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**A Message from our President**

Dear Fellow Shipmates,

As we closed out last year, we look forward to the New Year with great anticipation and excitement. Of course, the highlight will be our annual reunion in St. Louis in April (18th to 22nd). John and Dorothy Lichoff worked long and hard planning enjoyable events and delicious dinners. Come and enjoy the fruits of their labors. We always have a fabulous time and you will have new and exciting memories.

Dues (\$25.00) are now due for 2012. Please remit to Don Bond at your earliest opportunity. We need your participation to keep this organization viable. This is the best \$25.00 you will ever spend.

Lilly Nutter celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12. This marvelous lady continues to be very active and I wish I had her energy. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LILLY!**

We take this opportunity to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We hope that 2012 will be kind to us all and we pray for those of you that are not in the best of health. May you recover quickly and completely from your ailments.

Sincere best wishes,  
Chuck Wazenegger



**May the New Year bring you peace, joy and good health.**

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**Honor Roll**

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John C. Fangman (9/4/11) EM3 43-44

Wife sent \$25 in Memory

William Mollohan (8/21/11) FT2 49-52

William Palya MM3 55-59

Antonio Pelligrino (2/9/11) FN1C 44-45

George Sappio MM1-50-54

Bernard Werking (11/12/10) ENC-59-62

Robert Scott SN/1C 45-46

Richard Waite BM3 53-56

Peter Handibode EM2 60-64

Andrew Ballentine SK1 43-46

Our sincere condolences go out o Riley Nelson  
upon the loss of his wife Betty L. Wilson.

**New Finds  
Welcome aboard**

Ronald J. Evans BT2 55-59

**Sick/Surgery/Treatments**

**Please keep in your prayers send cards**

Chuck Wazenegger

Karen Herr

Leonard Buck

Dean Bailiff

Dee Bond

George Perrault

Lois Perrault

Cecil Blain

Harold Wetnight

Rose Masters

Margaret Coleman

Dale Hunt

Lilly Nutter

Ray Aguire

Doug Snead



Have you paid your 2012 dues? If not  
please use this form to send in your dues ASAP.

Thanks!

**DUES**

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send your check made out to USS Salomonie to:

Don Bond

18940 Filmore Drive

Goshen, IN 46528

(574) 533-8835

USS Salomonie Association  
Dues 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remember that your membership dues help  
to keep the association afloat.**

**Additional donations can be made for the  
following:**

**Knight-Bergman Civic Center**

**USS Salomonie Postage Fund**

**Troop Care Packages**

## Troop Packages

Lily Nutter has sent 1,102 packages to people serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. She's looking for names and addresses of others serving there so that she can send them packages, too. If you can help her, please send information to Lily Nutter, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.

### A Note from Lilly Nutter

Deepest thanks for the countless wishes that I received for my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also a special thanks for the cash gifts. (I've enclosed a list of names.)

The support you have given this heartwarming project is fantastic. You've passed \$10,000!!

Birthday gifts received from USS Salamonie veterans came from:

Arthur Blanchard, IL	Robert Loos, MN
Joseph Mucker, FL	Andrew Mosher, MA
Terry Whiteside, MN	Homer Moore, CA
Arthur Blanchard, IL	John Lichoff, OH
Chuck Wazenegger, PA	Roland Rainford, NV
The Crew of the USS Salamonie	
Richard Werin, NJ	

Some of the gifts were for the boxes for our troops, others were personal thank you gifts. The total was \$274.00.

### HELP

Many of our Fall newsletter were returned because they were unable to be forwarded. If you can help us locate any of these people please let John Lichoff or Don Bond know.

<b>Clark Anderson</b>	<b>Otto Johnson</b>
<b>Vernon Anderson</b>	<b>Warren Kinsey</b>
<b>Roger Babcock</b>	<b>Kevin McCool</b>
<b>Raymond Bell</b>	<b>Don Miller</b>
<b>Donald Bennett</b>	<b>Tom Moses</b>
<b>Nicholas Carideo</b>	<b>William Murray</b>
<b>Orvan Carlin</b>	<b>Kenneth Page</b>
<b>Chester Coateney</b>	<b>Ray Patterson</b>
<b>George Coulitsis</b>	<b>Henry Reidel</b>
<b>Michael Crowe</b>	<b>Leonard Rusin</b>
<b>Paul Damon</b>	<b>Gasper Segulin</b>
<b>Edward Duszak</b>	<b>Horace Spackman</b>
<b>Raymond Ferwerda</b>	<b>Giouard Stamps</b>
<b>Walter Gagne</b>	<b>Thomas Tilseth</b>
<b>Jack Lucey</b>	<b>Calvin Willhoite</b>
<b>Norman Gilman</b>	<b>Kenneth Willyard</b>
<b>William Hertzog</b>	<b>Frank Zoretich</b>
<b>James Hooper</b>	

## A Note from Jack Sharkey Sent to Don Bond

Jack also enclosed \$5.00 extra for whatever it helps. He asked that this item be placed in the newsletter.

Shipmates,

Enclosed are my dues. I'm glad and proud to be part of this support process. I feel it is the least we can do to carry on the traditions of "My Gal Sal". I'm also disappointed in the fact that approximately only out of over 600 old "shipmates" located that only 80 are stepping up to the plate to carry on.

In my six years of active duty, and 3 ships I served on, the SAL was the best by far with the best crew I ever served with.

I guess everyone does not agree but apparently there are at least 80 of us who do. So to them I say, (borrowing a tradition from our Marine Corps brothers) Semper Fi. It may not be totally Navy but it fits. As far as all the non supporters, all I can say is "Anchors Away".

As far as I'm concerned: ANY TIME, ANY WHERE, ANY WEATHER will always ring true with me.

Jack Sharkey SFP 3  
USS Salamonie  
1964-1966

### Please Note

John Lichoff's son, Dan, recently had bypass surgery. He's doing well and will begin cardiac rehab soon. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

## A Quote about the Navy

***"It follows that as certain as the night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious."***

**President George Washington**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Warren, Indiana Salamonie Activities**

A Message from John Lichoff

When Dorothy and I were in Warren for Lilly Nutter's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, we decided to stay overnight instead of driving home at night. We went to our Salamonie home at the Comfort Inn and I found out some news and got some dates straightened out for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The motel has been sold again and is under new ownership. Angela is still the manager and she assured me that she had made the new owners aware of the USS Salamonie and our group after he asked about our pictures and memorabilia on the walls.

One thing that I "HAD" to do was to reserve the rooms now for the reunion in Warren. I did get us a price for the rooms for \$52.99 + tax a night. I have 25 rooms reserved and when you call to make reservations ask for either the USS Salamonie or John Lichoff's reservations. Also ask for non smoking or handicapped rooms if needed.

The phone number for the motel is (260) 375-4800 and the cutoff date is June 20, 2012, so they can rent out the unneeded rooms.

I contacted Kamie Ackley and got the exact dates for the reunion this year. The dates are June 28, 29 and 30. The parade will be held on Friday, June 29, 2012. (The activities are always held on the weekend preceding the 4<sup>th</sup>.)

Denny Stroud is the new co-coordinator for the Salamonie Days reunion.

So be thinking about attending the Warren July 4<sup>th</sup> reunion.

## April 2012 Reunion Info



*We want you to*

**Meet us in St. Louis, shipmates,  
Hope you'll all be there,  
We have lots of fun things planned  
So come by car or air.  
We'll bus to see the many sights,  
And have real nice meals on three nights.  
So please meet us in St. Louis, shipmates.  
We'd love to see you there!**

**A form for registration has been  
included in this newsletter**

**Registration deadline is  
February 14, 2012.  
Final payment is due on  
March 13, 2012**



### **Things to do ASAP**

- Pay your 2012 dues
- Register for the St. Louis Reunion
- Think about the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities and parade
- Have a Happy New Year

## **Complete Reunion Package**

### **Includes:**

4 Nights at the Millennium Hotel

### *10 Attractions*

3 Days of Area Transportation

Complete Breakfast each A.M

2 Group Dinners + Banquet Buffet

- Hospitality Room is open daily -

- Casino's available nightly (on own)

Hotel Parking included for Reunion Attendees

### **Wednesday April 18, 2012**

Arrive at Millennium Hotel – St. Louis Mo.

12:00 pm Hospitality Room opens / snacks

5:00 pm Everyone Meets in Hospitality Room

5:15 pm Dinner on own

### **Thursday April 19, 2012**

9:00am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

9:30am Cathedral Basilica

11:00am Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour

12:45pm Visit Historic St. Charles Mo for lunch on own

2:00pm Explore historic downtown St. Charles shops

3:30pm Back to Hotel

5:30pm Motorcoach pick up at hotel

6:00pm Dinner and Murder Mystery at Bissell Mansion

### **Friday April 20, 2012**

9:00am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

9:30am Gateway Arch Tour

10:00am Lewis and Clark Museum

12:00pm Lunch Cruise on the Mississippi River

2:00pm Ulysses S. Grant Historical Site

Film, House Tour, and Museum

4:30pm Back to Hotel

6:30pm Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory (Downtown)

### **Saturday April 21, 2012**

9:30 am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

10:15 am Grants Farm

11:30 pm Lunch included

1:45 pm Botanical Gardens

4:00 pm Back to Hotel

6:00 pm Banquet Dinner / Cash Bar

### **Sunday April 22, 2012**

Depart for home or stay and play

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## USS SALAMONIE

### ***St Louis Mo. Reunion***

***04/18/12 – 04/22/12***

**Held at Millennium Hotel**

200 S. FOURTH STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63102



### **Complete Reunion Package Price**

#### **PER PERSON:**

**TWO in Room: \$560**

**One in Room: \$775**

100% refunds for cancellations  
with 48 hours notice providing  
that the Attractions and Hotel  
refund DeeTours.

Airport transportation  
available at an  
Additional Cost

Extra Nights  
Lodging  
\$88.00  
Including Tax

**To Register please fill out Registration Form (Form will be in Newsletter)**

**and return it to our friends at DeeTours to Branson , Inc.**

**P.O. Box 6874 Branson, MO 65615 417-527-0808**

**“USS SALAMONIE”** REUNION BEGINS: April 18, 2012 (Wed.) REUNION ENDS: April 22, 2011 (Sun.)

**1** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2** YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**3** LODGING - Handicap Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Wheel Chair Seating: Transfer to Aisle Seat? YES NO

**5** AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICES: Available at additional cost.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby hold harmless from any claims DeeTours to Branson, Inc, and all suppliers used in this package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Client Signature Date

**\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2012 – Balance Due March 14, 2012**

**COMPLETE ST. LOUIS PACKAGE: \$775.00 Per Person (1 in room) OR \$560.00 per person (2 in room)**  
**EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING (Weekdays): \$88.00 Includes tax and Breakfast**

<b>6</b>		<u># of Persons</u>	<u>\$ per Person</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	All pricing listed includes tax
	FULL Package (see above listed prices) :	_____	x \$ _____	= _____	
	# of EXTRA Room Nights _____ x <b>\$88.00</b>			= _____	

**7** ADD ON Shows OR Services: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

DeeTours to Branson, Inc. at P.O. Box  
 6874 Branson, Mo. 65615  
 All Checks to be payable to:  
**DeeTours to Branson**

**GRAND TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8** PAYMENT INFORMATION:

**This Section to be completed by DeeTours to Branson, Inc. upon receipt of payment**

DEPOSIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Amt. Pd) / \_\_\_\_\_ (Date Paid)

All Deposit and Balance payments must be paid by check or money order and mailed to the below address

**9** RETURN Completed form with payment to: