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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

A year ago we were asking ourselves Why Wichita? What is in Wichita? Well now those questions have been answered. Historic Wichita had much to see and much to do and proved to be a very worthwhile destination. My favorites were a visit to an active salt mine 600' underground (who would have ever guessed there would be salt mines in Kansas), a tour of a reconstructed 1850's town and dinner that evening with a western trio providing the entertainment (very talented musicians and very, very funny), and "Ranger Rick", our bus driver, and a very interesting individual. Rick was a Marine, an ordained minister, retired teacher, great-great-grandson of a Confederate General and relative of the McCoy Family of the Hatfield & McCoys. Rick provided many fascinating stories. Those of you, who could not or would not attend, missed a tremendous reunion. We were delighted to have Dorothy and John Lichoff's son, Doug join us. Doug is active duty Air Force and traveled from Colorado.

Now, in a few short months we have an opportunity to gather again in Warren, IN for the July 4th Salamonie Festival. The parade is on Friday, July 4 and the banquet is on Saturday. Those of you who have attended in the past will surely look forward to this event and those of you who have never been should put this on the calendar. The reception that we Salamonie Veterans receive from the kind, gracious people of Warren is worth the "price of admission". This is a relaxing experience since we are completely on our own to enjoy the festival activities or simply socialize with each other.

Recently, Dee & Don Bond sent a mailing to update our records and your response is very much appreciated as is your generous contributions for association dues, the Salamonie museum, Lilly Nutter's "care packages" for our active military, and the Salamonie plaque, to be mounted in the Navy Memorial in Washington and dedicated during our 2015 Reunion. We extend a very special thank you to John Moliere for the responsibility of starting this project and for funding the initial donation. Thank you John, so very, very much from all of us.

Quilt maker, Jan Seidel's eight year wait may soon be over. The Victim's Quilt, a 60 by 10 foot quilt Jan made as a memorial to the thousands who died in the September 11th attacks will be displayed in the National September 11 Memorial Museum when it opens, possibly in May. Jan made the quilt over four years, 2002-2006, and donated it to the museum on September 9, 2006. Since then, Jan and the more than 100 volunteers who helped have waited for the quilt to be displayed. The quilt's artwork features police cars, fire trucks, airplanes, the twin towers with the exact number of windows, and photos of all but 80 of the victims. Victims without photos were depicted by a picture of a candle. In addition to the victims, the quilt honors emergency responders from the area police and fire departments, the Port Authority of New York, the New York State courts and the Pentagon.

We again want to thank Dorothy and John Lichoff, Dee & Don Bond, and Rita and Dave Wood for their untiring efforts on behalf of the association. Without them, nothing happens and nothing gets done! See you all in Warren!

Best wishes,
Chuck Wazenegger



This cake was made for the reunion in Wichita.

Shipmates

John Lichoff

Since our last newsletter a lot of changes and events have occurred.

We hope and pray all are doing well and may good fortune always follow you and your family. A special condolence to all who have lost a loved one and to those recovering we wish you a speedy recovery.

A question that has been thrown around a lot concerning our last reunion was "What's in Kansas?" Kansas is a wealth of sights, sounds and history. We just came back from a very successful and entertaining reunion in Wichita, KS. A great time was had by all that attended. Those that did not attend missed a great time.

A special banquet was put on for The USS Salamonie AO-26 by "HANGER ONE STEAKHOUSE" and featured a speaker sent to us from the VFW. Nation aid-de-camp James Denison of veteran's service committee, department of Kansas gave a very inspiring talk and updated us on the Wounded Soldier project.

We wish to thank Al and Fran Jirik for their time and effort for this special reunion.

We have been having trouble trying to keep our records and address up to date.

Two months ago we (Don, Dee and I) sent a form letter to everyone on our mailing roster, whether they were an up to date member or not. The response was great and we wish that those of you who did not fill out their form, please still do so and mail it in.

Website

The USS Salamonie website is www.usssalamonie.org. There's lots of interesting items there including the newsletter The Fantail Scuttlebutt.

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Welcome Aboard

New Finds

William (Heine) Steinhoff MMFN 60-62
Darrell L. Cook SN 58-61
James Samuel Dampman BMSN 52-54

Sick/surgery/treatments

Please keep in your prayers and send cards

Get Well Soon

Charles Stepanek, Vickie Snead, James Marsh, Wilber Puliam, Dean Bayliff, Andy Mosher, and Dee Bond.

Condolences

To George Perrault on the loss of his bride Lois who fought a courageous battle for 12 years against cancer.

To Peggy Stepanek on the loss of her brother.

Also, condolences to the families of all those mentioned on the Honor Roll.

If there are more condolences to be recognized, please let John Lichoff know so that we can publish them.

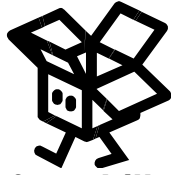


HONOR ROLL
Rest in Peace

Elbert .E Neely	LT	44-45
Richard Gilhuber	SH3	52-55
Eugene Stokley	CSSN	50-52
Albert Haywood	FT2	55-56
Robert Penalis	BMSN	57-58
Vernon C. Horne	SKSN	56-58
Harold H Bittner	MMC	54-56
Aaron Chase		
Donald Flinton	SK3	66-68
Norman Harbinson	SK1	65-66
Fereld Diehl		60-62
William Mynes	SF1	52-54
Robert Stevens	SN	52-56
Aaron Duncan	SM2	67-68
Theodore Klemish	QM2	56-58
D.E. Fletcher	FTC	55-60
Dennis King	BT2	66-67
Malcolm Piester	LTJG	63-65
Harlow Lazott	LCDR	41-45
Original Crew –Life member		
Edwin A Crowder	SN/FC	Life member
Varge Wagner	GMC	41-45
Original Crew- life member		101 yrs old
Gordon E. Cross	RMSN	61-63
Walter Lawrence	CS3	52-53
Arnold A. Dauch	EM2	58-59

Some USS Salamonie Info
Rita Wood

I have a two page history about the USS Salamonie. If you want a copy please send a self addressed stamped envelope to Rita Wood, 47 Brown Terrace, Portsmouth, RI 02871.



Report from Lilly Nutter

Don and Dee Bond spent time with Lilly in Warren. They gave her funds that were donated for her fund as a result of our recent mailing as well as stamps. She was thrilled. We provided her with a list of contributors and she will send an individual thank you to each person.

She has now sent 1,328 packages.

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.

Thru the efforts of John Moliere who spearheaded the efforts we say Thank you and well done.

See a copy of the plaque. 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.



Please Note

If anyone has an idea for something special or worth seeing while we are in Washington, please contact Curtis Willard with your suggestion and/or ideas so he can see if he can fit it into our schedule. Contact him at (417) 527-0808 or Curtis@deetours.us.

When we mailed out our questionnaire, two items were forgotten for our records. We need your Rank/Rate and years you were stationed aboard the USS Salamonie. Please call or email the info to me.

God Bless you all,

John and Dorothy Lichoff

WARREN, INDIANA REUNION



July 2014

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

USS Salamonie Warren Reunion

4th of July Celebration
July 3, 4 and 5, 2014

Check out the information on page 5.

Hope to see you there.

Warren Information

GUEST HOUSE INN

730 West Logan Street
Markle, IN (260)758-8111
Located off Exit 286
(formerly Exit 86) On I-69
Room rate is \$49.95 per night plus tax, or \$55.99 including tax.

This site is the same as we used last year and was chosen because it offers a hospitality meeting room (beginning Thursday evening), a limited continental breakfast, an elevator and showers only rooms (no bathtubs). There is a reasonably priced diner within walking distance if you want a more extensive breakfast.

Reservations should be made using the guest(s) name(s) and by identifying themselves as being affiliated with the USS Salamonie. Be sure to make your reservations soon as it's a "first come, first served" situation.

The parade will be held on Friday evening, July 4, 2014 and our banquet will be held on Saturday evening, July 5, 2015. Since final arrangements are not available, it is assumed that we will meet at the clinic as in the past at 6:00 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 5, 2014 at 6:00 PM. The price is \$15.00 per person. Banquet reservations must be made through Don Bond at 574-533-8835 by June 30, 2014 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.

Warren will hold their fireworks display on Sunday, July 6.

DUES

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send your dues and/or contributions to:

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

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 Don Bond.

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USS Salamonie Postage Fund
Troop Care Packages**