



## *The Fantail Scuttlebutt*

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### A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

I for one was extremely disappointed with the cancellation of the Branson Reunion. We were truly looking forward to seeing everyone once again and visiting Branson, one of the best places we have ever been. We are realistic and do appreciate that age, health, and finances make it difficult if not impossible for many of us to travel. Nevertheless, unless we can think of some alternatives, the reality is that the DC reunion may have been our grand finale. Being an emotional person, it is upsetting when we think of all the time and effort many of our shipmates expended to form the Salamonie Association and organize all of our previous reunions. Our destinations were always fun and exciting, but you folks made it a joy with memories to always cherish.

Well, at least we have Warren to look forward to and I will look forward to Warren this year more than ever. Since July 4th is a Monday, the festivities will be held June 30th thru July 3rd and indeed, there are festivities. Our friends in Warren know how to celebrate this holiday. The Comfort Inn is now open for business again and lodging in Warren will make things so much easier for all of us. With the Branson

cancellation, we truly hope that you will make Warren a priority since this will be our only opportunity to be together. There is so much to do or simply do nothing but enjoy each others company. Of course, with Lilly's passing this reunion will be bittersweet for many of us.

Like much of the country, we had very mild winter in Pittsburgh. Only shoveled snow three times. Local ski resorts had a terrible year since they did not open until New Years and were closed the beginning of March. Even though we do not ski anymore, we still spent most weekends at the rental house near Seven Springs Resort. We hope you all have a healthy Spring and we really are looking forward to seeing you in Warren.

As always, we extend our sincere appreciation to Dorothy & John Lichoff, Rita & Dave Wood, Mike & Jan Seidel, Barry & Marlene Stark, Roger & Bev Reller, and Donna & Duane Wampler. This association could not function without their contributions and we truly appreciate their support and efforts.

Sincere best wishes,  
Chuck Wazenegger

## **April Reunion Cancelled**

John Lichoff

Due to the lack of participants we were unable to form a viable group for our reunion in Branson, MO. this year.

We have known for some time that this was going to happen due to our ages and physical restrictions.

We will decide this Fourth of July reunion in Warren as to what our future reunions are to be or not to be. The way it is now we will continue with our Warren Reunion and possibly this will be our annual reunion for the USS Salamonie AO-26 Association.

I have been in contact with the Fleet Tankers Association about combining our reunions with theirs. There is nothing for 2016 for us with them but hope for the future is looking promising.

Dorothy and I have attended three of their reunions and we have enjoyed meeting new friends. More information will follow after our July meeting.

## **Shoe Box Care Packages**

With the loss of Lilly Nutter and her one shoe box at a time for troops in harm's way project, a lady has stepped forward and wishes to continue with the program with our blessing and support.

Her name is Janice (Jordan) Ryan. Janice is one of the three ladies that were responsible for the Salamonie coming to Warren. Janice has been on board since day one. Janice with the help of Karen Herr, are the responsible for our Salamonie float every Salamonie Summer festival.

Janice and Karen are the ladies that also set up and make sure our banquets go off without a hitch.

Janice is also on the Board for the Knight-Bergman Civic Center and takes care of our museum. Without her and her staff none of this would be the success that we are today.

We have set her up in one corner of the museum with the stuff that she needs to get started. She has her desk and office equipment set up and good to go.

She now needs names and address of our troops in harm's way. If you know of anyone then please let her know at;

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

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

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

## **USS Salamonie Association Officers**

### **President -**

Chuck Wazenegger(bear1151@verizon.net)

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### **Honor Roll:**

Richard Clair RM3 51-55

### **Welcome Back**

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Tom and Jackie Graham  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
April 3, 2016



**Greetings from your Treasurer  
Mike Seidel**

Greetings Shipmates and good to have an opportunity to say thank you for your support this past year. I am coming up on my 2 year anniversary as your treasurer and know that we would not have the organization we have without all you helping to keep us afloat.

We miss Lilly, but we have Janice busy mailing packages for us now. We always seem to have a use for the dues.

I hope to see many of you in Warren this year.  
Again Thanks!!

**Sick/Surgery/Treatments- please keep in your prayers, and send cards**

- Linda Dailey
- Angela Linebaugh (Kenneth)
- Dee Bond
- Don Bond
- Dorothy Lichoff
- Eles Barnes Jr.
- Richard Opper
- Tom Graham
- Charles Stephanek
- Leonard Buck

**Dues are \$25.00.**  
**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)**

**For Your Information**

Ship Patches available, Go to ships stores for info.

**[www.salamonie.homestead.com](http://www.salamonie.homestead.com)**

The newsletter will now be sent out three times per year. You can get it by snail mail, e mail or go to the website.

Please keep your mailing and e mail addresses up to date. Send corrections to John Lichoff at [jlichoff@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlichoff@neo.rr.com) or 14 Morley Drive, Norwalk Ohio 4485

If you are sending money to Mike Seidel for a cause, please specify on the check whether it is for postage, Salamonie Museum, troops care packages or Bergman Center.

Please check out our web site, Tom Applegate has posted some new information  
**[www.salamonie.homestead.com](http://www.salamonie.homestead.com)**

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**Additional donations can be made to the:**  
**Knight-Bergman Civic Center**  
**USS Salamonie Postage Fund**  
**Troop Care Packages**  
**Your dues help to keep the Association afloat.**

**Web Site report:**



Visitations to the web site are tending to fall off each year. During the period January through March of this year the visitations totaled 1,169. During the same period in 2015 the total was 1,693, and in 2014 the total was 1,738.

The most popular page for visitors, other than the Main Page is the Crew List page, visited an average of 10.2% of total visitations during the reported period.

The least visited page varies each month, but the Scuttlebutt page is never visited often, probably because it is mailed or e-mailed to members.

Strangely enough, the state visiting the site the most during the reporting period seems to be California, leading with an average of 13.1% of visitations. Florida, Ohio and New York are also in the top four, with Indiana only averaging around 2% of the hits during the period.

**Tom Applegate**  
[dogwoodcoltfan@gmail.com](mailto:dogwoodcoltfan@gmail.com)

*"Remember this, if you can— there is nothing, nothing more precious than time. You probably feel you have a measureless supply of it, but you haven't. Wasted hours destroy your life just as surely at the beginning as at the end— only at the end it becomes more obvious.*

*" Herman Wouk - The Caine Mutiny:  
A Novel of World War II. Kindle Edition.*



**Things to do ASAP:**

- **Pay your 2016 dues and/or make a donation.**
- **Make your reservations for the July Reunion in Warren, IN**

**Enjoy the Spring weather.**

**Everything You Wanted to Know About the July Reunion in Warren Indiana**

The Scouts have again requested to carry our big flag for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Salamonie Festival. The Salamonie Association has agreed to let them have the money collected from people throwing money into the flag for the scout's summer camps to help defray the costs for camp.

The USS Salamonie has donated to the City of Warren a gift certificate worth \$25.00 cash for their big raffle basket for their fund raiser for the Salamonie Summer Festival.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Reunion Warren**  
John Lichoff

There are 20 rooms reserved at the New Comfort Inn. (Where we used to stay) When you call you can register under the USS Salamonie Reunion Block. The phone number is (260) 375-4800. The room rate is \$89.00 +tax

Comfort Inn  
7275 CR 75 East  
Warren, IN

**Dates for the reunion**

June 30 through July 3, 2016.

The Hospitality Room will be open and registration will start on June 30.

The Parade will be on Friday, July 1.

The Banquet will be on Saturday, July 2.

Note: Donna Wampler will make the arrangements and collect the monies for the banquet.

The museum will be open