

USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association



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News Letter

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From Secondary Conn...

Garry Phillips

Dear USS ROCHESTER (CA-124) Shipmates and Associate Members:

Well, we can truly say, "We were blown away," not by but from the 2016 Reunion in Charleston! Fortunately the crew on duty saved us from serious harm, battened down the hatches and reset our course. We are now rescheduled to arrive in Charleston sometime in the Spring of 2017, about 5 months away. Let me explain:

Pete Russell (Executive Vice President) and Joe Hill (Secretary/Treasurer) and their spouses (Julie and Judy) arrived at the hotel in Charleston on Tuesday, two days before the reunion was to start, to gear up for the reunion. At that time it was reasonable to believe that hurricane Matthew would not blow into Charleston and disrupt the reunion. Shortly thereafter, Matthew took a turn inland, the Governor declared a state of emergency, and local authorities announced that incoming traffic to Charleston would soon be diverted. The rest is history!

After discussing the matter with the hotel, we made the decision to call and/or email all the attendees and cancel the reunion. Within minutes, we were emailing and calling everyone on the reunion list.

The Association's Board of Directors and Officers met in a conference call on October 11 and unanimously voted to reschedule the reunion in Charleston in the Spring of 2017 at a time agreed upon with the hotel. Our aim is to not change any of the tours or activities from what we have already planned. Great effort went into the original plans; there is no reason to reinvent the wheel.

While the Association will have a few expenses to cover, all of your deposits are safe. During the conference call, we voted to give you who made deposits for tours, dinners, etc., the option to be reimbursed by the Association, or to leave your payments on deposit for the rescheduled reunion in the Spring. The decision is yours. If you wish a refund of your deposit, please notify Joe Hill, Treasurer, by letter or email. Please understand that regardless of your decision to ask for a refund or to leave the money on deposit, prices may go up or down in the Spring of 2017.

We are in almost daily contact with MRP (Military Reunion Planners) and the hotel. We have confirmed a new date of **Thursday, March 16 to Monday, March 20, 2017, at the same hotel, Crowne Plaza Hotel**, in Charleston. Please note that we secured the same room rate as before. Whether you were scheduled for the cancelled reunion or not, we urge you to reschedule for the Spring! We look forward to seeing you all. Thank you all for your patience. Best regards, Garry

2016/2017 Reunion Update

Please see following pages for updated information and Registration Form for the Reunion.

Association Officers

Garry L. Phillips, President	Pete Russell, Executive VP
Steven van Westendorp, 1 st VP	Vacant, 2 nd VP
Joseph S. Hill, Secy/Treasurer	Frank West, Chaplain
William W. Berkley, MAA	Betsy Phillips, Storekeeper
Frank Dayak, Director	Merlin A. Scheller, Director
Charles L. Chipley, Jr., Director	Donald K. Moon, Director

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www.USSRochester.org

Rochester Museum and Science Center
www.rmssc.org

AHOY!!!

**CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
REUNION IS RE-SCHEDULED TO MARCH 2017**

The U.S.S. Rochester (CA-124) Reunion in Charleston, SC, cancelled in October due to Hurricane Matthew, has been re-scheduled to **Thursday, March 16, 2017 thru Monday, March 20, 2017** at the same hotel, the Crowne Plaza Charleston Hotel, 4381 Tangier Outlet Mall, North Charleston, SC 29418. The special room rate of \$129 plus applicable taxes per night, the schedule of the tours, the entrée selections for the banquet, and the overall itinerary remain the same as was previously planned.

For returning attendees, you do not need to re-register with Joe Hill, but you do need to confirm your intentions. We are hopeful that as many of you who registered for the October reunion will join us in Charleston for this, the 13th National Reunion of the U.S.S. Rochester (CA-124) Association. We are prepared to work with you personally in any way to help you make your arrangements or, if you are not able to come, to make a refund of the fees submitted with your previous registration. We ask you to confirm your intentions as soon as possible, but no later than February 16, 2017 by e-mailing or calling Pete Russell at 703-569-7733, peterussell@cox.net or Joseph Hill at 931-432-4848, nitecrawl@twlakes.net.

For new attendees, please find a reunion registration form in the newsletter (we're hoping this new date will be encouraging to shipmates who could not make the October 2016 date).

We have reserved a room block of 40 rooms at the special rate, which will be applicable 3 days prior to and 3 days following the official reunion dates. The Crowne Plaza is now accepting room reservations. Please call the hotel directly at 843-744-4422. Tell them you are attending the Rochester Reunion, and make sure they quote you the special rate of \$129 plus applicable taxes. The hotel reservation cutoff date is February 16th, 2017. Thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space available basis. The special room rate includes daily complimentary buffet breakfast for two in the hotel restaurant, complimentary parking, and complimentary WiFi in your room.

We hope to see you in Charleston in March. If you have any questions or need assistance making your plans, or with the registration form (for new registrants) please call or e-mail Joe or Pete.

Change of Address, Email, & Phone

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.

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. If you would like to submit an item of information or a story to the newsletter, you can mail it or email it to scotsmann31@sbcglobal.net.

Ship's Store

Betsy Phillips is waiting for your order for items from the Ship's Store. Use the enclosed Order Form to make your selections and have your items before the cold weather gets here. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Phillips at Eliz_Phillips@yahoo.com or calling 731-336-4090.

If you would like to see our entire line of USS ROCHESTER (CA-124) items, or if you desire a larger size than what is listed here, please go online to www.WSSRochester.org or contact me via the email address or phone number listed above. I'm looking forward to helping each of you find just the right item to show your ROCHESTER pride!

Betsy Phillips

Association Dues

Membership Dues for 2016 were due on January 1, 2016. Your current status is noted near your address on mailing address block. If there is a **2014** or **2015** after your name, PLEASE send in your PAST and CURRENT DUES (only \$25 per year) or let us know your intentions. REMINDER: Your 2017 Dues are due January 1st.

From The Publisher...

Since our friend Mathew visited Charleston in early October, and the reunion of the USS Rochester was cancelled, the Officers of the Association have been very busy trying to set up a new date for the reunion. The Executive VP, Pete Russell, has been on the phone constantly with the Military Planning Group and the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Charleston to get compatible dates and rates for the new reunion. By this time, Pete Russell has his ear embedded in his head from the phone calls he has made in the past couple of weeks. A hardy **THANK YOU** and a **WELL DONE** to all!

Gordon Cargill

Donations Received

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

Ralph Agavino donated \$10.00

CAPT Jack Glazer donated \$25.00

CDR Pat Grillo donated \$5.00

Fred and Mary Davis donated stamps

Barbara Himes donated stamps

Note of Appreciation - Barbara Himes' note reads - "I enjoy the newsletter very much. Thank you for sending it to me after all these years."

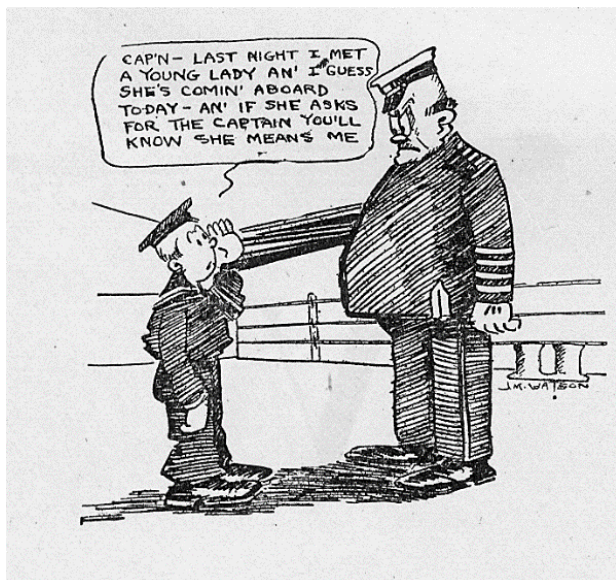
For information, Barbara's husband, Richard Himes passed in 1999.

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
William E. Ritchie	MA	2016	A	48-52
W. Frank Ruch	CA	2016	R	52-55

SCUTTLEBUTT



Credits to "The Navy Explained", L.E. Ruggles, 1917, and the publishers of "Our Navy Magazine".

Submitted by Pete Russell, "E" and Fox Divisions, 1958 - 1961

Chaplain's Corner

HOPE IN STORMS

Storms come to us in a variety of ways in life. I recall storms while on the Rochester when we sat on the floor with our legs crossed, a tray of food on them and our back against the bulkhead. Although damage was done, we soon went into smooth waters. Our East coast has suffered from the hurricane Matthew. Some of the cities where I grew up are still under water in North Carolina.

King David, during a time of political storm, stated "God is our strength, a very present help in trouble". It appeared the nation would be taken over by other countries. His encouragement to the nation was, "Be still, and know that I am God" on behalf of God's promises. (Psalm 46)

I recall being part of a quartet on ship. The "Haven of Rest" was one of our songs and the chorus states, "I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest, I'll sail the wide seas no more". Our Nation is in a stormy time in various ways. May we be calm and prayerful that we may get through these storms.

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston in the spring.

Prayerfully submitted, Frank West, Chaplain
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Retail and Clothing Discounts

- Banana Republic: 10% off (50+)
- Bealls: 15% off every Tuesday (50+)
- Bed Bath & Beyond: 10% off mailing club (55+)
- Belk: 15% off 1st Tuesday every month (55+)
- Bon-Ton Dept Store: 15% off Senior discount days (55+)
- C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
- Clarks: 10% off (62+)
- Dress Barn: 10% off (55+) (varies by location)
- Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (day varies by location)
- Hancock Fabrics: 15% off on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (55+)
- Kohl's: 15% off on Wednesdays (60+)
- Lens Crafters: 30% off for AARP members
- Michael's: 10% off on Tuesdays with AARP card
- Modell's Sporting Goods: 10% off
- Rite Aid: 20% off on the 1st Wednesday of the month for wellness+ members (65+)
- Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
- Tanger Outlets: Free coupon book for AARP members
- The Salvation Army: up to 50% off (55+)
- TJ Maxx: 10% on Tuesdays, varies by location