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A Message from our President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and significant Others,

Attention All Hands
Reunion Advisory

Where: Warren, Indiana

When: June 30 to July 2, 2017

(Come early, stay late)

Friday is parade day\

Saturday is Lilly’s Memorial Bench dedication
and Banquet

Lodging: Comfort Inn, 7275 S 75 Road E,

Warren, IN (260-375-4800)

Register under USS Salamonie Reunion

Note: Come and have an outstanding, memorable time
or stay home and be disappointed.

Best Wishes,

Chuck Wazenegger

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Notes from John Lichoff

Shipmates:

It seems like time is moving along faster and faster each and every day as we get older. I for one have enjoyed the ride and the trials and tribulations of life. What is becoming reality fast is the news of our passing shipmates and their spouses and the nursing homes that are filling all too fast. I am hearing at least twice a week from someone who is failing.

If you are thinking of a shipmate or friend whom you have not heard from in a while, give them a call or send a card.

I have been able to document the passing of 426 shipmates of USS Salamonie AO-26. They were not only our shipmates, but also our friends and buddies. May they rest in peace knowing that they are not forgotten.

John RM3 57-59

Since our last News Letter I have been able to find two former missing crewmates:

Welcome Aboard:
Jerry Skinner SN 42-43
Darrel Sodren BT2 66-67

I am sad to report the loss of the following Shipmates:



Honor Roll

Henry Yonker 1941 (Original Crew)
Raymond J. Hartman Jr. EM2 57
Galen (Louie) Marden Lewis 56-58 EN3
Thaddeus A. Nowak 43-45 ASCS2
Alfred A. Sosnowski



Sick/Surgery/Treatment/Recovery -
Please keep them in your prayers.

Don Bond
Eles Barnes Jr.
Leonard Buck
Joe Cuneo
Mark Fritz

(If you need any address or phone numbers,
Call me (419) 668-8666)

**Annual Reunion in Warren, IN
June 29 – July 2, 2017**

We will once again be staying at the Comfort Inn.
Comfort Inn
7275 South 75E
Warren, Indiana 46792
(260) 375-4800

We have 20 rooms blocked under the Salamonie name or you can use my name if needed.
Room rate is \$89.00. Same as last year.
The parade will be Friday June 30.
Banquet will be Saturday July 1.
Please go to the Salamonie website for a copy of the banquet menu and also an 8 page brochure that Tom Applegate has posted as to all of the events for the entire weekend. www.salamonie.homestead.com

Please remember the Fleet Tanker Reunion Cruise this September. All information is posted on the web site as well as the last news letter.

Please remember our Veterans this July 4th as they have made it possible for us to have a free and safe nation to celebrate with our families.

God Bless from the Lichoff's

Reunion Activities

Thursday, 6/29/17 Check in
Friday, 6/30/17 Parade
Saturday, 7/1/17 Banquet and
Lilly's Memorial Bench Dedication
Sunday, 7/2/17 Return home.
If you stay. Fireworks on 7/3/17.

BANQUET
(Knight-Bergman Civic Center)

Saturday, July 1st

\$15.50 per person (includes meal/gratuity/tableware products)

Country Hot Meal

**Brown Sugar Maple Ham
Meatloaf**

**Hash Brown Casserole
Broccoli Cheese Casserole
Buttered Corn**

Salad w/Dressings

**Carrot Cake Cheesecake
Strawberry Shortcake**

Coffee/Iced Tea/Lemonade/Water



Shoe Box Care Packages

Janice Jordan is still willing to send care packages and has sent several boxes so far. She now needs names and addresses of our troops in harm's way.

If you know of anyone, please let her know.

Janice Jordan Ryan
188 Dogwood
Warren, IN. 46792
(260) 358-6783
Jordan@citznet.com

All donations for care Packages can be sent to Janice or to our Treasurer Mike Seidel.

Please pray for our troops who are in harm's way and for a speedy and safe return.

Tom Applegate sent this information

DoD to Open Online Exchange Shopping to Veterans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, 2017 — The Defense Department announced today that veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges.

The policy change will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military, DoD officials said in a [news release](#).

The shopping benefit will be effective this [Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017](#).

While shopping privileges exclude the purchase of uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products, it includes the Exchange Services' dynamic online retail environment known so well to service members and their families, the release said. The change follows careful analysis, coordination and strong public support, officials said in the release.

"We are excited to provide these benefits to honorably discharged veterans to recognize their service and welcome them home to their military family," said Peter Levine, performing the duties for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "In addition, this initiative represents a low-risk, low-cost opportunity to help fund morale, welfare and recreation programs in support of service members' and their families' quality of life. And it's just the right thing to do," Levine added.

The online benefit will also strengthen the exchanges' online businesses to better serve current patrons. Inclusion of honorably discharged veterans would conservatively double the exchanges' online presence, according to DoD officials, thereby improving the experience for all patrons through improved vendor terms, more competitive merchandise assortments and improved efficiencies.

"As a nation, we are grateful for the contributions of our service members," Levine said. "Offering this lifetime online benefit is one small, tangible way the nation can say, 'Thank you' to those who served with honor."



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**Greetings from your Treasurer
Mike Seidel**

Greetings to fellow members of the elite Salamonie Crew!!

Time again for my rant regarding the dues we still need to collect for our ongoing expenses.

I think that most of you are aware that the Lillie bench is finished and from what I understand ready to be placed. That was one of our expenses from last year.

We still have Janice sending out the packages to our troops so that expense goes on.

I enjoy getting the dues at my house and being able to respond with a personal note. It makes me feel closer to all of you.

We are again headed to Warren for the 4th of July parade which is on June 30th this year. It would be great to see more of you there.

The museum is wonderful. You get to see my dress blues among other important things. Really it is a wonderful thing and a wonderful place to spend time.

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

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
Troop Care Packages**

A note from Rita Wood

I have made cards for the following:

Get Well

Sympathy

Thinking of you (for encouragement)

**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 their family) please let me know the
name and address of that person.**

You can send it to my e mail,

RLW313@aol.com

**or to my address 47 Brown Terrace,
Portsmouth RI 02871.**

**If you send an e mail please put USS Salamonie
on the subject line.**



Things to do ASAP

- **Pay your Dues**
- **Register a room for the Reunion in Warren**
- **Enjoy the Spring weather**