sending packages to personnel on board two ships.. She sends several to one person who distributes them to personnel on board who do not get mail. As a result, she is making a lot of sailors (both male and female) very happy.

If you wish to help support her effort send a check made out to USS Salamonie to Mike Seidel, our treasurer, and tell him the money is for Lilly's mailing fund.



Dues are \$25.00.

Send your dues and/or contributions to:

**Mike Seidel
32 11 Northern Valley Drive NE
Rochester, MN 55906
(507- 226-8698)**

Remember that your dues and donations help to keep the Association afloat.

Make your dues check out to USS Salamonie and send it with this form to Mike Seidel

USS Salamonie Association
Dues 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E Mail: _____

I prefer to get my newsletter via:

_____ Snail mail

_____ E mail

Additional donations can be made to the:

- Knight-Bergman Civic Center
- USS Salamonie Postage Fund for Lilly Nutter's Troop Care Packages
- General fund for the Association expenses

This article was found among items at the USS Salamonie Museum
at the July 2014 Reunion in Warren, Indiana.

Navy Hauls Down Ensign On Veteran Oiler Salamonie

A venerable nursemaid of the Navy's Atlantic and Pacific fleets was retired yesterday with honors and some tears at the Philadelphia Naval Base. At exactly 2:10 P.M. Captain Carl Seiberlich, 47, a native of Jenkintown, read the orders from the Chief of Naval Operations, which decommissioned the U.S.S. Salamonie, AO-26. The Salamonie refueled more than 9,000 ships at sea, more than any other oiler in history. "Anyone who has sailed in a Navy ship can recall being refueled sometime by the Salamonie," Seiberlich said. "She was most at home with an aircraft carrier to port and a guided missile cruiser to starboard and the seas like mountains," he added.

When she was retired to mothballs yesterday, the ship owned the record of the vessel in longest continuous, commissioned service in the Navy. Twenty-seven years to be exact. The Salamonie was built for ESSO in 1936 (launched 18 September 1940) and commissioned by the Navy, 28 April 1941. She was named for a quiet little river in Indiana. She displaces 26,000 tons and is 555 feet long.

There was no band playing when the old girl went on social security in the back bay at the Navy Yard. A few chairs on deck were occupied by the skipper's mother, Mrs. H. D. Seiberlich, of the Kenilworth Apartments and a dozen friends from Jenkinstown. A dark low sky hung over the long gray ship. She was hemmed in by old carriers and destroyers. Workmen building two new submarines right beside her didn't even look at her.

It seemed indecent to let the gallant old lady slip into the graveyard without some fanfare. "Haul down the colors" commanded the skipper. His voice rang out loud and clear over the noise from the submarines. About half of the crew of 250 stood on the deck and gave the last salute. All eyes were raised to the colors. Some of the older men were crying.

Captain Seiberlich, 25 years on Navy aircraft and ships, will take command of the carrier USS Hornet on May 1, at Long Beach, California.

Complete Reunion Package

**Includes: 4 Nights at Comfort Inn
3 Days of Area Transportation**

8 Attractions and Breakfast each A.M
5 Group Meals + Banquet Buffet
- Hospitality Room is open daily -

Wednesday April 22, 2015

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

Thursday April 23, 2015

10:00 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
11:00 am Navy Memorial and USS Salamonie
Commemorative Plaque Dedication
12:00 pm Lunch included after the Ceremony
1:30 pm Arlington National Cemetery
4:30 pm Back to Hotel
6:00 pm Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
6:30 pm Dinner at Pizza - Italia

Friday April 24, 2015

9:30 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
10:00 am Navy Yard – Tour of Destroyer
11:30 am U.S. Navy Museum
1:00 pm Lunch at the Senate Cafeteria
2:00 pm Visit the White House
4:00 pm Back to Hotel
5:15 pm Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
5:30 pm Dinner at Flaming Grill Buffet

Saturday April 25, 2015

9:30 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
10:30 am Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial
12:00 pm WW II & Korean Veterans Memorial
1:00 pm Board Coach for Lunch
1:30 pm Lunch at Elephant & Castle
3:00 pm Depart for Hotel
6:30 pm Banquet Dinner at Hotel

AO-26 USS SALAMONIE

Washington D.C. Reunion

April 22-26, 2015

Comfort Inn

6363 Oxon Hill Rd, Oxon Hill MD



**Complete Reunion Package Price
PER PERSON:**

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One in Room: \$ 894

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E-mail: Curtis@DeeTours.us

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2015

**Extra Nights
Lodging
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Including Tax**

“USS SALAMONIE” REUNION BEGINS: April 22, 2015 (Wed.) REUNION ENDS: April 26, 2015 (Sun.)

1 Name: _____ Guest: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

2 YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

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Things to do ASAP:

- **Pay your 2015 dues and/or make a donation.**
- **Think about making your reservations for the April 2015 reunion in Washington, DC.**