

# USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association



## News Letter

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### From Secondary Conn...

*Garry Phillips*

I don't know about you, but I am excited about the reunion in San Antonio. The planning has been superb by the reunion committee. From registration to Farewell Breakfast, the details are in place. We are assured that transportation from the airport to the hotel is excellent. We will make every effort to make your arrival a pleasant one. If anyone needs special assistance from the airport because of a disability, please let us know. We will provide cell phone numbers in the August newsletter to contact the reunion committee directly.

The tours and sightseeing will be great fun. If you've never experienced the famous Riverwalk in San Antonio, you've missed a treat. One of our tours includes a visit to "The Alamo," and you may see that famous landmark along the Riverwalk as well.

The reunion banquet is more than great food! We have numerous door and raffle prizes to give away, presentations to make, and great music to dance by. The committee also wants to invite any of you retirees to wear your dress uniform if you wish. I suppose the best thing about the Ship's reunion is the opportunity to see and visit with old buddies, shipmates, friends. (Bring along your cruise books!) I have witnessed some of the most touching moments ever at ROCHESTER reunions when old friends meet again after 40, 50, or 60 years. Perhaps the most overworked remark at a reunion is, "Do you remember when ... ?"

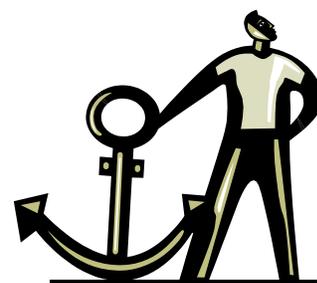


### Navy Terms and Trivia From GoatLocker.org

How Lone Have You been in the Navy? - "All me bloomin' life, Most Honorable Senior Chief! Me Mother was a mermaid, me father was King Neptune. I was born on the crest of a wave and rocked in the cradle of the deep. Seaweed and barnacles are me clothes. Every tooth in me head is a marlinspike; the hair on me head is hemp. Every bone in me body is a spar, and when I spits, I spits tar! I'se hardm I is, I am, I are!"

Hunky-Dori - This term, meaning everything is OK, was coined from a street named Honki-Dori in Yokohama. As the inhabitants of this street catered to the pleasures of Sailors, one can readily understand why the street's name became synonymous for anything that is enjoyable and satisfactory.

In Through the Hawsepipe - Sometimes we hear an old Chief Petty Officer claim he came into the Navy through the hawsepipe and it makes one wonder if he is referring to some early enlistment program. Actually, it was an enlistment program of sorts; it means a person is salty and savvies the ways of the sea because he began his nautical career on the lowest ladder of the deck force. A hawsepipe or hawsehold, incidentally, is a hole in the bow of the ship through which the anchor chain runs.



## Home Care for Aging Veterans

As veterans age, many are unfamiliar with a benefit that can help pay for care at home or in assisted living or a nursing home.

Here's a riddle: When is a government benefit that pays for caregivers, assisted living and a nursing home not a benefit? When hardly any people know they're entitled to it.

That seems to be the story with a Department of Veterans Affairs benefit called the Aid and Attendance and Housebound Improved Pension benefit, known as A&A, which can cover the costs of caregivers in the home (including sons and daughters who are paid to be caregivers, though not spouses) or be used for assisted living or a nursing home.

The benefit is not significant: up to \$2,019 monthly for a veteran and spouse, and up to \$1,094 for the widow of a veteran.

Surprised that you've never heard of it? You're not alone. "It's probably one of the lesser-known benefits," said Randal Noller, a Veterans Affairs spokesman in Washington. "The sad thing is, it's been an entitlement for 61 years, but it's sat idle - the V.A. employees just haven't been educated about it," said Debbie Burak of Midlothian, Va.

To bridge the information gap, Ms. Burak introduced [www.veteranaid.org](http://www.veteranaid.org), a Web site and a 501(c)(3) charity, in 2005, to provide information about A&A eligibility and how to apply.

To qualify, a veteran need not have suffered a service-related injury. He or she only had to have clocked at least one day of his or her 90-day minimum military service during a time of war and need caregiving for activities of daily living.

Applying can be confusing and arduous. If you know the program's name and search the Veterans Affairs Web site for Aid and Attendance, the first page states, among other things, that you are not eligible for A&A unless you already qualify for a basic Veterans Affairs pension - for which you have to be "totally disabled." That's more than a little misleading. "What people don't know is that when

wartime veterans turn 65, the V.A. automatically classifies them as 'totally disabled,' " Ms. Burak said. And if they meet income and asset criteria, they are eligible for a basic pension.

For more information it is recommended that you go to the website to determine eligibility. It may be worth your while.

*Submitted by Pete Russell*

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## Association Newsletter

This newsletter is published quarterly by the USS ROCHESTER Association. The Association's Officers encourage questions and comments. You may contact the Editor by writing Gordon Cargill, 11485 Luz Place, San Diego, CA 92127-1229. If you would like to submit an item of information or a story to the newsletter, mail it to the address above or email it to: [scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net).

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## Donations Received

The Association wishes to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Shipmate Randy Steffen donated \$10.00.

Shipmate Mark E. Buchman \$25.00.



## Association Dues

The 2014 Dues were due on January 1, 2014. **PLEASE** look at the mailing label and slightly to the right of your name is the Year in which Dues were last credited. If there is a 2012 or 2013 after your name, PLEASE send in your past Dues and don't forget your current Dues for 2014.

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## Change of Address, Email, and Phone Number

To keep the mail flowing to your in box, please file change of addresses both mail and email, and/or phone numbers with Joe Hill. This should keep the information flowing without interruption in service.

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## From The Members...

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Mr. Blair Schetrompf regarding the upcoming reunion in San Antonio, Texas:

"I was there 4 years ago. This is some place and you should take all the tours there is. I visited the Battle Area every day. Make sure you see how they lived in the wall that the first settlers built.

Now take a day extra and drive to the L.B. Johnson Ranch. This alone is worth the trip. A river runs through the ranch and the biggest tree in Texas is there also. President Johnson loved his vehicles and there are many on-site including and an Amphicar - the only civilian amphibious passenger automobile ever to be mass produced."

This is the best place I have ever been.

*Blair Schetrompf*

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## DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM

Across the pages of America's history  
Brave soldiers and sailors march  
Defenders of liberty and freedom  
Pass through freedom's memorial arch

The hand of the ancient scribe of history  
Records the heroic deeds of men  
America's Armed Forces fill the pages  
Their names and deeds inscribed there in

America has entered war when the cause was just  
And to fight those wars sent her finest men  
Those brave young men served with pride & honor  
And with a noble purpose and a will to win

America's freedom has never been free  
The Armed Forces have paid the price  
They have endured the hardships and perils of war  
And selflessly made the sacrifice

May we always remember and honor  
Armed Forces members who have long passed on  
But may we also honor our living veterans  
And today's young defenders who carry on

Old Glory is still unfurled to all the world  
Her colors will never fade  
May we ever remember those who have kept her flying  
And who knew the high cost of freedom and so  
willingly paid

*Submitted by Jess Johnson*



## Chaplain's Corner

### ENJOYING OUR SHORT LIFE

While reflecting back on the four years aboard the Rochester, they now seem so short. They were important years of development, such as education, getting my wisdom teeth removed, building relationships and spiritual development. It is enjoyable to maintain some of the relationships made as we gather for our Reunion. While thinking of the brevity of life, I remembered an insightful poem by Dr. Benjamin Mays, which states:

Life is just a minute – only sixty seconds in it  
Forced upon you – can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it – didn't choose it,  
But it's up to you to use it,  
You must suffer if you lose it.  
Give an account if you abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it.

Perhaps Dr. Mays was thinking of the last two chapters of the book of Ecclesiastes when writing his poem. These writings state life is uncertain and we should embrace it. Also, it is short and we should enjoy it. I am reminded of the song, "The best things in life are free". It is acknowledge we have challenges in life at our age. However, let us count our blessings and enjoy each new day we have to enjoy.

Prayerfully,

*Frank West, Chaplain*  
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## TAPS

The following shipmates were reported to have passed away recently. If anyone has additional or different information, please let us know.

Name	ST	Yr	Div	OnBd
Robert "Petie" Angulo	CA	2013	B	54-58
Edward H. Cahill	VA	2013	B	46-50*
George H. Dallaire	NH	2013		47
Richard R. Klavanowitch	IL	2014	5 <sup>th</sup>	48-52

\*Plank Owner

## Looking for Shipmates Who...



ROBERT "PETIE" ANGULO  
USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)  
Boiler Tender (1954-1958)

Beloved husband and father Robert "Bob"/"Petie" Angulo, born in Santa Barbara, CA, died suddenly of asbestos cancer (Mesothelioma) on the Fourth of July 2013.

Mr. Angulo served as a Boiler Tender aboard the USS ROCHESTER during her 4th-7th WESTPAC tours, including stops in Yokosuka, San Francisco, and Long Beach.

Mr. Angulo was not able to fully share the story of his years aboard the USS ROCHESTER because of his cancer. His family is looking for shipmates who remember him to learn more about his years at sea in service of our country.

**\*\*\*If you remember Mr. Angulo – especially if you worked in the fireroom and engineering spaces – please contact the Angulo family representatives from Weitz & Luxenberg - Carlos Guzman and Lee Previat - at (310) 247-0921 or via email at [cguzman@weitzlux.com](mailto:cguzman@weitzlux.com) or [lpreviat@weitzlux.com](mailto:lpreviat@weitzlux.com).\*\*\***

Thank you!

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