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**A Message from our President,
Chuck Wazenegger**

**Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and
Significant Others,**

Let me begin by saying we had a wonderful time at the Reunion. The weather was perfect, and the entire Salamonie Festival was a grand event including the parade. This year Taya did an outstanding job decorating and stocking the hospitality room and her husband did all the food preparation for our banquet. This was no small task since he did the cooking at his home in Huntington and then had to transport it the 18 miles to Warren. Everything was delicious and hot.

Taya, Karen, and their husbands did the float decorations and it looked beautiful. I do not know what we would do without these Warren friends who spend so much time and effort for us. They are kind, thoughtful, and incredibly special people, to say the least.

Recently we lost three shipmates with whom we were remarkably close, Don Bind, Dave Wood and Roger Reller. To honor them and our other shipmates who have passed away, my wife, Stephanie, decided to decorate a missing man table for our banquet. This was a surprise, and it was. Everyone was impressed as they entered the room and read the significance of the items on the table. It was emotional

to say the least. Stephanie truly did an amazing job with the table. She even made the effort to find a local florist to have a fresh rose. Thanks to John we now have a permanent missing man table in the museum, and it is a work of art.

We want to thank Dorothy and John Lichoff, Jan and Mike Seidel, Rita Wood, Marlene and Barry Stark, Donna and Duane Wampler, Taya Decker and certainly her husband, George Perrault, and Stephanie once again for all they do to keep the Association afloat. I cannot tell you how grateful we are for their many contributions.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas.

Chuck Wazenegger

Messages from Vice-President,
John Lichoff

Shipmates and Significant others.

It has been an interesting summer for all with the Covid and political crap going on. We have been very fortunate that the bug has missed us. We did take the shots and watched ourselves.

Our reunion as small as it was, an enormous success and we had a wonderful time.

We did have some excitement and near tragedy, but God was with us.

A drunk driver almost hit Donna and her husband head on as they along with Mike Stokes and John Gilliam in the back seat. By quick reflexes and inches, she misses them. She then hit a concrete post and destroyed her car. Mike and I got to her and got the door pried open and Duane then stabilized her till the squad got there.

At the hotel Chuck and Stephanie had a card table made up for the Missing man tribute.

I took it a little further and made a permanent table for the museum.

You will be able to view the table at our web site.

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I wish to thank Daniel Lichoff HMC USN/RET for the decals and a shout out to Caters by Design for the table placements. I made the table out of walnut.

On a further note the local VA office seen the table and want me to make one for the lobby of the VA office.

They also want to make a day trip, bus load of vets to visit our museum and I said that I would be glad to take them.

We had a very pleasant surprise at the museum when we got there. The museums (both rooms) were immaculate clean. The cabinets inside out, items dusted and clean, glass clean and polished, carpet cleaned and vacuumed.

We thought that the civic center did this and come to find out that Jodie McDaniel and her daughter Jennifer got in and done the whole place themselves for us. We cannot thank them enough.

One of the wheels on the bell frame broke and I had to make two trips to Warren to fix it.

Thank you, George DeWeese, for the use of a tow motor, pallet Jack and operator at no cost.

We are now trying to get one of the doors widened so that the

bell can go into the room and out of the hallway.

For our banquet, Taya's husband Phil cooked ribs for us and our compliments to the chef.

Taya and Donna did an excellent job for the hospitality room. Karen Herr and her husband Steve along with Taya had done a fabulous job for our float in the parade.

On a sad note, we have lost several shipmates that I have heard about and from researching old rosters.

Most important were two of our officers, David Wood and Roger Reller two of our mainstays. George Perrault SKC has been made a trustee in place of Roger Reller.

We are making a change in the way the newsletter is going out. With the passing of Dave Wood. Rita does not drive and cannot have the newsletter done and mailed.

Rita and I are going to split the duties. She is going to compose and format the newsletter and do the e-mails. I am going to print the newsletter and do the

mailing. To keep things in order, Rita and I will do the mailing on the same day. Rita will also continue with her cards and updates. Taya has been doing a great job with the mailing and will have more to report in her blurb. God Bless and be safe. John & Dorothy Lichoff
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Honor Roll

Please see my additions to the Honor Roll/Obituary Search by John Lichoff on the last page of the newsletter.

A Note from John Lichoff

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. If you would like to send a card call John Lichoff for the address.

Also please keep me updated on changes such as phone, address/injuries/health/death etc.
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A Note from Rita Wood

I have made an assortment of cards with a picture of the USS Salamonie on the front for Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, Sympathy, and Congratulations.

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

When John has information about a person needing one of these cards he lets me know so that I can send a card.

**Salamonie Association
Shoe Box Project**

Taya Decker wants the names and addresses of 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**

In September 2021, Taya received a large donation from a Warren, IN based International Sorority, the Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority.

Here are pictures of the delivery and a picture of the donations.



This is the wonderful assortment of items that will be used in the Shoebox Project that are sent to those in harm's way.



*Thinking
of you*

Jan Seidel-Surgery

Jackie Mandock-Surgery

A message from Treasurer,

*Mike Seidel
3211 Northern Valley Drive N.E.
Rochester, Minnesota 55906
Thanks to all!!*

Greetings Shipmates,

This is your treasurer telling you that the liquor cabinet is almost empty so please help by paying your 2022 dues.

We are doing pretty well for money, not that there is never enough. We are doing well as an association.

John is doing some work at the museum on the main doors as well as adding some new exhibits.

We are sad that we have lost so many shipmates this year. For me the most notable one was Dave Wood because we were almost like brothers. We did many of the right things together. My thoughts and prayers are for Rita.

I did fall on my daily walk and ended up in the hospital overnight. The elbow that I landed on is fine. My wife, Jan fell and broke her arm just before the July reunion. She had surgery on October 12 to repair the damage. This might have something to do with birthdays. Our 61 years of marriage have been eventful.

**USS Salamonie Association
Dues 2022**

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You may donate for any of the following by sending your check with this form to the treasurer.

Your name: _____

\$____ Knight Bergman Center

\$____ USS Salamonie Postage Fund

\$____ Troop Care Packages

\$____ Other (please indicate: _____)

The Officers of the USS Salamonie Association wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Time during the coming November and December holidays.



**Honor Roll/ Obituary Search
by John Lichoff RM2
Additions since the Spring-
Summer Newsletter**

Honor Roll

Edward Lanahan	EM3
49-52 Life member	
David Wood	RD3
57-60 Life Member	
Richard Bridges	GMG3
64-68	
Roger Reller	BMSN
48-50 Life Member	
Edward Cincotta	MMR3
54-56 (Life Member)	
Fred T. Kelley	RM3
53-55 (Life Member)	
Einar Schavland	MM3
56-60	
Steve Rank	SN
64-65	
Eugene Szymanski	FP3
55-56	
William R. Vickroy	DC3
60-62	
Bill Anderson	QM3
59-62	
Robert C. Amis	PN3
62-65	
Roger Babcock	FN
63-64	
Raymond O. Bell	BT2
59	
Fried Bohuslav	BTC
46-48	
Nicholas Carideo	CSC
54-55	

Clyde Craig	HMC
50-51	
Bryce Percival	RD3
58-60	
George William Dunigan	MM3
47	
Kenneth H. Devlin	SH2
57-59	
Larry Donoghue	YN3
66-68	
John E. (Jack) Dowd	LTJG
58-60	
Edward Duszak	EN3
66-68	
Norman Gilman	BMSN
67-68	
Walter Harkey	SN
57-58	
William Hertzog	IC2
67-68	
William P. Holt	SHL3
61-63	
James Hooper	SN
53-55	
Bernard Mazur	SH3
54-58	
Dennis Michael Volosin	SKCM
60-61	
Bev Madore	

Correction:
Mark Elliott FTG-3 66-68 is alive and well. I am sorry for the misinformation in the last newsletter.
NEW Find: Larry Boyd SM3 65-66

