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CHIT-CHAT From the PRES

Hey Everyone:

Hope this finds everyone well and back to our regular weights after the holidays. (YEA RIGHT). By now, most of you have seen or heard about our big push for membership signups and I hope you all have tried to get a hold of at least one old shipmate and see if they would join us in the organization. Pete Russell and his crew are really going to town on this and if you have any questions about what to do, get in touch with him. It sure would be nice if we had to rent an Auditorium to have the next reunion. Hey, I can dream can't I?? This time of the year there isn't really too much going on, so this will be a smaller greeting than usual. It's too darn cold to do very much. Alright I'm lying to ya...Raejean and I usually head to Arizona in the winter, so it really isn't all that bad out here. The old body doesn't handle the cold very good anymore. You all be good and look forward to chatting with you again in the May Newsletter.

Dick Becker

Reunion 2012

The committee is presently working on establishing a hotel for the reunion in San Diego. This is the first step in finding a location that will best benefit the requirements for providing a time where our shipmates will gather and enjoy the comradery that a reunion brings. The reunion is scheduled for sometime in the month of October 2012. We are going to try to make this reunion as good as or better than the one in 2004.

Shipmate Search is Underway

The search for Rochester shipmates that we started after the 2010 reunion is progressing fairly well thanks to a spirited group of Association "hunters" who have dedicated their time to make phone calls, write letters, and send applications to help us locate shipmates. Thank you to Bob Rowe (OR/OI Div), Keith Moon (E Div), Jerry Lawler (S-2 Div), Jim McKerley (OE Div), Randy Steffen (6th Div), Maury Havelock (6th Div), "Moose" Schneider (Fox Div), Rod Neal (B/R Div and Officers), Dick McArthy (Gunnery), Lonnie Holder (OS Div), Jack Conner (CR Div), Verlan Hanson (OR/OI), Kirk Ferguson (1st Div) and Joe Hill. We are fortunate to have a large cache of information (names, service numbers, addresses, phone numbers) from official Navy Dept records gathered and researched in the early 1990's by Dennis Winkle (X Div), Farrell Ferguson (Fox Div) and others and we are initially working with that.

To give you an idea of the scope of the search, we have pinpointed 292 shipmates in the divisions mentioned above & collectively have made phone calls or sent letters to 101 thus far. As a result, by the end of January, 9 new members have joined & we have another 6 "in the pipeline." Some were not aware there was a Rochester Association, but most just appreciated being called & are interested in reconnecting with their shipmates. If you would like to help, please take a few minutes to fill out the SHIPMATE SEARCH FORM and send it in. Browse through your cruise books and other mementos for clues to help us address the membership shortfall that was discussed in Milwaukee.

Lastly, we are in need of a few more "hunters" from the Gunnery Dept (2nd thru 5th divisions) & Engineering (A, R, M divisions). If you have some time to spare, please join our happy band by calling (703) 569-7733 or e-mailing peterussell@cox.net .

Thank you,
Pete Russell

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is a way the USS Rochester Association has in maintaining communication with the spouses of deceased members. Upon the notification of a departed shipmate, our Secretary/ Treasurer, Joe Hill will contact the spouse and offer the invitation of being an Honorary Member. If the spouse accepts, the name is then placed for NOMINATION for HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. The name is then presented to the Association Officers for a vote, a majority vote will confirm membership, and a letter is written. A Life Time Honorary Membership card is enclosed in the letter and mailed to her/him.

There are no dues required for accepting and maintaining Honorary membership and each Honorary member continues to receive a copy of the Newsletter. They are also invited to attend the reunions. It is an open invitation for spouses of departed shipmates to follow the activities of the Association that our departed shipmates enjoyed. They also may withdraw from the Association at any time by requesting to be removed from Honorary Membership. A letter or other notification to the Secretary/Treasurer Joe Hill or the editor of the News Letter, Gordon Cargill is all that is required.

Over the years, the spouses have become an integral part of the Association. Many have continued friendships and maintained contact with others they have met at reunions. The Association welcomes their interest in what the USS Rochester meant to their family members. It is with this in mind that the Association hopes that the Honorary Membership will continue to be a viable part of the Association.

Association Officers

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Association website:
www.USSRochester.org

Rochester Museum and Science Center
www.rmssc.org

Shipmate Request

The wife of one of our shipmates has contacted the Association and asked for some help. Her husband, our shipmate, is presently in a nursing facility due to an aging illness. Danial E. Graziani was in the B Division during his time on board from 1952-1956. His wife Mary is looking for a "BT-2" arm patch for a project she is working on. If any shipmate that has a "BT-2" arm patch and would like to send one to Mary, she would be very appreciative. She can be contacted at 445 Shawnee Drive, Dover, Ohio, 44622 or by telephone 330-343-5333. Thank you.

Naval Terms from the 40s, 50s & 60s (Part 1 of 3)

Submitted by Joe Hill...

*And stolen (in part) from...I mean courtesy of...
www.navydp.com - The Navy Collector's Web Page*

"OK – How many of these Naval terms do you remember?"

Aye Aye, Rope Yarn Sunday (usually on a Wednesday), Lucky Bag, Ditty Bag, Kiddie Cruiser, Slick Arm Chief, Sea Bat, Jack O' The Dust, Designated Seaman, Mail Buoy Watch, Skylarking, Dead Horse, After-steering, Sparks, Plimsoll Mark, On-The Beach, Deck Ape, Snipe, Airdale, Bubble Head, Scope Dope, Sparks, Brown Shoe, Bull Ensign, Acting Chief, Shit Can, Field Day, Fart Sack, Gigline, Make-A-Hole, By-Your-Leave, Striker, UnRep, Ghost Boats, Sweepers, Highline, Skivy Waver, Fuel-Aid, Captain's Mast, 12 o'clock report, Holiday Routine, Pecker Checker, Monkey Fist, Marline, Bright Work, Gun Tub, Sea Lawyer, MAA, Turn To, "Boats", Knock Off, Horecock, POD.



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
Grant D. Anderson	WA	2008	S-2	51-54
Jack A. Christensen,SR	MS	2007	?	47
George Evans Edwards	CA	2006	?	?
Alline James Hix	AK	2011	Fox	50-53
David A. King	FL	2004	1 st , 2 nd	59-61
Jerry Lincoln Martin	WA	2010	E	44-45?
Daniel W. Ramsey	FL	2007	1 st	57-58
Wayne L. Rowley	MI	2010	K	49-52
Joseph F. Steiner	IA	2009	7 th	51-54
Douglas D. Williams	NJ	1996	CS	?



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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 send it to scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net.

Retiree Assistance Office

There is a website that is set up for military retirees that has a wealth of information on a varied amount of subjects. If you are not aware of this service, it may be of interest to those who have retired from service. The website contains Veteran's RAO Bulletins that have been summarized and edited by:

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Submitted by Joe Hill



Membership & Mailing Information

DUES FOR 2011 ARE NOW DUE!!

Cookeville, TN -Dues for 2011 are due after January 1st. It is now time to pay your dues for next year. Hopefully those who are behind will mail their dues in soon. If you are unsure of your status, check the address mailing label of your News Letter. An example: Pete Smith 09 would indicate your dues have been paid up for the year 2009. 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

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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS ESPECIALLY YOU 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.



Chaplain's Corner

WORDS

New efforts are being made in our culture to be more sensitive in the choice of words we use. This is an issue I have been aware of for a long time. For example, I learned to make my words sweet because I may have to eat them. One of the practical tools that have been helpful is to "Always put my mind in gear before I engage the clutch of my tongue." The scripture passage of Psalm 19:14 has been helpful. "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." How this works for me is to apply the meditation part of the verse first. For example, if the "meditation of my heart" is right and I am thinking the right thoughts, I have a positive outlook on life with love for the people I relate to. This process is helpful in being a peacemaker with so many hurting people in our culture. With the heart right, words will be pleasing to the Lord. It also works in the family structure. May our words be sweet!

Frank West, Chaplain
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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>
George Allen Gavitt	SN	6th	48-51
Niles E. Bloom	CS2	S-2	58-61
Herbert D. Baumann	EM2	A	48-52
Robert L. Peppel	QM2	OS	53-56
Irving Citron	CWO3	OE	56-57
George Allen Gavitt	SN	6th	48-51

And we wish to welcome aboard (again) previous members who have **rejoined** the Association:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Theo T. Nowak	LTJG E,	2nd, S-1	52-54
Haskell B. Wade	ETN3	OE	58-61
Carrol E. Dugan	GM2	3rd	53-55
Gale (Sonnie) N. Reed	ETN3	OE	52-56

