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THE FLEET'S FINEST



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 17th annual USS POWER Reunion was another well-planned and a successful one, thanks to John Pinto and his soul mate and all their hard work. We had 26 shipmates attending the reunion with four first-time members present. They are Harry Mack, Steve Campbell, Benny Latino, and John Warren, Sr. Welcome Aboard, Mates! It would be great to see more people at our 2014 Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida. The **SAILOR OF THE YEAR AWARD for 2011** was Carl Burnham. There was no Sailor of the Year for 2012. We had two great tour sites. The first was in Baton Rouge where we went aboard the USS KIDD. She wasn't as modern as the USS POWER, but it brought back some good memories of serving on the POWER. Later we visited the Naval Museum. This was also a great experience with all of its History. The second tour was in New Orleans where we spent a big part of the day seeing the sites of the French Quarters, a huge Flea Market, the old building of the Governor's Mansion, a bus tour of the city, and the WWII Museum. The museum is a great and wonderful sight to see! If you didn't get to New Orleans on this reunion trip, it sure would be a good vacation spot, especially the museum! It's a great and wonderful sight to see! It covers three buildings! We also visited the Hollywood Casino in Baton Rouge and the Harrah Casino in New Orleans for lunch where you can eat your lunch and lose at the gaming tables!

The Power Association is ordering a Brick for the USS POWER that will be placed along the expanded sight of the WWII museum on Magazine Street. Lettering on the brick will read:

LINE 1: USS POWER DD839

LINE 2: September 1945 – 1977

LINE 3 – THE FLEET'S FINEST

The date of the Brick placement has not been announced.

The Cake Cutting Ceremony was performed by Richard Durgin, who was on board the POWER from 1948 – 1951, and Carl Burnham, who was on board 1974 – 1977.

We had several nominations for our 2015 Reunion. They were for Mobile, AL; Washington, DC, St. Louis, MO, and Savannah, GA. The winner is Mobile, Alabama!

**Your friend and Shipmate
William (Bill) Lilley, President**

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***Jr. Vice President :Report
Ed Chartrand***

Greeting fellow shipmates and powerful ladies.... What a great time we had in Baton Rouge and New Orleans with the hotel, food and entertainment. The tour of the USS Kidd and the World War II museum was awesome. And as always a big thank you to John & Kay Pinto for all the work lining us up a great trip. Congrats to Carl Burnham for receiving the "Shipmate of the Year". Looking forward to seeing everyone in Jacksonville I'm sure everything will look a lot different. Try to get in contact with your fellow shipmates and invite them to Jacksonville and go down memory lane with them

"PATRIOTISM IS NOT SHORT, FRENZIED OUTBURSTS OF EMOTION BUT THE
TRANQUIL AND STEADY DEDICATION OF A LIFETIME."

Ed Chartrand..... Jr. Vice President

POWERFUL LADIES AUXILIARY

USS Powerful Ladies Aux..... What a great time we had in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Had a lot of fun going back in time to the 50's. It was great to see the poodle skirts, peg jeans and penny loafers. We even saw Dom Deluise (John Goricki) in New Orleans on Bourbon Street. The USS Kidd was fun and Ed loved to show me what his bunk was like. Lost a little money at the Hollywood Casino but had a wonderful buffet. The banquet dinner and Cajun dancers was a wonderful idea. They sure kept us entertained and on our feet dancing with them. Next year's "Welcome Aboard" dinner theme is the roaring 20's have you thought about an outfit yet? If you would like to help a " WOUNDED WARRIOR" buy Brawny Paper Towels, they will donate a \$1.00 to Wounded Warrior Project from Jan. 1, 2013 thru Dec. 31, 2013 so go on Facebook

www.facebook.com/brawnytowels/wwp and click on likes or text thanks to 272969.

Also another great organization that I am involved with is <http://www.operationcarepackages.org/> that sends packages to our troops year round that are in Hot Zones overseas so if you would like to donate and help in any way log on. See you in Jacksonville! Remember: Recycle, Reuse & Renew

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY ROBERT PULASKI**

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



I will contact a Jacksonville , Fl. Newspaper and ask them to advertise our 2014 reunion in hopes that we can attract more former shipmates to our Association. It is important for all of us to continue to enlist men especially From the 60/s and 70/s to keep our Association active and strong.

**BOB PULASKI
SECTY.**

Senior Vice President Notes:

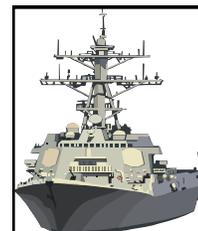
Some of us had a wet spring and some of us had a very dry spring and now we have a hot and dry summer. All of us that attended the reunion in Baton Rouge had a great time on all the tours and renewing friendships with our shipmates. A big welcome to all the first time attendees. We hope you enjoyed and will attend in 2014 and bring some other shipmates with you. Now is the time to make your plans for the 2014 reunion May 15th to 19th in Jacksonville, FL. I think you all will enjoy the tours of ships, Historic Augustine, dinner shows and river cruise. All our members need to contact as many of their former shipmates as possible and invite them to our 2014 reunion. This will make it even better. I am looking forward to seeing you all in may 2014 at Jacksonville, FL. May we all keep our troops who are serving in harms way in our prayers.

Carl P. Burnham, SR Vice President

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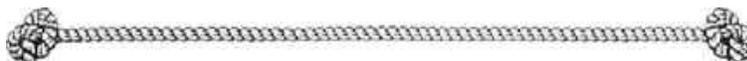
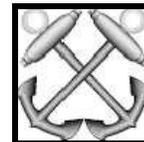


**OFFICIAL
USS POWER
VEHICLE**





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates :

Our reunion in Baton Rouge was a success. All had a great time and we had 5 new members attend the reunion, although we did not get a large group 45 in all with 25 shipmates show up, many wanted to come but due to illness or prior commitments were unable to attend. We had many memorable events. Tour of the USS KIDD brought back memories aboard the Power. We went below decks to the sleeping quarters .Remember the cots we slept on and had to air out on deck draped over the side. We went down to the mess deck. REMEMBER the heavy seas and the metal trays sliding off the tables, yes many good memories .Our tour of New Orleans was done by Motor Coach. Walking through the streets of the French Quarters stopping at the Café du Monte for coffee and beignets a New Orleans specialty, THEY are fried, raised pieces of yeast dough, usually about 2 inches in diameter or 2 inches square. After being fried, they are sprinkled with sugar or coated with various icings. Walking through the French Market Flea Market with all kinds of traditional items like clothing, antiques, art, jewelry, candles and crafts a community of culture .Tour of the WWII Museum, The movie Beyond All Boundaries left everyone who watched the 45 minutes movie spellbound with a lot of pride in our country and the fighting men and women who fought in WWI and WWII, it was something not to be missed. Our theme for the Welcome Aboard was The 50/s everyone dressed up and Ed Chartrand was a Elvis look a like and the ladies wearing their poodle shirts. It was a great time the 50/s when most of us were teenagers. This year we received from Boston Beer Samuel Adams of Boston MA. a generous supply of T-shirts -Caps - Beer Glasses -Bottle Openers and we handed them out to all attendees .Our Hospitality Room was well stocked with cases of Samuel Adams bottle beer we all thank you Boston for your donation. We want to thank all the folks and **Kris Comtois / Executive Assistant / The Boston Beer Company / One Design Center Place - Suite 850 / Boston, MA 02210.** Anheuser Busch . Budweiser Beer Distributors of Baton Rouge LA did not participate this year but we will be looking at Budweiser of Jacksonville for 2014. Our most memorable event was our Banquet Dinner this year we had a sit down dinner and it went well. I personally prefer a Buffet you get more choices. We had a lot of raffle items donated by shipmates and wives. Some were made by hand. Thank you all ,everyone received a item. We had a live group the Les Danseurs de la Capitale de Baton Rouge" is a 10 couple Cajun Dance troupe associated with the nonprofit organization "The Cajun French Music Association". They promote Cajun music through the Cajun French language, music and dance. The group has danced and performed all over the United States at various events and festivals. We look forward to next year Jacksonville Reunion and I think we will get a large turnout. We have a lot of things to do such as tours to Mayport where most of us did our sea duty out of. I am trying to set up a tour of one of the ships in port when we visit the Naval Base. Those interested in a Historic tour can do St. Augustine on Saturday or Play Golf with Mike Lillis. After the reunion is over we are looking at a Cruise out of Jacksonville to the Bahamas with Carnival Cruise Line May 19 to the 24th 5- night cruise . Check the Power website for more information on what is happening .Also check out the Embassy Suites breakfast menu ,the Welcome Aboard and Banquet Dinner Buffet menus. Fill out and mail me the Questionnaire Form so we have an idea how many will be doing the tours so we don't have to cancel them.

See you All in Jacksonville have a safe and healthy summer

John Pinto

Questionnaire Form:**Directory Update**

USS POWER DD 839 ASSOCIATION
 18TH REUNION JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
 EMBASSY SUITES - BAYMEADOWS
 MAY 15 -19, 2014

SHIPMATE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

E-MAIL _____

SERVED ABOARD

* FROM TO DATE TRANSFERRED * RATE WHILE ABOARD

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE 2014 REUNION _____ *HOW MANY _____

SPOUSE NAME *GUEST NAME * HOW WILL YOU BE TRAVELING BY

TOUR OPTIONS *MUST HAVE 45 TO DO TOURS* SIGN YES / NO/ HOW MANY**Friday: 5/16/14**Mayport-Ship Tour-Jax Landing-Memorial Wall-Museum-Bud Brewery **Cost: \$65 p.p** _____**Saturday: 5/17/14***Golf with Mike Lillis _____St. Augustine HistoricTour lunch on your own shopping St. George Street **Cost \$45 p.p** _____**PICK ONE *****Saturday: Night 5/17/14***Alhambra Dinner Show * 20 or more **Cost \$ 54.04 p.p** _____**Saturday :Night 5/17/14***Annabelle Lee Dinner River Cruise * 35 or more **Cost \$48.15 p.p.** _____

5 Night Cruise out of Jacksonville May 19 to 24, 2014 - If interested say Yes _____

Thursday : 5/15/14 * Welcome Aboard Buffet \$25 p.p How many _____**Sunday : 5/18/14 * Banquet Dinner Buffet** \$35 p.p How many _____**FILL OUT AND MAIL : To: JOHN PINTO**

Any Questions contact John Pinto 352-527-2352

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Highlights of Reunion
2013 Baton Rouge, LA
May 15-19, 2013
Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South



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Tour of the WWII Museum, The movie Beyond All Boundaries.



The Solomon Victory Theater at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, is the home of the “Beyond All Boundaries” experience created by The Hettema Group. Recipient of the 17th annual Thea Award for Outstanding Achievement - Museum Attraction, and a 2010 Gold MUSE Award-winner, the 200-seat theater showcases a signature film/theatrical experience on World War II that employs advanced format and immersion technologies. “Beyond All Boundaries” is the centerpiece of a planned \$300 million expansion that will quadruple the size of the existing National World War II Museum when the final phase is completed in 2016. The cinematic journey plunges audiences into another time and place where they feel the tanks rumbling across North African deserts, brush snow from their faces during the Battle of the Bulge and flinch at anti-aircraft fire as it tries to bring down a B-17 on a bombing mission over Germany. This carefully crafted story includes life-sized theatrical props, animation, atmospheric, and sound effects that work seamlessly to create the unique immersive experience.

The Old Governor’s Mansion of Louisiana

The Old Governor’s Mansion at 502 North Boulevard is once again the showplace it was when it was newly built.



This was accomplished by the cooperative efforts of the State of Louisiana and the Foundation for Historical Louisiana in the restoration. The Mansion was completed in 1930 during the glory days of one of Louisiana’s most colorful political figures, Huey P. Long. Nine governors of Louisiana have been official occupants of the Mansion from Huey Long (“The Kingfish”) to Jimmie Davis (“The Singing Governor”). Under the stewardship of the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, docent-guided tours give the history of the house and its occupants. Built to resemble the White House with tall columns

and in the Georgian style, the Mansion does indeed look very much like the house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The architectural details of the house are fascinating and give added opulence. The grandeur of the Old Governor’s Mansion impresses all that come to visit.

Welcome Aboard Shipmates

We had five new members attend, two locals from Louisiana

*John Warren –LA.*Benny Latino*Steve Campbell*Reece Pace –LA.* Harry Mack*

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<http://www.USSPowerDD839.org>

How Often Should I Shut Down My Computer?

This question gets asked a lot, and unfortunately there's no easy answer. All sorts of factors must be considered, such as how much power your computer draws vs. how much your electric utility charges per kilowatt hour; how important it is to you that you have immediate access to your computer at all times; and on and on. Essentially, it boils down to your own personal preference. Here are some things to consider

Electricity Costs

At a basic level, an average computer uses about 350W of power (including the monitor) or 0.35 kW. (This can vary depending on the size of your machine, what you use it for, etc.) Figure out how much your local utility charges per kilowatt hour, and then do the math to see how much electricity your machine would consume if left on all day. Rates fluctuate based on your city and the time of year, but for the sake of argument, if the utility charges 10 cents per kWh, then it's costing you roughly \$25 per month to run the machine all day. So, unless you're hopped up on Red Bull and computing constantly, shut it down each night.

Wear and Tear

Computer parts are designed to be extremely durable and last for years, but as with all machines that have moving parts, things do eventually break down. In a PC, the cooling fans (for the power supply and the CPU) are the primary components that will be in constant use if you never turn the machine off. The fans don't have to work as hard if the computer is in sleep mode or is not actively running several programs while still powered up, but eventually they're likely going to give out and will need to be repaired or replaced. Hard drives also continue to spin when the computer is not in use, and it can eventually peter out, too.

Too Many Processes

If you leave your computer on all the time, it is still running all manner of processes, even if no programs are open. Over time, these processes lead to memory errors that constantly build up, which can cause crashes, programs to freeze, and operating system lag.

Shutting down your computer when it's not in use can help limit that kind of poor performance, along with periodic sweeps with anti-virus/malware software.

The bottom line? To save energy and give your computer a longer lifespan, shut it down when you're not using it.

Thank You

Dean Seals - MM3 (65-67)

Webmaster

Not too much activity in the ships store since the last reunion.

Please contact me first about ordering anything so you will know it is in stock.

Balance in our account at the present time is \$3,960.00.

We have 70 paid up dues members at the present time.

Wishing all shipmates a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jim Brocklebank



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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God bless each one of my shipmates and their families. You have been in my prayers.
We are looking forward to seeing each one of you at the Jacksonville reunion.

Those who don't feel well physically or just feel wore out,
I pray God will give you the strength and encouragement for everyday tasks.
In later years of life it seems we need to put more trust in God to survive each day.
He will bring each one of us through any circumstance.
Remember the old hymn: "Only believe, only believe,
All things are possible, only believe."

God bless you,
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