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A Message from our President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

Spring is on the way. At least we hope it is. Actually as we write these comments in Pittsburgh on February 17th we have not had much of a winter; only one snowfall and mild for the most part. 50 degrees tomorrow.

Anyway, talking about the weather and the news media sure does talk about it (24/7 it seems), is better than discussing our health.

This spring newsletter brings a reminder of the Warren reunion. Even though it is 4 months off, it is time to get it on your calendar. You know how fast time flies these days. July 4th is on a Saturday, so not sure how Warren will schedule their events, but John will advise the dates. Naturally, we will be berthed at the Comfort Inn and those folks have really been fantastic hosts and Donna Wampler does a fabulous job of decorating the hospitality room and making some arrangements.

We also have a new addition to the museum; a beautiful, detailed model of the Salamonie that we cannot wait to see. I'm anxious to see everyone again. If you have never been, or if it has been awhile, it is

time to consider the trip to join in the fun and comradery. We really do have a memorable 3/4 days. We have been attending our reunions for 20 years, ever since we learned of them and attended our first in Newport.

I didn't write much, but I really nothing more to say other than to recognize and thank our shipmates and spouses that keep this association viable; Dorothy & John Lichoff, Jan & Mike Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Roger & Bev Reller, Marlene & Barry Stark and Donna & Duane Wampler. I must also mention my wife Stephanie, before we get in trouble one of these days, Stephanie also contributes more than her share. We especially want to recognize and thank George Perrault. During these reunions, Chief George not only leads the work parties, he is the work party and he sure does have a lot more energy than we do!

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,
Chuck Wazenegger

**A Message from John Lichoff
It's That Time Again!**

Shipmates, Spouses and Significant Others:
I'm looking forward to renewing our friendships and making some new friends. I hope everyone had a good winter and enjoyable holidays.

On November 11, 2019 Dorothy fell and broke her pelvis in two places and missed the holidays. She is home now and doing well. We celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary on January 2, 2020 with a wonderful catered celebration that was attended by many family members and friends. Dorothy says thank you for the many cards and prayers.

I've dropped off of my golf leagues for this year so that we can do a lot of traveling while we are able. There are several places and things that we want to see. To everyone who suffered a loss or tragedy or illness, we offer our prayers and thoughts.

We miss you and look forward to seeing you.
John and Dorothy

P.S. Please keep me posted on what and how you are doing so that I will have information for the newsletter.



Sick/Surgery/Treatments/Recovery

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Wazenegger	Don Bond
Leonard Buck	Joseph Manuele
Ed Lanahan	Elnar Schavland
John Moliere	Roger Reller
Donna Wampler	George Perrault
Karen Herr	

Nota Bene

If you need an address or phone number, please call
John Lichoff at (419) 668-8666.

NOTE BENE

If you know about anyone who is sick or has passed please let John Lichoff know so that a Salamonie get well or sympathy card can be sent. He will also contact them to see if we can help in any way.

I you would like to send a card call John Lichoff for the address. (419) 668-8666

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May they Rest in Peace

News about Warren, Indiana for July 2020

Donna Wampler

We will be staying at the Comfort Inn so please make your reservations ASAP. Management at the Motel informed me that they will have something special for us this year.

HOTEL

**Comfort Inn and Suites
7275 S. 75 Road East
Warren, Indiana 46792
(260)-918-6100
Mehul – Manager
Angela- Assistant
Rooms blocked July 1st – 5th, 2020
\$80.00 plus tax**

PARADE

**Friday, July 3rd, time to be determined
Join us for a “Sweet Ride on the trolley in the parade**

BANQUET

**July 4th, time to be determined
Location: Hospitality room at the hotel
Meal: to be determined**

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Other Items of Interest

Mesothelioma Help

If you need help with the VA on this issue please contact Ed Lanahan at (704) 438-6166. Since he went through the process he will be able to help you.

Salamonie Museum

Do you have any old USS Salamonie memorabilia that you do not want anymore or any items from deceased former crewmen that you would like to donate to the museum’s permanent display?

At times things are passed down or just put away and forgotten and eventually are discarded or lost. We would like to try to save all of these items for all to see.

If you do have something, please contact John Lichoff at (419)668-866. We can help you with postage or shipping. Thanks.

**Scale Model of the USS Salamonie
John Lichoff**

I received an email in January from Doug Bauer (ex BM3, USS Windham County LST 1170) from Albany, OR telephone: (541-967-6111.

Doug stated that:

“Several years ago I Scratch built in plastic a 1/350 scale model of the USS Salamonie. I’m clearing out some of my older models and I am wondering if your association would like to have th AO-26 model. It is approximately 18 inches long, is on a faux sea on a wooden base. I can send some photos if you like. This is a gift and all I would require is assistance with shipping. Please e-mail me if you are interested. “

Note: This model won “Best Ship” at the 2011 Seattle Show. John called Mr. Bauer right away and had a wonderful conversation about his hobby for model ships. John told him that we would be honored to have his model and will display it with honor in our museum for all to see. John talked to Chuck and Mike and made arrangements to for the shipping of the model to me. I received the model on February 4, 2020 and will get it to Warren as soon as I can get there.

Mike and I personally contacted Mr. Bauer and compensated him and thanked him for his generosity. The details of everything on the ship is exact in every detail. He said he had prints of the ship to work from.

Thank you Doug Bauer for the model of the USS Salamonie.

Tom Applegate will post pictures of the model ship that Mr. Bauer sent.

Go to our web site to see the picture (Salamonie.homestead.com(



**USS Salamonie Association
Shoe Box Project**

Taya Decker wants the names and addresses for service people in harm’s way so that she can send them a shoe box filled with goodies. If you know someone please send their name and address to:

**Taya Decker
PO Box 45
Huntington, IN 46750
Or call her at (260) 438-0454**

**Greetings from your Treasurer
Mike Seidel**

Hello Shipmates!! Once again we are preparing the Spring Newsletter and my job as your treasure is to see how much money I can get you all to send to me. Really I do appreciate the fact that I get to add to the newsletter. We are doing well as far as the finances go for the USS Salamonie Association.

I know that the town of Warren will care for our museum when we are no longer able to take care of it. It is my hope that we are able to send them enough money for them to keep the museum going. After all it is so important that my dress blues have a home!! We also have some bills that just keep happening in regards to the association. I guess the bottom line is that the \$25.00 dues are not much. I have sent a few notes out of thanks for some who have paid those dues and hope that I can continue to do that for all who pay. The address has not changed (meaning that the wife of almost 60 years has not kicked me out). Send the money to:

**Mike Seidel
3211 Northern Valley Drive N.E.
Rochester Minnesota
55906**

Thanks to all!!

USS Salamonie Association Dues

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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: ____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____
E Mail: _____
I prefer to get my newsletter via: _____ Snail mail _____ E mail

**Another note from the Treasurer
You may make a donation for any of the following by
sending with this form to the treasurer.**

Your name: _____
\$____ Knight Bergman Center
\$____ USS Salamonie Postage Fund
\$____ Troop Care Packages
\$____ Other (please indicate: _____)

A note from John Lichoff

I am having difficulty contacting shipmates when people have moved or changed phone numbers. If this applies to you please complete and return this form or call or e mail the information.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E mail: _____
Newsletter: Snail mail ___ or e mail ___

**John D. Lichoff
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Norwalk, Ohio 44857
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JLichoff@neo.rr.com**

Nota Bene

Rita Wood has an assortment of cards with the USS Salamonie on the front.

One for each of the following:

- Birthday,**
- Anniversary**
- Thinking of You**
- Get Well Soon**
- Sympathy**
- Congratulations**

When you let John Lichoff know about the need for one I send them out from the Salamonie Association.

You can request one from me by sending the type of card and the name and address of the recipient at me at RLW313@aol.com or (401) 683-1468.

Have a Happy Spring

“Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens

“March winds and April Showers bring forth May flowers.”

English Proverb

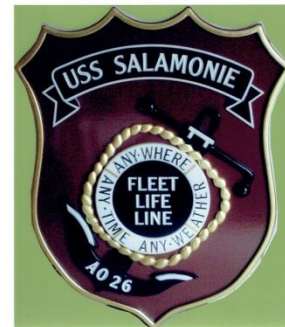
“June is the gateway to Summer.”

Jean Hersey

Happy 4th of July

“May we think of freedom, not as The right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”

Peter Marshall



Please Note

COVID-19 the corona virus is wreaking havoc in the United States and world.

We hope that all will be well by July so that we can meet together in Warren but circumstances may cause the activities to be cancelled.

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USS Salamonie Model by Doug Bauer

Thanks to Tom Applegate for this image.

Lest We Forget



In Memoriam
Rest in Peace
Donald Stratton

97 year old Donald Stratton died at his Colorado Springs home on Saturday, February 15, 2020. He was one of the three remaining survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack on the USS Arizona on December 7, 1941. He wrote the book "All the Gallant Men". The other two remaining survivors are Louis Conti and Howard K. Potts .



Some things to do ASAP

Pay your dues
Make a donation
Enjoy Spring
Live Long and Prosper
Stay Safe
Follow directions from your State governors about the virus
Take care of each other
Pray for our country and the world
Help each other
Love each other
Remember how blessed we are.



Some quotes from Tom Applegate

"There have always been hard times. There have always been wars and troubles-famine, disease and such-like- and some folks are born with money, some with none. In the end it is up to the man that he becomes, and none of those things matter. It is character that counts."

Louis L'Amour, Chancy

"Sadness can find you anywhere, anytime, so you better have fun when you can."

The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder.
Kindle Edition

"Remember this, if you can – there is 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

