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#### A Message from our President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others,

Since there is nothing to report since our last newsletter a few months ago we will be brief. We can reiterate that John and I discussed the Tanker Reunion in Jacksonville and decided to opt out because the Sabine in their infinite wisdom decided to charge the other oilers more money than their own ship's company. We were actually looking forward to this reunion since we had such a grand time in St. Augustine a few years ago. Guess we will just have to be patient until we see you all in Warren in June. However, if there are those of you who want to join the Sabine, you can get contact information from John.

Anyway, we can always use this occasion to thank Dorothy & John Lichoff, Jan & Mike Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Bev & Roger Reller, Marlene & Barry Stark and Donna & Duane Wampler for their continuing efforts and kind support in keeping this association ship afloat.

Have a happy and safe spring.

Best wishes,  
Chuck

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Please keep your mailing and e mail addresses up to date. Also keep John Lichoff up to date about moves, deaths, illnesses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

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**Some Notes from John Lichoff**

**Shipmates:**

So far we have survived the seasonal aches and pains, Holidays, New Year, and having the “Rodent” in PA. Telling us that we have six more weeks of snow, rain brutal cold one day and “T” shirt weather the next day, plus having brutal and painful events coming up. March Madness, Valentine s Day, Lent, Easter, more snow and ice with the flu coming from everyone’s cough.

I refuse to take a knee and did NOT watch one NFL spoiled unpatriotic brat’s game from those who do not respect our flag and country.

After our last mass news letter our roster took a major hit in personnel. At the mailing we had 526 names on the active roster. After mail and e-mail returns and deaths, we lost 43 names from our active list.

Please if you move or change e-mail address, PLEASE let me know.

After a successful and wonderful joint Tanker cruise last fall, we were looking forward to the next reunion in 2018 with our new friends. The USS Sabine AO-25 is the host for April 10/12 2018 reunion in Jacksonville Florida.

After receiving the news letter of the Sabine (The Oily Rag) with all the details to what looks like a great reunion and itinerary and costs, I noticed what I thought was a discrepancy in the cost. I called and was told that it was not a mistake.

It reads: USS SABINE AO25 association member’s \$50 registration fee per person; other ships attending the reunion a \$100.00 registration fee per person.

I questioned this with no avail. I could not get a clear answer as why we had to pay extra. This is now apparently a Sabine reunion. I invited them to our reunion in July at no cost as we WELCOME other ships and to see how Americana and Patriotism is in the mid west.

I informed them that I could not and would not in good faith ask my shipmates to support this reunion.



**HONOR ROLL**

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| James Harold Carter | GM3   | 41-45 |
| Robert Boyer        | MM2   | 61-64 |
| Dennis Joines       | SN    | 48-52 |
| Vincent Reynolds    | MM2   | 55-59 |
| Bill Volney         | YNSN  | 59-62 |
| Gene Mattern        | BMSN  | 54-58 |
| Joseph Danek        | 62-64 |       |
| Harold Craton       | DC2   | 46-49 |
| Ray Aguirre         | MM3   | 48-52 |

**WELCOME BACK**

|                     |     |       |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| Harold H. Honeycutt | SM2 | 64-67 |
| David Podhajsky     | MM2 | 61-64 |



**Sick/.Surgery/Treatments/Recovery**

|                 |     |       |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Don Bond        | RM3 | 57-60 |
| Eles Barnes Jr. | MM2 | 64-65 |
| George Perrault | SK2 | 59-63 |
| Ed Lanahan      | EM3 | 49-52 |



**July 4 Reunion 2018**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is in the middle of the week this year, therefore the reunion and festival is the weekend before.

Rooms are reserved at the Comfort Inn again as in the past. When you make your reservation, make sure you tell them you are with the USS Salamonie Association block.

**Comfort Inn**  
**7275 South Cr 75 E.**  
**Warren, In. 46792**  
**(260) 375-4800**

**Itinerary:**

|            |      |           |
|------------|------|-----------|
| Thursday   | 6/28 | Check Inn |
| Friday     | 6/29 | Parade    |
| Saturday   | 6/30 | Banquet   |
| Sunday 7/1 |      | Home      |

□ **Greetings from your Treasurer  
Mike Seidel**

It is time again to say thank you to all who have sent in their 2018 dues and also to those who have donated beyond that amount.

Contributions to the Postage fund, Troop care packages, and the Knight-Bergman Center help us to keep the association afloat.

I'd like all of you to think about how much the newsletter and museum mean to you and to keep that in mind when you send in dues or donations. We can always use the money.

Many of you come to the reunion in Warren each July but I hope you'll come this July. It's your chance to see my "Dress Blues" on display along with that of many officers. The uniform of the skipper who wrote "Run Silent, Run Deep" is there. Captain Beach was the skipper on the Sal. He was also Eisenhower's Naval Attaché.

At any rate it is nice to see the many things that are reminiscent of the Salamonie.

PS: Thanks for the money.

**USS Salamonie Hats**

**John Lichoff had requests for hats. He ordered 24 hats, 12 regular and 12 summer mesh.**

**The cost will be \$15.00 PPD, for both styles and he will fill the orders on a first come first served until they are gone.**

**Make check payable to USS Salamonie and mark Hats on check.**

**Send to:  
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**One Box at a Time**

As long as there are military family members in harm's way, I know Lilly would want to see this project continued. I just need to have access to some names so if any of your group can provide names and addresses for them I will be happy to pack and send a care package.

I am considering setting up a different email address for this project. For now, my personal email address is [taya.decker@gmail.com](mailto:taya.decker@gmail.com)

Best regards,  
Taya Decker

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**DUES**

**Just a reminder**

**Dues are still at the amazing low price of \$25.00.**

**Your dues help to keep the Association afloat.**

**Make your check out to USS Salamonie and  
send it with this form to**

**Mike Seidel  
3211 Northern Valley Drive NE  
Rochester, MN 55906  
(507- 226-8698)**

**USS Salamonie Association  
Dues 2018**

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*I prefer to get my newsletter via:*

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

**A note from Rita Wood**

**I have made cards for the following:**

**Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of you**

**Each features a picture of the USS Salamonie and is sent from the members of the Salamonie Association.**

**If you want me to send a card to one of our members (or someone in their family) please let me know the name and address of that person.**

**You can send it to my e mail,**

**[RLW313@aol.com](mailto:RLW313@aol.com) or my address  
47 Brown Terrace, Portsmouth RI 02871**

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**“Whether the weather is cold  
Or whether the weather is hot,  
We’ll whether the weather  
Whatever the weather,  
Whether we like it or not.”**

**Anonymous**



**Things to do ASAP**

- # Pay your dues**
- # Make a donation**
- # Think about registering a room  
for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Warren**
- # Enjoy the Spring Weather**

**Warren**

