

# USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association



## News Letter

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### 2014 San Antonio Reunion

The committee is diligently working with a Reunion Planner in preparing and providing lodging and tours that will be available when we get together during the September/October 2014 time frame. This is a big task and the committee wants to make sure that every detail is addressed. Look for more information in the May News Letter.

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### San Diego Reunion Photo Album

At the San Diego reunion, Donald Moon agreed to put together a photographic album of the gathering. Several shipmates agreed to take personal pictures of their time in San Diego and send them to him. He is looking for the best pictures of the various tours and/or personal experiences that were captured for shipmates to remember the reunion in San Diego. If you have pictures and would like to contribute to this project, please send them to Donald by March 1, 2013. Pictures that are printed can be sent to Don via snail mail and he will scan them into his computer. Pictures can also be emailed via his e-mail address. When completed, a picture album will be available at a minimal cost. Donald can be reached at Donald Moon, 6034 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131 or [dkmoon49@mchsi.com](mailto:dkmoon49@mchsi.com).

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### Chaplain's Corner

#### GOALS

As shipmates left the Rochester to be discharged, many had big goals ahead of them. I recall one had arranged for the purchase of a truck to be ready for him so he could go into the construction business. I had a goal to marry the young lady I had met and to graduate from college. Both goals were met.

Solomon had big goals as a young man. He prayed for wisdom and his prayer was answered. After all his building, leadership, wealth, and wives, his heart was turned away from God. He looked upon all he had done in life and concluded, "Vanities of vanities saith the preacher. All is vanity". Ecc. 12:8

It is regrettable when people rise to the top of their goals and are disappointed with what they have arrived at, they are very unhappy. Henry Ford built a new plant and was producing 1,000 Model T's per day but didn't like the way they were filling the streets. He retreated to his farm. Ernest Hemingway had a great career of writing. He later confessed, "I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead and there is no current to plug into." This was shortly before his suicide.

The Psalmist stated, "Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our heart unto wisdom." The prophet Isaiah provides wisdom with a promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint."

As we evaluate and revise goals while attempting to achieve them it is good to take the advice of the Psalmist, "Be still and know that I am God." He can give the courage and strength for an abundant life!

*Frank West, Chaplain*  
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## New Item to Order!

### WALKING CANES

For the 2012 Reunion in San Diego, shipmate Stanley Muci made and donated a number of canes to the Association as a means of generating an income. These are the same type of canes he has made and donated to the Marines at the Camp Pendleton Hospital for many years, and received a special tribute for during the 2012 Banquet Dinner. They are approximately 37 inches in length and can be cut down to fit individual requirements. You can choose from two different engravings on the shaft: USS ROCHESTER CA124, SAN DIEGO REUNION, OCTOBER 2012 or USS ROCHESTER (CA124), TASK FORCE 77.

The price of each cane is \$25.00 plus shipping of \$10.00. They will be sent via USPS.

If anyone is interested in purchasing one of these beautiful canes, please contact Gordon Cargill at 11485 Luz Place, San Diego, CA 92127-1229, 858-592-9366, or [scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net). I can personally say that these canes are a beautiful piece of work, have a nice grip, and wonderful to use.



## TAPS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Black, Robert E.	NH	2011	B	48-49
Lane, Leo	AZ	2012	Fox	51-54
Tackett, Clyde H.	OH	2011	4 <sup>th</sup>	51-55

## Donations Received

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

Captain Jack Glazer donated \$50.00.

Mrs. Shera Lish donated \$25.00 in memory of her husband Donald who passed away in September 2012.

Robert (Bob) R. Cosgrove donated \$10.00 from overpayment of dues.

## New Members

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Davidson, Keith L.	4 <sup>th</sup>	58-61

## 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).

## Association Dues

The 2013 dues are due on January 1, 2013.

Folks have been pretty good about sending in their renewals, but we still have some outstanding. For the 2012 renewals, we are still lacking 18 members to renew. For the 2013 Year there are still 134 shipmates who are behind in renewals.

The Association runs on the dues the membership pays. If you are not paid up as a current member PLEASE send in your dues. Use the form at the end of this News Letter.

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## Navy Terms and Trivia

*Submitted by Joe Hill*

*Anchors Aweigh* music written by Bandmaster Lieut. Zimmerman. In 1906, Lieut. Zimmerman was approached by Midshipman First Class Alfred Hart Miles with a request for a new march. As a member of the Class of 1907, Miles and his classmates were eager to have a piece of music that would be inspiring, one with a swing to it so it could be used as a football marching song, and one that would live forever."

Ref: [www.goatlocker.org/resources/nav/trivia.htm](http://www.goatlocker.org/resources/nav/trivia.htm)

*Bell Bottom Trousers* commonly believed that the trousers were introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks, and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. The trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs."

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## Trivia Test

*Submitted by Joe Hill*

The following is a trivia test for those who wish to take it. Answers are printed on the next page, but don't cheat!

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Usually someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_.

2. When the Beatles first came to the US in early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

3. Get your kicks \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.

6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'

7. Nestle's makes the very best.....\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Satchmo was America's Ambassador of Goodwill. Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring what we twirled around our waist. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Association Officers

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Association website:

[www.USSRochester.org](http://www.USSRochester.org)

Rochester Museum and Science Center

[www.rmssc.org](http://www.rmssc.org)

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## From The Members...

Eugene (Gene) Smith noted with his membership renewal, "had a great time in San Diego."



Pete Russell found the following picture of the USS Rochester in dry dock Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1961 during its decommission and sitting in dry dock prior to being sold as surplus. It's a shame to see such a reminder of the time we all spent on this great ship.



Jim Biggs wrote a note to Joe Hill and I quote:

*"Hi Joe, I am responding to your note I received Oct. 21, 2012. It was good to hear from you after such a long absence. The note meant so much to me that I saved it and am rereading it at this very moment. We had made plans to attend the San Diego reunion, but my wife Earlene, developed a series of mini strokes and spent a few days in the hospital. These cleared up but I didn't want to take a chance and decided not to chance the trip. She is now having problems with her memory and we are dealing with this now. I received a phone call a few weeks back concerning my past due dues and I believe it was from Mr. Phillips. I think. I may just phone you one day and chat a little. Anchors Aweigh for now, Jim Biggs."*



Frank Dayak has proof that you never know who you will run into while wearing a USS Rochester shirt. Outside his home, Frank met a man who indicated that his father was once aboard the Rochester. Frank went to his house and took out one of his Cruise Books. Sure enough, in it was a picture of the gentleman's father. It brought back many fond memories to both men. Following is the letter that Jan A. Copeland sent to Frank pertaining to his father Richard G Copeland, Executive Officer in 1951.

*"I am the son of Richard G. Copeland, who was the Executive Officer on the USS Rochester during part of the Korean War. I don't remember much about his experiences aboard the Rochester.*

*I remember that, at some point, possibly during the time that the UN forces were being pushed back by the Chinese, the Rochester went as far as possible up a river to give artillery support to the UN Forces. This was a desperate maneuver because the ship was a sitting duck and could only extricate itself by backing out.*

*I remember that my father spent many days never leaving the bridge, and getting no sleep except occasional cat-naps. When he did doze off, he had the same dream. In the dream, he was walking along a dirt road in the country. I think he thought it was maybe Ireland.*

*I remember that the helicopters on the Rochester were used for rescue missions. I believe that in film, "The Bridges of Toko-Ri," helicopters from the Rochester rescued pilots that had to ditch in the sea.*

*I remember that the Rochester was a beautiful ship and that my father was very proud of her.*

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## ANSWERS to Trivia Test:

1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex Watch
10. Freedy, The Freeloader & 'Good Night & God Bless'
11. Draft Cards
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hula-hoop

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## Navy & Marine Corps Awards Manual

[www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc)

Click on **Career Info** at the top, then click **Records Management** on the left, then click **Decorations and Medals (Awards)** on the left for more information.

### General Information

The NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS MANUAL, SECNAVINST 1650.1H, establishes policy and procedures concerning awards available for recognizing individuals and units of the Naval Service. The Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-35) is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) within the Navy for implementing this policy, and maintains the Navy Department Awards Web-Service (NDAWS), which is the Navy's authoritative electronic awards system. NDAWS consists of a public website which provides online access to Navy Awards information and assistance, the Navy-wide awards processing application, and the ability for active duty members, veterans, and commands to search the Navy's authoritative awards database.

### *How do I get an award certificate into my OMPF?*

Here are the steps, 1-2-3:

1. Check to see that the award has been entered into the Navy Department Awards Web Service (NDAWS) at <https://awards.navy.mil>. Select

'personal awards,' then 'personal awards query' on the right.

2. If it is reflecting accurately in NDAWS, print your full SSN in the upper right corner of the award, and send a copy to PERS-313 (Navy Personnel Command, PERS-313, 5720 Integrity Dr. Millington, TN 38055), or ask your command to mail it. That's it!

3. If it has not been entered into NDAWS, or is in error, ask your admin office to contact the NDAWS authority for your command (or your command may be an NDAWS authority) for assistance. The NDAWS authority will authenticate the award with the assistance of you & your command by following the policy guidance provided on the NDAWS Authority page of the website, then they will mail a copy to your OMPF.

### *What You Should Know About Awards And How They Are Filed In Your Records*

Awards are documented in NDAWS, your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), Electronic Service Record (ESR), and on your Personnel Summary Records (PSR), and there are different requirements for each system.

### *PERSONAL AWARDS (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal & Higher)*

- NDAWS authorities are to enter awards into NDAWS and mail a copy to NPC, PERS-313, for ingestion into the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF)(annotated with the member's SSN).
- PERS-3 will validate each incoming award against NDAWS. If the award is not reflecting in NDAWS, it will be returned to the NDAWS authority or the Echelon II NDAWS Administrator if the NDAWS authority cannot be determined, for appropriate action.
- NDAWS is the authoritative source for awards. Awards will not be ingested into the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) if they are not reflected in NDAWS.
- Older awards not reflecting in NDAWS must be entered into NDAWS by the awarding authority's NDAWS authority, or the member's current NDAWS authority, after authentication. Authenticate awards by reviewing the permanent copy of the award.

## *LOA/LOC, UNIT, CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE AWARDS*

- ESR displays personal awards, unit awards and campaign/service awards. campaign/service awards issued prior to 2006 were entered on a paper NAVPERS 1070/604 and should be filed in your OMPF, but for unit awards and campaign/service awards issued after 2006 the award should be displayed in the Honors and Awards Section of your ESR, and submitted to your OMPF on a paper NAVPERS 1070/880, Award Record when you reenlist or separate
- If errors are discovered in your ESR, contact your servicing Personnel Office. If they have proof that an award is missing, they can create a corrected copy of the appropriate document and submit it to the OMPF with justification.

### *Medals and Ribbons*

Members on active duty and drilling reservists should receive the original award (medal/ribbon) from their commanding officer.

Replacements: Navy Personnel Command will (on a one time basis) replace medals and ribbons when they have been lost or destroyed, through no fault of the member, or have become unfit for wear because of age/deterioration. Replacement under other circumstances is the responsibility of the individual.

Verification: If the member's commanding officer is unable to verify medals and ribbons eligibility, send a written request to:

NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
PERS-312A  
5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE  
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-3120

### *Veterans*

Navy Veterans to whom a military decoration has been awarded, or the immediate next of kin of a deceased recipient, may also receive a replacement set of decorations on a one-time basis, without cost if the previously issued medal, ribbon, or other device has been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use, without fault or neglect on the part of the recipient. Miniature decorations are not replaced by the Department of Navy.

Veterans or next-of kin of deceased veterans can obtain and fill out SF 180, Request Pertaining To Military Records, or write a letter to request replacement awards. Each request should be filled

out neatly, and should include the veteran's complete name used while in service, rank, service number, social security number, branch of service, dates of service (date entered and date released), and it should be signed by the veteran or the next of kin if the veteran is deceased. If using the SF 180, check the "Other" box in section II, paragraph 1, and enter "replacement awards". Supporting documentation such as discharge paperwork or the veteran's DD Form 214 or other military records can help speed the process. Mail your request to one of the following addresses:

Veterans separated in or after 1998:  
NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
PERS-312A  
5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE  
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-3120

Veterans separated before 1998  
NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
LIAISON OFFICE ROOM 350  
1 ARCHIVES DRIVE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63138

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## **Stuff You Didn't Know You Didn't Know!!**

*Submitted by Joe Hill*

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.



Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades: King David.

Hearts: Charlemagne.

Clubs: Alexander, the Great.

Diamonds: Julius Caesar.



In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.'....It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'.

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