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A Message from the President

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

Hopefully you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and are now looking forward to Christmas which seems to come sooner every year. As we write this note, it does not feel much like Christmas as the temps in Pittsburgh have plummeted all the way to 55.

Anyway, the big news is that John and Curtis have finalized the details for our spring reunion in Branson, MO; April 27th through May 1st. If you have not been to a reunion or Branson, we really encourage you to put this on your bucket list and make plans to enjoy another grand reunion. This is our third visit to Branson, so obviously this is a popular destination. The entertainment is fantastic and the appreciation extended to we veterans is unbelievable. We promise you a memorable occasion.

As you know, we have lost our dear friend and grand lady, Lilly. Lilly would have been 103 on December 12th. Because of her blindness, Lilly was unable to continue her care package program, her passion for several years, and we think this led to her passing since she no longer had a reason to continue

life. To say she will be truly missed is major understatement. She will leave a significant void in the lives of those who knew her, especially the Lichoffs and Bonds who were very close to Lilly. We will never forget her and all the joy she brought to so many lives.

We again extend our appreciation to John and Dorothy Lichoff, Rita and Dave Wood, Mike and Jan Seidel, Barry and Marlene Stark, Roger and Bev Reller, and Donna and Duane Wampler. This association could not continue to function without their dedicated service and we truly appreciate their efforts.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Sincere best wishes,

Chuck Wazenegger

PS: The Comfort Inn in Warren has completed their renovations and we will be back there over the 4th of July. Should make for a much more convenient stay. John indicates the facility is beautiful.

Reassigned to a higher Command

LILLY NUTTER
12/12/12 – 11/12/15
John Lichoff

Lilly passed one month shy of her 103rd birthday. On December 12, 2015 there will be a celebration of life in her name at Heritage Point Methodist Home in Warren Indiana.

My wife and I and several shipmates are going to the service and we are hoping to get a good turnout of Salamonie personnel and veterans. All are invited.

I have been asked to do a Eulogy for her and will attempt to do my best. I had a personal bond with Lilly and she could never say enough about all the Salamonie men and women for making her life such a joy in her golden years.

Her obit is attached to the news letter

Thank you Lilly. RIP.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

In Memoriam

Lilly Nutter



Lilly I. Nutter, 102, of Warren, Indiana passed away at 4:25 a.m. Thursday, November 12, 2015, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Born December 12, 1912, (12-12-12) Lilly Isabella Von Treiber, to Joseph and Maria (Galowitch) Von Treiber in Chicago, IL.

Her first job was in a notary public's office as a young teenager, typing legal papers, insurance policies and handling license plates. In the 1930's, she was as a typist at Thatcher Glass in Bakersfield, California where she typed over 100

words per minute error free. In 1942-43 she was a tele-typist for the Army in Bakersfield, CA. She and her husband moved to the Peru, Indiana area in the early 1960's, where she worked at Grissom Air Force Base. In 1968 they moved to the Warren, Indiana area to reside on the Nutter home place, a 20 acre land grant along and divided by the Salamonie River. There she raised flowers and could name them by their scientific name, and vegetables, and sold the vegetables from huge garden plots on their property along the Salamonie River.

She was a housekeeper for the United Methodist Memorial Home (now Heritage Pointe) for 17 years, and later retired there in 1994. Just because she was over 65 did not mean she was "retired", she traveled with her family and friends and participated in some exciting things; like parasailing in Mexico, and visited Germany twice. It was like she started a whole new chapter in her life after she had both her knees replaced when she was in her mid-70's. Lilly was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Marion, Indiana she always said "God will provide, and God answers prayers", and she felt so blessed.

She volunteered as the box office manager for over 20 years with the Pulse Opera House, she volunteered for the American Cancer Society for 12 years and helped raise over \$27,000 through their Daffodil Days campaign. She worked the polls for the election board in Huntington County and stayed current and active in politics. When the U.S. government was closing small local post offices, she began a campaign to save the Warren Post Office, and was successful. For many years she was the chair-person for the Salamonie Summer Festival Flower Show, she volunteered to be hostess along with her friends at the SSF Art Show during the festival. Lilly was a member of the Bayview Reading Club for many years and wrote poetry. She volunteered at the Warren Bread of Life Food Pantry for many years. She was the face of Warren via the Welcome Wagon program for many years, and was instrumental in instituting a calling program to remind or take reservations for the Warren Chamber of Commerce members, thus boosting the regular attendance of the Warren Chamber to numbers unheard of for a small town, and she regularly attended those monthly Chamber

meetings, with the September 2015 meeting being her final meeting. She prided herself in keeping current with national news. Generally on Thursday nights at Heritage Pointe there is entertainment, and she would go to others and assist them to the activities room, so they could enjoy the music. On Friday's , it is well known for ice cream in the afternoon. She regularly delivered to several rooms through-out the buildings, about 30 dishes of ice cream, that she would take to those not able to get to the Cove for ice cream. She continued this through September 2015.

In 2002, she formed the first Red Hatter Group in Huntington County, the Real Elegant Dames (RED), and was the "Queen Mum" for many years, she arranged many monthly outings and tea parties for her Sister Red Hatters. For the last 20 years she has regularly invited little girls from the community, daughters and granddaughters of friends, and hosted 100's of tea parties as she demonstrated to the wee ones, the proper etiquette of brewing and serving her favorite Earl Grey tea. Many delighted young girls, (and some not so young) have been hosted by Lilly at her tea parties, and along with their mothers or grandmothers, were able to serve "one lump or two" sugar cubes with their tea.

For the last 13 years, Lilly has supported our U.S. Troops by preparing monthly care packages to send to Troops in Harm's Way. It was a request from her grand-daughter's husband who was serving overseas in his second tour, that had noticed that some of his men never received mail or anything from home, and that it might help their homesickness if they received a card or letter from home. She actually took this a step further, and since she was not certain what to send, she made a simple request at a Warren function where the retired men of the decommissioned U.S.S. Salamonie were visiting, and planning to put their museum in the Knight-Bergman Civic Center, in Warren. That resulted in them personally "adopting" Lilly and her shoebox mission project, and it would not have been possible for her to send 1,460 boxes through September 2015, if she had not had that chance encounter with the President of the U.S.S. Salamonie Association and the funds they provided for the postage. She collected the

supplies and goodies to fill up the boxes from her family, friends and business associates.

Her husband, Thomas A. Nutter preceded her in death in 1985. Her sons, Neil (of California) and Lance (of Missouri), preceded her in death. Her daughter, Betty Campbell survives in Sheridan, IN. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Ervin, and also by two sisters, Evelyn and Helen. She is survived by 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Many close friends that she considered family survive in the Warren area.

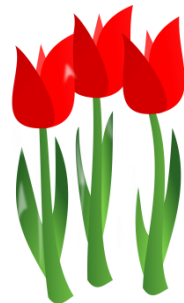
Any preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, should be made out to **Heritage Pointe** and noted on the memo line, for the **Lilly Nutter Memorial Fund**, at 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792 or to the **U.S.S. Salamonie**, to continue the shoebox mission, the U.S.S. Salamonie memorials can be mailed to: IAB Financial Bank, Attn: Warren Branch, P.O. Box 595 Markle, IN 46770

Friends can share memories and send condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

A Celebration of Lilly's Life will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Heritage Pointe, in the Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, Indiana at 1 p.m. with Pastor Dick Case officiating.

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Lilly became one of the USS Salamonie Association's dearest friends.
We will miss her smiling face.



Shoe Box Care Packages
Mrs. Janice (Jordan) Ryan
188 Dogwood Drive
Warren, IN. 46792

Janice is one of the most valuable and important part of the USS Salamonie in Warren. She has been with the Salamonie since day one and takes care of our museum, and float for the parade. She has been instrumental behind the scene in the success we have in Warren.

With the passing of Lilly and our Shoe Box care packages, Janice has stepped forward and wants to continue with the program. After conversing with our officers, we are pledging our support in this endeavor. We gave her a corner and a desk in our museum for her to carry out her mission

She is going to restart the program in January of 2016. She is in need of names and addresses.

If you know of someone or have a family member in harm's way, please contact her. If you wish to contribute to the cause, then make your donation to the USS Salamonie and send it to her. We have established an account for the money to be deposited at the Markel Bank for her use in mailing the packages. All help and donations will be greatly appreciated.



Greetings from your Treasurer
Mike Seidel

With Thanksgiving past and Christmas soon to be upon us, it is good that we can have this chat before the New Year. It has been a good year and a sad year for the Association. We lost Lilly on November 12. We gave lots of our funds to her to use for the good of our service folks. We have a new person, Janice (Jordan) Ryan to take over this project. You might remember Janice as one of the most helpful people in Warren, IN.

I am pleased by the response of 39 members who have paid dues in response to my call for dues payment. I am disappointed at the number of members who have not paid dues. If you are reading this

newsletter and have not paid your dues I'm asking you to get on the ball and send the dues to me.

The newsletter is a good example of what your dues accomplish for you.

If we do not have enough paid members this may not be possible in the future.

Thanks for reading this and thanks in advance for sending in your 2016 dues.

I hope to see you in Branson in 2016 and in Warren next July 4.

USS Salamonie Association
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)

Additional donations can be made to the:
Knight-Bergman Civic Center
USS Salamonie Postage Fund
Troop Care Packages

USS Salamonie Association Dues 2016
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____
E Mail: _____
I prefer to get my newsletter via: _____ Snail mail _____ E mail

Your dues help to keep The Association afloat.



**Reunions 2016
John Lichoff**

Honor Roll

**Edmond A. Bamford Jr. S1/C 44-48
Art Conover EMJ3 52-55
John Cooper ET2 52-54
(Life Member John was our liaison to the
Nimitz War Museum every July 4th at
Fredricksburg, Texas)
Lilly Nutter
12/12/12 – 11/12/15**



Condolences

**Dee Bond on the loss of her Brother
George Perrault on the loss of his Uncle and
Mother on the same day
Mike Seidel on the loss of his
brother-in-law**



**+ Please keep in your prayers and
send cards.**

**Silas Browning Al Jirik
Leonard Buck (Triple By-pass)
Charlie Stepanic Larry Pumroy
George Perrault (6 By-pass)
Don and Dee Bond
Vicki Snead**

April 2016 Branson MO

April 27- May 1, 2016

Flyer and registration form is in this newsletter.

July 4th Warren IN

**I have 20 rooms reserved at the new
Comfort Inn (where we used to stay).**

The room rate is \$89.00 plus tax.

The number is (260-375-4800).

PLEASE NOTE

**If you move, change your phone
number or change your email address,
PLEASE let us know so that we can keep
our information up to date.**

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**Branson Mo Reunion
April 27 – May 1, 2016**

Grand Plaza Hotel
245 N Wildwood Dr. Branson Mo



Complete Reunion Package

**Includes: 4 Nights at Grand Plaza Hotel
3 Days of Area Transportation**

7 Attractions/Shows, Breakfast each A.M
4 Group Meals + Banquet Buffet
- Hospitality Room is open daily -

Wednesday April 27, 2016

3:00 pm Check-in Grand Plaza
3:00 pm Hospitality Room Opens / Snacks
5:00 pm Everyone meets in Hospitality Room
6:00 pm Dinner on own

Thursday April 28, 2016

9:15 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
10:00 am Buck Trent Show
12:00 pm Lunch at McFarlain's
2:00 pm All Hands on Deck!
6:00 pm Dinner at Shoney's Buffet
8:00 pm Baldknobber's Jamboree



Friday April 29, 2016

9:30 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
10:00 am Doug Gabriel Show
12:00 pm Lunch at Florentina's
2:00 pm Spirit of the Dance
5:30 pm Dinner at Grand Country Buffet
7:30 pm Clay Cooper Show



Saturday April 30, 2016

10:00 am Motorcoach Pick up at hotel
10:15 am Historic Downtown Branson Shops
11:30 am Lunch on Own in Downtown Branson
1:00 pm Behind the Scenes Tour at Sight & Sound
3:30 pm Moses at Sight & Sound
6:15 pm Arrive at Hotel
7:00 pm Banquet Dinner at Hotel

Complete Reunion Package Price

PER PERSON:

TWO in Room: \$ 763

One in Room: \$ 995

90% refunds for cancellations
with 48 hours notice providing
that the Attractions and Hotel
refund DeeTours.

**Airport Shuttle
available at
additional cost**

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

and return it to our friends at DeeTours LLC.

5410 NW 60th Dr. Coral Springs, Fl 33067 417-527-0808

E-mail: Curtis@DeeTours.us

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2016

Extra Nights
Lodging
\$99
Including Tax

“USS SALAMONIE” REUNION BEGINS: April 27, 2016 (Wed.) REUNION ENDS: May 1, 2016 (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: DeeTours does not collect monies for Airport Shuttle
 (Call All Around cab Company at 417-536-3333 and provide them your flight information)

I, _____ (Herein Client) do hereby hold harmless from any claims DeeTours llc. and all suppliers used in the final DeeTours llc. package.

 Client Signature Date

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2016 – Balance Due March 14, 2016

6 COMPLETE BRANSON MO PACKAGE: \$995.00 Per Person (1 in room) OR \$763.00 per person (2 in room)
 EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING \$99.00 Includes tax. All pricing listed includes tax

	# of Persons	\$ per Person	Total Amount
FULL Package (see above listed prices)	: _____	x \$ _____	= _____
# of EXTRA Room Nights	_____	x \$99.00	= _____

Special needs? Diet, HC room etc.

7 ADD ON Shows OR Services:
 : _____ x \$ _____ = _____

8 PAYMENT DUE: GRAND TOTAL: _____

9 RETURN Completed form with payment to:
 DeeTours LLC. at 5410 NW 60th Dr. Coral Springs, Fl. 33067
 All Checks to be payable to: DeeTours LLC.
 For additional information call DeeTours 417-527-0808

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

This Section to be completed by DeeTours upon receipt of payment(s)

DEPOSIT \$ _____ / _____ FINAL BAL \$ _____ / _____

**USS Salamonie Newsletter
C/O Rita L. Wood, Editor
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**“The United States Navy has two mottos,
one official and one unofficial, with the
former being "Semper Fortis," and the
latter "Non Sibi Sed Patriae”**

**" The first means "ever strong," the second
"not for self but for country."**



Things to do ASAP:

- **Pay your 2016 dues and/or make a donation.**
- **Make your reservations for the April 2016 reunion in Branson MO.**

Have a Happy Holiday Season