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A Message from the President

Charles Wazenegger

Dear Shipmates, Spouses,
and Significant Others,

Hopefully you have all had a most enjoyable summer. As we head into fall, this is an appropriate time to announce our next reunion which will be held in Branson, MO, April 27 to May 1, 2016. We are personally delighted with this destination since we have been there twice before and absolutely loved the place. If you have not been there, we can promise you a fantastic time. The entertainment is exceptional and the reception extended to veterans is heartwarming to say the least. So mark your calendar now and be prepared to attend another outstanding reunion.

The proposed Mississippi River cruise did not work because of cost. The cruise itself would be about \$4,000 per person with the added expense of getting there and home again.

Speaking of reunions, we had another most enjoyable time in Warren.

Once again we rode in the parade and opened the museum to the public for two days. Lilly rode in the parade with us this year and of course was a guest at our banquet dinner. She will be 103 in December and continues to be remarkable. Warren is special because it gives us so much time to socialize with each other.

On a personal note, we continue to mourn the untimely death of LCDR Andy Mosher. Andy was a 29 year veteran and served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Andy and I were on the Sal at the same time and We served together initially in the Deck Department. Andy was especially kind and helpful to me as a Boot Ensign and we were very close. We became reacquainted again at the Newport reunion and our friendship continued. Health permitting, Andy and his wife would join us for a few days on our annual visit to Maine and that time continued even after his wife's passing four years ago. Plans were in place to see each other again this summer. Andy was a super,

funny, energetic man and our trip to Maine this year was bittersweet.

We again want to extend our gratitude and thanks to Dorothy and John Lichoff, Rita and Dave Wood, Jan and Mike Seidel, Marlene and Barry Stark, Bev and Roger Reller and Donna and Duane Wampler. Without their involvement and dedicated assistance this association would not exist.

May you all enjoy good health and happiness during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincere best wishes,
Chuck Wazenegger

**A Message from John Lichoff
July 4, 2015 Warren Reunion**

We thank the Boy and Cub Scouts in Warren for their support of the USS Salamonie AO-26 by carrying our flag during the parade.

The scouts were able to collect \$323.00 from the coins that were thrown into the flag at the 4th of July parade and the Salamonie Association donated the money raised back to the scouts for their summer camps.

Reunion 2016

For the July 2016 reunion in Warren I have 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 is (260) 375-4800. The room rate is \$89.00.

Nota Bene

Please keep us up to date by sending changes in your e-mail address or snail mail address. Send the info to John Lichoff at jlichoff@neo.rr.com or Rita Wood at RLW313@AOL.COM

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Congratulations

Happy 65th Anniversary to
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loos (ET2 48-51).

The photo in the local paper showed Robert wearing his Navy uniform at their wedding alongside a 65th anniversary picture.



Honor Roll

We have added these names to the
Honor Roll.

Please say a silent prayer for them.

Thomas W. Harmon	MR3	67-68
Daniel Buchanan	EMC	54-57
Gary L. Jones	SK3	63-64
John Sergi	SN	56-58
Paul Schwendener	ENS	43-44
Clyde Brockett	LT	58-59
Boyd P. Williams		44
Willie H. Glover	BM2	64-66
Andrew Mosher	LT	62-65 **
Rodney Glover		1972
Maurice J. Tourigny	MM2	53-54
Charles Egemo	RDSN	56-58
Wilburn Pulliam	BM3	42-45 **

** were Life Members

Condolence

**Fred Foy BM3 47-51 on the loss of his
beloved wife.**

Please note:

Rita Wood will send a get well,
sympathy or congratulations card to people
from the USS Salomonie Association.

Send the details to her at
RLW313@aol.com.

A note about Lilly Nutter



Salamonie Legend: End of era September 13, 2015

John Lichoff

Lilly Nutter has sent her last box of
goodies to our troops in harm's way. She
has informed me that she cannot do it
anymore because her sight has failed her to
the point that she is making too many
mistakes in her endeavor. In the past 9 1/2
years Lilly has sent 1460 packages to which
everyone has donated \$15000.00 in postages
and expenses.

Lilly is sad that she cannot continue
and as she told me the inevitable has come
and it is her choice to stop. She wants to
thank each and every one who helped her
along the way. She is going to miss her men
and women in uniform.

Lilly has a record of EVERY
package that she has ever sent along with the
receipts for postage. She has asked if we
would take them for the museum so that all
can see what she has done. It is with great
Honor to accept these treasures from her for
everyone to see and review.

Lilly asked me to tell everyone that
her health is good and she is feeling fine.
Just the eyesight is gone but not the love and
care for everybody.

If you have the time or make time,
please send her a thank you card
to let her know how much we love her and
will miss her work. Also remember her
birthday is 12/12/15. (103 years young)
There is only one Lilly.
We love you and will see you soon and at
the next reunion in Warren.

God Bless you Lilly Nutter

(Note) We have a person with strong Salamonie ties that would like to take over the program and continue with the care packages.

Please shower Lilly with cards of thanks as well as birthday cards.

Her address is:

Lilly Nutter
801 Huntington Avenue
Warren, IN46792-9402

USS Salamonie AO-26 Model

After many years Dick Wirin finally completed his scale model of the USS Salamonie AO-26 and he brought it to the museum for the July 2015 opening of the museum. He spent many hours on final assembly of the delicate tiny items on the ship and it was finally put into a special display case for all to enjoy.

The many visitors to the museum as well as the shipmates were very impressed by this masterful portrayal of this wonderful ship.

We thank Dick for creating this beautiful addition to our museum displays.



Reunion: April 2016

John Lichoff

The 2016 Reunion will be held in Branson MO. April 27 – May 1, 2016. Details are in the works as to all the availability of shows at that time. Complete details and reservation info will be in the winter news letter

We have also invited The Fleet Tankers association to join us. Their ranks as well as ours are diminishing rapidly so by combining the tankers together we will be able to have a viable group for the reunions,

Dorothy and I and George Perrault attended The Fleet Tankers Reunion in Detroit Sept. 16 – 20. We had a good time and it was great to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. Dorothy and I have attended their reunions in the past. Several people have expressed their joining us in Branson.

Note

The itinerary and registration forms will be in the Winter Newsletter with information about costs and deadlines for registration.

This info will also be on the web site www.salamonie.homestead.com.



If you wish to purchase the Ship's Patch contact:

**George A. Cusick
276 Manor Rd.
Staten Island, NY 10314
(718) 273-6956**

georgeacusick@yahoo.com

The price is \$8.00

A Message from the Treasurer



Dear Shipmates,

Greetings from your Treasurer,
It has been just over a year (July 2014) since I have had this job. I took over after the Bonds had it for 6 years and can see that I had large shoes to fill. I hope that I have been doing the job as close to what they did as possible.

I write to ask all of you to PLEASE send your dues in as soon as possible! Although we are in pretty good shape at the present time, we did come close to not being funded last summer. If it were not for many of the life members adding to our monies we might not be talking now. I and the rest of the board members realize that for some the dues are a hardship and we will be glad to work with you, just ask (or tell). The 2016 dues run from January 1st to December 31st, I am more than happy to take your dues early, it scares me to take them late as I am never sure that they are coming. This year I (We, as the board) would like your dues by March if possible. Planning is so much easier if we know that we have the funds.

Thanks for your confidence in me. I hope to see many of you in the spring at our reunion in Branson.

Remember besides the newsletter we need the funds to pay my and the rest of the boards' large salaries!!

Just joking...we are all volunteers and our salary is \$0.00 each.

Mike in Minnesota
USS Salamonie Association Treasurer

USS Salamonie Association
Dues are \$25.00.

Make your check out to USS Salamonie and send it with this form to
Mike Seidel

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Your dues and donations help to keep this Association afloat.

USS Salamonie Association

c/o Rita L. Wood, Editor
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“It follows then as certain as that 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

15 November 1781, to Marquis de Lafayette.



Things to do ASAP:

- **Pay your 2016 dues and/or make a donation.**
- **Think about attending the Reunion in Branson MO. Next April.**
- **Enjoy the upcoming seasonal holidays.**