

# USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association



## News Letter

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### From Secondary Conn...

*Garry Phillips*

The San Antonio reunion is just around the corner and registrations are coming in nicely. At press time, more than 60 percent of the rooms we blocked were taken. While we expect that to have enough blocked rooms, please note this: if you should call the hotel and are told that all the blocked rooms have been taken, please contact Pete Russell at 703-509-5721 or [peterussell@cox.net](mailto:peterussell@cox.net) immediately. He will work it out with the hotel. No shipmate will be turned down for the block room rate.

I urge you to make your reservations soon and register with Joe Hill. A copy of the registration form is on the ship's web site at [ussrochester.net](http://ussrochester.net). If you have trouble downloading the form, contact Pete Russell, Joe Hill, or me for a hard copy. Remember the Alamo! (September 25 – 29)

On another subject: I recently exchanged emails and a telephone call with Randy Steffen (6<sup>th</sup> Division, 58-61) – doing well in Las Vegas. He reminded me of a hobby taken up by some of the guys aboard ship: making rings from half-dollar pieces.

Randy said, "I remember that while aboard Rochester, many of the crew were engaged in this past time. All one needed to make a ring was a table spoon (borrowed from the mess decks), a 50 cent piece (they were still 90% silver at that time), patience, and some place to work where that metallic tic – tic – tic would not disturb (PO) those around you. I made only one of these rings and it took about seven months to finish, then I gave it to a girl in Long Beach ... wish I still had it ... I don't even remember her name."

A Bluejacket to the end! He said he was using his Stan Muci (Rochester) cane, which he has adorned with four leather Turks heads. It was good talking with Randy. He sends his best regards.

Hope to see you in San Antonio.

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### It's Time to Say Goodbye...

*Gordon W Cargill*

This will be my last News Letter as Publisher/Editor. Due to personal commitments I do not have the time to prepare material for the News Letter items. Obligations have changed my priorities. It has been a great ten years that I have been working on getting the News Letter to our shipmates and trying to make it interesting. I have met and talked with a great number of shipmates over the years and found it to be a very rewarding experience.

Effective at the meeting of the Association on Sunday September 28, I will resign as the 1<sup>st</sup> VP. The main duty of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP is to publish the quarterly News Letter and send it to our shipmates. This is now an opportunity for someone to step up and apply for the position. You will find this as a learning experience of what the USS ROCHESTER meant to so many people. If interested, contact President, Garry Phillips, telephone 731-407-4521 or e-mail [garryleephillips@gmail.com](mailto:garryleephillips@gmail.com) and let him know of your interest.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of a great fraternity of men that have bonded together, probably their first job after leaving school, and probably never understood what the future would bring. The Association has brought shipmates and families together, over the years, to remember what each has meant to one another. A life long experience that can only grow.

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### Reunion Registration Desk

Volunteers are needed to help at the registration desk. Give your names to Joe Hill or Pete Russell if you can help.

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## Naval History & Heritage

*Submitted by Joe Hill*

Clean Bill of Health: This widely used term has its origins in the document issued to a ship showing that the port it sailed from suffered from no epidemic or infection at the time of departure.

### Units of Measurement

Furlong - Unit of distance equal to 220 yards

League - Unit of distance of between 2.4 and 4.6 miles

Quire - Unit of 24 sheets of paper

Verst - Unit of distance equal to approximately 2/3 of a mile

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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.

**Any information submitted between now and the next Newsletter will be forwarded to the new 1st VP elected at the annual meeting.**

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## Association Officers

Garry L. Phillips, President	Pete Russell, Executive VP
Gordon W. Cargill, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Pete Russell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
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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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## 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.

## Donations Received

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

Mrs. Lillian Klavanowitch made a donation to the USS Rochester Association in the amount of \$25.00. She also wrote the following note: "In memory of Richard Klavanowitch. He loved being in the Navy and the Rochester, and the reunions and meeting old shipmates. Lots of good memories. Thank you USS Rochester. Mrs. R. Klavanowitch".

The law firm of Weitz & Luxenberg of New York, N.Y. donated \$100.00 to the USS Rochester Association in memory of Robert "Petie" Angulo.

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## 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.

We still have 41 shipmates who have not sent in their 2014 membership renewals.

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## New Members

The Association would like to welcome back the following members...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Powell, Robert	L.R. M	58-61

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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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Walters, Lawrence A	CA	1987	2 <sup>nd</sup>	51-54
Walters, Phillip S	Scotland	1978	2 <sup>nd</sup>	48-51
Kennedy, Marlin (Mike)	NE	2014	R	51-55
Ray D. Hutchinson	CA	2014	S-2,3	52-55
Zoppi, Michael	NJ	2014	Fox	51-55