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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

As we slowly move from summer into fall, we hope you all had an opportunity to travel and visit family and friends or perhaps enjoy the season with other activities. We have endured several weeks of oppressive weather here in Pittsburgh so fall cannot arrive soon enough to suit me. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we realize, giving us the opportunity to share the season with loved ones.

We had a great turnout in Warren to celebrate the July 4th Salamonie Festival and as always, we had a fantastic time. The Comfort Inn has reopened and is now a beautiful, comfortable, and convenient place to stay and socialize. We were warmly received by new management.

We also discovered that the town had installed a new picnic area/playground beside the Knight-Bergman Center. The highlight of the playground is a wooden play chip christened the USS Salamonie so we are back “afloat”. This area will soon have another highlight, a bench with a plaque dedicated to Lilly Nutter. John Lichoff arranged for the purchase and delivery so we are truly grateful for his involvement to make this happen.

We are now accepting donations to the treasury to help defray the cost of this most worthy project so please be generous.

Since there is no further activity until we meet in Warren once again, there is not much more to say. We hope you all have a happy, healthy fall and a blessed holiday season.

We would indeed be remiss if we did not once again extend our gratitude to John and Dorothy Lichoff, Mike and Jan Seidel, Dave and Rita Wood, Barry and Marlene Stark, Roger and Bev Reller and Donna and Duane Wampler for all of their efforts to support the Association. Please accept our sincere thanks to you all.

We wish you fair winds and following seas.

Chuck Wazenegger

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

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Janice Jordan Ryan



Shoe Box Care Packages

With the loss of Lilly Nutter and her “one shoe box at a time” care package for troops in harm’s way project, Janice (Jordan) Ryan is now in charge of this worthy endeavor.

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 ready 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.

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

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

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

Newsletter

The newsletter will now be sent out two or 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

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www.salamonie.homestead.com



**Greetings from your Treasurer
Mike Seidel**

Greetings Shipmates!!

I think that this is year 2 plus that you have had to put up with me as your Treasurer. It has been an adventure for me and I need to thank all of you for helping me make it to three years.

As you know I got this job from Don Bond. By the way he has some medical things going on and prayers are always welcome. At any rate we are doing pretty well with your money. As you know we lost Lilly but we did not lose her job. It was taken over and is ongoing by Janice (Jordan) Ryan. . We are also in the process of putting a bench in the playground area of the Knight Bergman Center in Lilly's honor. As you know these things cost money so your dues are very important to keeping the USS Salamonie AO-26 Association afloat.

It was good to see many in Warren this year over the 4th. I am only sorry that there are not more who can attend this event. It really gives us a chance to sit and talk (some say tell lies) of our days on the ship.

As always I hope to see your dues in my mail box and your face in Warren. Thanks in advance.

**Dues are \$25.00.
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Mike Seidel
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USS Salamonie Postage Fund
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Lilly Memorial

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Everything You Wanted to Know
About Reunions in 2017

Warren, Indiana Boy and Cub Scouts

There was some criticism from someone local about the way the big flag was carried in the parade last year. For this reason The Scouts did not carry our flag this year.

As a result the money that they would have collected for their summer camp was not available to them this year. The scouts are going to make a nice case for proper display of the flag for next year's parade and they will have it on a wagon float for all to see.

If people want to donate for summer camp they will have buckets for collection of donations.

Flags

We have several flags at the museum that had not been folded correctly. Roger Reller stepped up and with the help of several volunteers all flags were folded properly and placed in their respective cabinets for display

Well Done, Roger

Annual Reunion in Warren, Indiana July 2017

John Lichoff has 20 rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn. When you call you can register under the USS Salamonie Reunion Block.

The phone number is (260) 375-4800 and the room rate is \$89.00.

More news will be in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

The New Comfort Inn has new owners and they have rebuilt the place from the inside out. It looks very nice and is very clean.

Our July 2016 reunion was a great Success and the staff went out of their way to welcome us back.

The way it is now we will continue with this reunion and possibly this will become our annual USS Salamonie reunion.

Join us for a Cruise in September 2017

We have been invited, along with other tankers, to join with the USS Sabine AO-25 for a cruise in September 2017.

The price is very reasonable and the more people we can get the lesser the fees will be.

Dorothy and I plan to attend and we are really looking forward to it.

This is a great opportunity for those who would like an additional get-together for 2017.

Look for details in this newsletter.



Lilly Nutter Memorial

The Knight-Bergman Civic Center has built a new playground and a playhouse Navy Ship that they christened USS Salamonie The pavilion has a roof and chairs for moms and dads to sit on while the kids play.

At the July 4th reunion in Warren the officers and attendees decided to put in a nice metal all season park bench for people to sit on in the shade of the pavilion. The bench will be anchored to cement and will be a permanent fixture with a plaque on it dedicated to Lilly Nutter. This will be our tribute to this wonderful lady.

The cost for this project will be about \$1500.00 and we are asking for donations to help defray the cost of everything.

Lilly has done so much for our troops in harm's way and this is our way of saying thank you for a job "Well Done Lilly."

Please send your donations if able to Mike Seidel and mark the donation "Lilly's Bench"
Mike Seidel
3211 Northern Valley Drive
Rochester, MN 55906

USS Sabine Reunion 2017

We've been invited to attend this reunion cruise

**Cruise Contact Person –
Ed Lederman
800-819-3902, Ext. 82946
Please reserve by:**

Bring your passport.



Gordon H. Cook LCDR USNR (Ret.) John Lichoff

On July 30 2016, my wife and I went to Lyndhurst Ohio (Suburb of Cleveland) for the funeral and military internment for Gordon H. Cook LCDR USNR (Ret).

We were invited by the family and were well received as shipmates of the USS Salamonie AO-26.

Gordon's son Gary (CAPT USN Ret) and his daughter Barbara talked about how much Gordon loved the Navy and his time on the Salamonie.

Gordon wrote a bound book about his military life and his ships. It is called "My War At Sea" WWII 1941-1946. It includes Twenty-one Descriptive Essays.

The family gave me an autographed copy of the book in memory of Gordon. I have read the book from cover to cover and was surprised at a picture at the back of the book. It was taken in Norwalk, Ohio the day that the ship's bell went on display at the Plumber's Hall with the new stand. It showed Gordon on the left, Donald Bond, the Bell, John Lichoff, and George Perrualt.

I am donating the book from the Cook Family to the Salamonie Museum for all to see . and read.



Carnival Magic Cruise

The USS Sabine AO25 is hosting a cruise in September 2017. At our July reunion USS Salamonie AO-26 members, friends and relatives were invited to attend.

Here's the information that was in "The Oily Rag Newsletter".

Carnival Magic Cruise

WHAT: USS Sabine AO-25 Reunion
WHEN: September 24-30, 2017
WHERE: Leaves from Port Canaveral, Florida
CRUISE: Carnival Magic - 6 Night Cruise
RESERVATIONS: Ed Lederman 800-819-3902, Ext. 82946
Ed's hours are
Monday through Thursday 11:00 am to 8 pm EST
Friday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm EST

COST: Interior from \$467
Ocean View from \$592
Balcony from \$712
Deposit: \$250.00 per person
Final Payment due by: 07/11/2017

The six night cruise on the all new Carnival Magic departs from Cape Canaveral, Florida will take us on the exotic Eastern Caribbean Itinerary to Nassau, The Bahamas, Amber Cove, Dominican Republic and Grand Turks.
Because we have booked early you will have until July of 2017 to pay for the cruise.
Departure Date is September 24, 2017.

ITINERARY

Table with 4 columns: DAY, PORT, ARRIVE, Depart. Rows include Port Canaveral, FL; Nassau, Bahamas; Fun day at sea; Amber Cove, Dominican Republic; Grand Turk; Fun Day at Sea; Port Canaveral, FL.

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You are encouraged to bring your passport



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5	Grand Turk	8:00am	4:00pm
6	"Fun Day" at Sea		
7	Port Canaveral FL	8:00am	

Your departure date:
Sept. 24, 2017

The port of call as well as the sequence, time and/or day may change. For the most current itineraries and terms and conditions related to your cruise, please contact your travel professional for details.

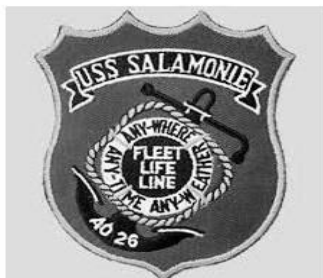
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**#Pay your dues
#Make a donation
#Make a Cruise Reservation**

Enjoy the Autumn weather