

# USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association



## News Letter

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### CHIT-CHAT From the PRES

Hope this finds you all well and as good as we can expect for our age. This Golden years isn't all it's cracked up to be. Actually, if we have our health, we can't complain all that much I guess. I manage to get in a little golf, some fishing, and some Grandkids time, so I'm really happy.

Well now that the hotel is locked in for the 2012 reunion, I hope a few more of you are trying to make plans to attend. If it is anywhere near as much fun as the last time we were in San Diego, it should be a blast. I for one am really looking forward to being there. Gordon and Cindy did a bang up job for us before, and it appears they are on the way to it again.

In talking with Joe Hill, it appears we have a few members that haven't paid dues for this year yet. We need this in if we can guys. REMEMBER, if you have a problem with the funds, give Joe Hill a call and no questions asked we can defer on them.

In closing, once again I hope this finds you all well, and will talk to you all in a couple months.

*Dick Becker*

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### Reunion 2012

It is a bit early to start planning for the next reunion in San Diego, BUT, it is not that far off that each of the shipmates who plan to attend mark your calendars. The reunion is set for October 8-12, 2012 at the Horton Grand Hotel, 311 Island Ave, San Diego. It is located in the downtown section of San Diego & very close to a large variety of restaurants, attractions and other facilities for the enjoyment of those attending. We, as a committee, plan to make this a reunion to remember. See you in San Diego.

*Gordon Cargill*

### Shipmate Search Project to be Completed by October

The "Great Rochester Shipmate Search of 2010-2011" will be winding down soon, with a closure date of 1 October 2011...meaning we will have completed a year-long effort to contact as many non-member shipmates as possible from the Navy Department archival data in our hands, and previous research accomplished in the late 1990's by Dennis Winkle, Farrell Ferguson, and others. We have let the shipmates know about the 2012 Reunion in San Diego, and have ascertained if they are interested in joining the Association or not. Fourteen members of the Rochester Association were involved in making hundreds of phone calls, sending personal letters, forwarding applications to those interested, notifying the Association when they learned of a shipmate on their list having passed on, and following through in other ways with likely prospects. As of the end of July, the project has resulted in 24 new shipmates joining the Association. Over the next two months the volunteer "hunters" have been asked to try to complete as many more calls as possible and, then, to "tidy up" their call lists for Association historical record purposes. Thanks to all for your participation in this project and your service to the Association.

*Pete Russell*

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### Association Officers

Richard Becker, President	Ed Willis, Executive VP
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Association website:  
[www.USSRochester.org](http://www.USSRochester.org)

Rochester Museum and Science Center  
[www.rmsc.org](http://www.rmsc.org)

## Requesting Medal Awarded To You While Serving in the U.S Military

If you were awarded a medal while serving in the military but have not received the actual medal, you can request one be sent to you. Any metals that have been awarded to you are identified on your DD-214. Fill out the form found in this newsletter & send it, along with a copy of your DD-214, to the address listed. You may want to include a cover letter indicating what is enclosed & what you are requesting. Keep a copy of all the items you send out & note the date you mailed the request. It may take 4-6 months or longer to receive your medals. If you have not received your medals in six months, it is recommended you send another letter with a copy of the materials originally mailed & have the post office attach a form for them to sign indicating they received your letter. It costs a little, but worth it. It is great when you receive the medals and bars.

*Submitted by Donald Keith Moon*

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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
Charles A. Allsopp	FL	2011	Eng Off	48-51
John Cribben	CA	2004	2 <sup>nd</sup>	46-46
Harry J. MacDonald	VA	2011	R	51-55
Eugene J. Noblet	FL	2011	?	48-51
Richard D. Scruggs	IL	2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	55-56
Wallace Sellars	CA	2005	2 <sup>nd</sup>	50-54
Warren G. Stevens	WI	2011	Eng Dept	51-53
Gene S. Warren	WI	2011	?	50-53

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## Fox Division Reunion

The Fox Division is holding their 2011 reunion August 21-25, beginning in Frankenmuth, Michigan and ending in Mackinaw City/Mackinac Island. Frankenmuth, population 4900, is Michigan's #1 tourist destination with nearly 3 million visitors annually. Mackinaw City/Mackinac Island is a close second.

The reunion group consists of Fox Division shipmates who served primarily in the Korean War era, 1950-1955. This group of very best friends, and wives, has met bi-annually since 1995. The 2009 reunion was in Quincy, Mass. where we visited a near twin of the Rochester, the USS Salem. Prior reunions were: Hannibal, MO; a Western Caribbean Cruise; Branson; Tucson; Frankenmuth; Ft. Mill, SC; & Kansas City.

Any Rochester shipmate, former Fox Division or other, is invited to join us. For further information please contact:

Roland "Moose" Schneider  
 257 Groveland Ct, Frankenmuth, MI 48734-2002  
 Phone: 989-652-2086 E-mail: rolnan@msn.com



*Seated:* Bob & Chris Page, Don Spencer, Bob & Connie Cadden

*Standing:* Pete Russell & Julie, Carl & Jeanette Ray, Roland Schneider, Gerry & Ralph Spears, Nancy Schneider

*Missing* from the picture but at the reunion: Tony & Ruth Kontonowicz, Ron Richards.

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## New Members

We wish to welcome aboard (again) the new USS Rochester Association members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Gary F. Dickinson	01	54-57
Robert W. Probert	Marine	50-52
Stan Reulman	6 <sup>th</sup>	51-54

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## Chaplain's Corner

### PEACE

A young boy was taught a lesson on the 23rd Psalm in a Sunday school class. Upon returning home his parents asked, "What did you learn in class today?" The boy struggled to remember and finally stated, "The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I want".

A shepherd caring for his sheep is a quiet, peaceful setting. The sheep don't have to worry as they are cared for with food and shelter. Many things could concern them but their trust is in the shepherd to care for their needs.

As we face life in our culture many issues cause a high degree stress. There are the physical, financial, family, and social concerns we deal with. It is difficult just to keep with the new tech things we have to learn.

While on the Rochester I was taught the Navigator Bible study program that emphasizes the importance of taking some quiet time to spend with our Shepherd. When we do this and focus our thoughts on Him rather the many things that demand our attention, there is a sense of peace that helps us cope. A favorite verse of mine is Isaiah 26:3, "You will keep in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast, because he trusteth in you". As we trust the Shepherd and take time to let him care for us, it is amazing to observe the things he provides for us.

*Frank West, Chaplain*  
[fawest@jps.net](mailto:fawest@jps.net)

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## Membership & Mailing Information

### **DUES FOR 2011 ARE NOW DUE!!**

*Cookeville, TN* - The Association dues year starts January 1 of each year. It is imperative that the members pay their dues in a timely manner in order for the Association to function in an orderly way. This makes the Treasurers job a lot easier and helps maintain the roster accurate and up to date. It would be greatly appreciated if the members would pay their dues promptly. If you are unsure of your status, check the address mailing label of your News Letter. An example, Pete Smith10, would indicate your dues have been paid up for the year 2010. This would indicate that you are now behind in your dues. If you are not sure, Joe Hill will be glad to verify your membership status. Joe can be reached at 4011 Ditty Road, Cookeville, TN 38506-7663. Phone Number 931-432-4848. E-Mail [NiteCrawl@twlakes.net](mailto:NiteCrawl@twlakes.net).

THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES AND IF A SHIPMATE HAS DIFFICULTY PAYING THEIR DUES, AND WANTS TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS DOING, LET JOE HILL KNOW. ASSOCIATION OFFICERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY VOTED TO GRANT AND WAIVE DUES REQUIREMENTS. NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO INVESTIGATE.

SNOW BIRDS WHO MOVE WITH THE WEATHER SHOULD SEND THESE CHANGES TO JOE HILL. A REMINDER VIA E-MAIL TO JOE OR A NOTE WILL DO.

Notification of changes will keep the mail following on a steady course.

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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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## Ship's Store

It's getting close to The Holidays – Yes, already! Hard to believe with the temps hovering between 90 and 100 most of the time.

Your Ship's Store has NO coffee mugs in stock, with no plan to replenish them. Sadly, we are also out of The Planks from the ROC. We DO have a new supply of ball caps ready to go and sweatshirts a-plenty. For those of you who don't plan to deal with that 4-letter "S" word (Snow)...we have windbreakers, golf shirts and hoodies with the zipper. (They can also be ordered without a zipper.) We are doing our best to hold our current prices; do not see a price increase in the near future.

You all have our most sincere apology for not taking better care of orders from our loyal friends and USS Rochester Association members. We all have a story and suffice it to say, what time we had thought we had – we were needed elsewhere.

Hoping you get through the rest of the summer cool and in good health and really enjoy Fall.

Best Wishes,  
Larry & Mary Stone  
Your USS Rochester Association Storekeeper

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## Shipmate Inquiry

A call was received from Mrs. Melvin Shipley (wife of Melvin E. Shipley). They were in the process of moving to another address when some how or other his "cruise book" got soaked. He wishes to get one from someone if anyone has a book that they will sell him. The "cruise book" is "Operation Korea 1951-1952". Here is how to reach Melvin:

Melvin E. Shipley  
P.O. Box 216  
Carlisle, IN 47838-0216  
Phone: 812-398-2072

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## A Bit of Humor From Joe Hill

A couple from Minnesota decided to go to Florida for a few days to thaw out from the cold winter. Unable to coordinate their working schedules, the husband decided to go a day earlier with his wife to follow the next day. When he arrived he sent his wife an email announcing his safe arrival but unfortunately left one letter out of her email address. Meanwhile in another part of the country, a widow had just returned home from the funeral of her husband, a Lutheran pastor of many years. She decided to check her email expecting to hear from relatives and friends. Upon opening the first one, she let out a loud scream and fell to the floor. Her son rushed in to see the following message on the screen. "To my loving wife, I've been checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival here tomorrow. I look forward to seeing you then. Your devoted husband. PS: Sure is hot here."

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## A Bit of Humor From Frank West

### *Military Humor*

On some air bases, the Air Force is on one side of the field and Civilian aircraft use the other side of the field with the control tower in the middle. One day, the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"  
The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"  
The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference. If it is a Commercial flight, it's 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it's 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 2 hours to "Happy Hour."



**Letter of Request for Medals**  
(Veteran)

I request that I be issued all award emblems that I am entitled to. A copy of my separation document (DD214) is enclosed.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Service #: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim #: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & place of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & place of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE TO WRITE FOR MEDALS

ARMY	US Army Reserve Personnel Center Attn: ARPC-VSE 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
AIR FORCE	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
NAVY COAST GUARD MARINES	US Navy Liaison Office (N314) National Personnel Records Center Room 3475 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DD-214**

# Food For Thought From Frank and Bunny West

## *UCLA on Alzheimer's . INFORMATIVE.*

This is interesting reading with suggestions. I found parts of it relevant. I never realized how that steam fired coffee pot in the ship fitters shop was so important!!

"The idea that Alzheimer's is entirely genetic and unpreventable is perhaps the greatest misconception about the disease," says Gary Small, M.D., Director of the UCLA Center on Aging. Researchers now know that Alzheimer's like heart disease and cancer, develops over decades and can be influenced by lifestyle factors including cholesterol, blood pressure, obesity, depression, education, nutrition, sleep, and mental, physical, and social activity.

The big news: Mountains of research reveals that simple things you do every day might cut your odds of losing your mind to Alzheimer's. Here are 10 strategies I found most surprising.

1. **Have coffee.** In an amazing flip-flop, coffee is the new brain tonic. A large European study showed that drinking three to five cups of coffee a day in midlife cut Alzheimer's risk 65% in late life. University of South Florida researcher Gary Arendash credits caffeine: He says it reduces dementia-causing amyloid in animal brains. Others credit coffee's antioxidants. So drink up, Arendash advises, unless your doctor says you shouldn't.
2. **Floss.** Oddly, the health of your teeth and gums can help predict dementia. University of Southern California research found that having periodontal disease before age 35 quadrupled the odds of dementia years later. Older people with tooth and gum disease score lower on memory and cognition tests, other studies show. Experts speculate that inflammation in diseased mouths migrates to the brain.
3. **Google.** Doing an online search can stimulate your aging brain even more than reading a book, says UCLA's Gary Small, who used brain MRIs to prove it. The biggest surprise: Novice Internet surfers, ages 55 to 78, activated key memory and learning centers in the brain after only a week of Web surfing for an hour a day.
4. **Grow new brain cells.** Impossible, scientists used to say. Now it's believed that thousands of brain cells are born daily. The trick is to keep the newborns alive. What works: aerobic exercise (such as a brisk 30-minute walk every day), strenuous mental activity, eating salmon and other fatty fish, and avoiding obesity, chronic stress, sleep deprivation, heavy drinking and vitamin B deficiency.
5. **Drink apple juice.** Apple juice can push production of the "memory chemical" acetylcholine; that's the way the popular Alzheimer's drug Aricept works, says Thomas Shea, Ph.D., of the University of Massachusetts. He was surprised that old mice given apple juice did better on learning and memory tests than mice that received water. A dose for humans: 16 ounces, or two to three apples a day.
6. **Protect your head.** Blows to the head, even mild ones early in life, increase odds of dementia years later. Pro football players have 19 times the typical rate of memory-related diseases. Alzheimer's is four times more common in elderly who suffer a head injury, Columbia University finds. Accidental falls doubled an older person's odds of dementia five years later in another study. Wear seat belts and helmets, fall-proof your house, and don't take risks.
7. **Meditate.** Brain scans show that people who meditate regularly have less cognitive decline and brain shrinkage - a classic sign of Alzheimer's - as they age. Andrew Newberg of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine says yoga meditation of 12 minutes a day for two months improved blood flow and cognitive functioning in seniors with memory problems.
8. **Take D.** A "severe deficiency" of vitamin D boosts older Americans' risk of cognitive impairment 394%, an alarming study by England's University of Exeter finds. And most Americans lack vitamin D. Experts recommend a daily dose of 800 IU to 2,000 IU of vitamin D3.
9. **Fill your brain.** It's called "cognitive reserve." A rich accumulation of life experiences - education, marriage, socializing, a stimulating job, language skills, having a purpose in life, physical activity, and mentally demanding leisure activities - makes your brain better able to tolerate plaques and tangles. You can even have significant Alzheimer's pathology and no symptoms of dementia if you have high cognitive reserve, says David Bennett, M.D., of Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

10. **Avoid infection.** Astonishing new evidence ties Alzheimer's to cold sores, gastric ulcers, Lyme disease, pneumonia and the flu. Ruth Itzhaki, Ph.D., of the University of Manchester in England estimates the cold-sore herpes simplex virus is incriminated in 60% of Alzheimer's cases. The theory: Infections trigger excessive beta amyloid "gunk" that kills brain cells. Proof is still lacking, but why not avoid common infections and take appropriate vaccines, antibiotics, and antiviral agents?

### **What to Drink for Good Memory**

A great way to keep your aging memory sharp and avoid Alzheimer's is to drink the right stuff.

- a. **Juice.** A glass of any fruit or vegetable juice three times a week slashed Alzheimer's odds 76% in Vanderbilt University research. Especially protective: blueberry, grape and apple juice, say other studies.
- b. **Tea.** Only a cup of black or green tea a week cut rates of cognitive decline in older people by 37%, reports the Alzheimer's Association. Only brewed tea works. Skip bottled tea, which is devoid of antioxidants.
- c. **Caffeine beverages.** Surprisingly, caffeine fights memory loss and Alzheimer's, suggest dozens of studies. Best sources: coffee (one Alzheimer's researcher drinks five cups a day), tea, and chocolate. Beware caffeine if you are pregnant, have high blood pressure, insomnia or anxiety.
- d. **Red wine.** If you drink alcohol, a little red wine is most apt to benefit your aging brain. It's high in antioxidants. Limit it to one daily glass for women, two for men. Excessive alcohol, notably binge drinking, brings on Alzheimer's.
- e. **Two to Avoid:** Sugary soft drinks, especially those sweetened with high fructose corn syrup. They make lab animals dumb. Water with high copper content also can up your odds of Alzheimer's. Use a water filter that removes excess minerals.

### **5 Ways to Save Your Kids from Alzheimer's Now**

Alzheimer's isn't just a disease that starts in old age. What happens to your child's brain seems to have a dramatic impact on his or her likelihood of Alzheimer's many decades later.

Here are five things you can do now to help save your child from Alzheimer's and memory loss later in life, according to the latest research.

1. **Prevent head blows:** Insist your child wear a helmet during biking, skating, skiing, baseball, football, hockey, and all contact sports. A major blow as well as tiny repetitive unnoticed concussions can cause damage, leading to memory loss and Alzheimer's years later.
2. **Encourage language skills:** A teenage girl who is a superior writer is eight times more likely to escape Alzheimer's in late life than a teen with poor linguistic skills. Teaching young children to be fluent in two or more languages makes them less vulnerable to Alzheimer's.
3. **Insist your child go to college:** Education is a powerful Alzheimer's deterrent. The more years of formal schooling, the lower the odds. Most Alzheimer's prone: teenage drop outs. For each year of education, your risk of dementia drops 11%, says a recent University of Cambridge study.
4. **Provide stimulation:** Keep your child's brain busy with physical, mental, and social activities and novel experiences. All these contribute to a bigger, better functioning brain with more so-called 'cognitive reserve.' High cognitive reserve protects against memory decline and Alzheimer's.
5. **Spare the junk food:** Lab animals raised on berries, spinach, and high omega-3 fish have great memories in old age. Those overfed sugar, especially high fructose in soft drinks, saturated fat and trans fats become overweight and diabetic, with smaller brains and impaired memories as they age, a prelude to Alzheimer's.

*Excerpted from Jean Carper's newest book: "100 Simple Things You Can Do to Prevent Alzheimer's"*

## A Bit of Humor From Cy Bombard

### *The Outhouse Poem*

(\*note: If you don't know what an "Out House" is - ask someone a little older)

The service station trade was slow  
The owner sat around,  
With sharpened knife and cedar stick  
Piled shavings on the ground.

No modern facilities had they,  
The log across the rill  
Led to a shack, marked His and Hers  
That sat against the hill.

"Where is the ladies restroom, sir?"  
The owner leaning back,  
Said not a word but whittled on,  
And nodded toward the shack.

With quickened step she entered there  
But only stayed a minute,  
Until she screamed, just like a snake  
Or spider might be in it.

With startled look and beet red face  
She bounded through the door,  
And headed quickly for the car  
Just like three gals before.

She missed the foot log - jumped the stream  
The owner gave a shout,  
As her silk stockings, down at her knees  
Caught on a sassafras sprout.

She tripped and fell - got up, and then  
In obvious disgust,  
Ran to the car, stepped on the gas,  
And faded in the dust.

Of course we all desired to know  
What made the gals all do  
The things they did, and then we found  
The whittling owner knew.

A speaking system he'd devised  
To make the thing complete,  
He tied a speaker on the wall  
Beneath the toilet seat.

He'd wait until the gals got set  
And then the devilish tike,  
Would stop his whittling long enough,  
To speak into the mike.

And as she sat, a voice below  
Struck terror, fright, and fear,  
"Will you please use the other hole,  
We're painting under here!"

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## A Bit of Humor From Joe Hill

### *If My Body Were A Car*

If my body were a car, this the time I would be  
thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish  
and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not  
the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially  
hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful at it once was. I slip  
and slide and skid and bump into things, even in the  
best weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.  
It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

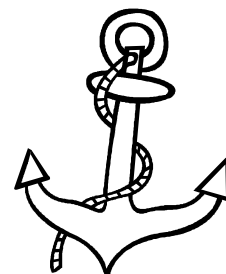
But here's the worst of it - - almost every time I  
sneeze, cough or laugh....either my radiator leaks or  
my exhaust backfires.

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### *Aging*

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop  
lying about your age and start bragging about it.

This is so true. I love to hear them say, "You don't  
look that old."





# Korean Tribute Day Aboard The SS Lane Victory

By Greg Williams

Article copied from *The Anchor Light*, June 2011

For months leading up to the bitter cold winter of December of 1950, United Nations forces had unloaded hundreds of thousands of tons of military cargo, supplies and equipment at the port of Hungnam, North Korea in anticipation of sweeping northward during this phase of the Korean War.

Circumstances changed significantly in November however as an unprecedented North Korean and Chinese offensive ultimately encircled the ports of Wonson and Hungnam Korea trapping 125,000 United Nations troops and nearly 100,000 North Korean refugees. The first three weeks of December 1950 were to see the largest amphibious evacuation of refugees in military history.

The SS Lane Victory, along with over 200 ships of all kinds embarked on the evacuation of 125,000 troops, 97,000 refugees, 375,000 tons of equipment and supplies and 17,000 vehicles.

March 12, 2011, some 60 years after this heroic feat, the SS Lane Victory honored the brave and courageous participants of the evacuation. Nearly 1,000 guests including veterans, dignitaries and evacuation participants gathered to celebrate, commemorate and thank those who sacrificed so much to save so many.

This first ever daylong event of its kind aboard the Lane was orchestrated by Master of Ceremonies Ken Cha, planning commissioner for the city of Cerritos and featured an opening ceremony with the American and Korean national anthems performed by the Yonsei University Alumni Choir and color guards followed by a benediction by the Rev. Dr. Brian Suk-Boo Lee.

USMMVWWII President Ralph Wetterhahn gave compelling opening remarks thanking the heroes of the Korean conflict and closing with the hope that soon, with justice and truth, South and North Korea may be united.

Other speakers included Grace Kim, wife of Dr. Luke Kim who was in attendance. Dr. Kim was

instrumental during the evacuation as an interpreter on the docks. Consul General Shin Yeon-sung gave remarks on behalf of the Korean government and a stirring tribute to all involved was given by Mimi Song, California State Pacific Island commissioner.

Finally, Mayor Joseph Cho, city of Cerritos thanked the USMMVWWII and presented a proclamation on behalf of Cerritos and the Korean community.

The full day continued with a wide array of performances on No. 3 hatch by Korean World Music group Yerak-Center for Korean Traditional Performing Art; Yonsie University Alumni Choir; Korean Martial Arts demonstrations by Eagle Taekwondo; Korean Dance troupe Kim Eung Hwa-Korean Dance Academy and Korean Samulnori troupe Kang Dae Seung-LA Young Duraepae.

The entire ship was host to numerous other events and guests. While performances were happening on deck, No. 4 museum featured a continuous loop of the documentary "Ship of Miracles" by RJ McHatton, the story of the SS Meredith Victory which evacuated 14,000 refugees in one load. Mr. McHatton was on hand to speak about the SS Meredith Victory and her role in Hungnam.

Also in No. 4 museum Dr. Luke Kim and Grace Kim were on hand to autograph his book on the evacuation of Hungnam. Mr. Frank Dayak, electrician aboard the USS Rochester was on hand as well to discuss the role of the Rochester as she provided heavy cover fire over the port during the evacuation.

A full complement of SS Lane Victory tour guides were on hand to provide guided tours of the engine room and ship. Lastly, plenty of good food was provided throughout the day by Ho Do Ri Nae Gip.

[Despite repeated attempts by the Anchor Light staff to secure a photo or two of this remarkable day on the SS Lane Victory, not one, single picture of the color guards or the martial arts or dance performance was submitted. Sorry, readers, maybe next time.]

*Submitted by Frank Dayak  
E Division, 50-52*

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