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USS POWER DD-839 Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT REPORT -

The holidays are finally over and we are into a new year. Some of us have made New Year's resolutions, and maybe have broken them by now! For that reason, I don't make New Year's resolutions anymore! I don't seem to be able to keep them! I hope this will be a much better year than the last one for everyone in our United States. We have a second term President whom some are happy with and some are not. I sure hope he does a better job in this new term. Let's all keep the President in our prayers, and for him to be a good leader and make wise decisions for our country and the rest of the world we, as a country, have to deal with. We also have some new Congressmen and Senators that I hope will look to GOD for advice and wisdom in making the right and good decisions in running this great Country's affairs. I'm looking forward to our reunion in Baton Rouge, LA. And hope to see many more shipmates attend this year than at the last one.

See you at the Reunion!
Your Friend and Shipmate, *William (Bill) Lilley*, President

SR. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT ...

Winter has arrived and the holidays are behind us. Some of us had a white Christmas with lots of snow on the ground. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I had a very good Christmas as the Doctor told me I am cancer free. I hope all our shipmates on the East Coast are okay after SANDY went up the coast. We are keeping those who were affected by the storm in our thoughts and prayers.

As we begin to look forward to spring time we turn our thoughts to the next reunion. I hope to see a very big turnout for the 2013 reunion in Baton Rouge, May 15-19, 2013. As is always the case, John & Kay have planned a very interesting week of tours in and around Baton Rouge and then to New Orleans. If you have never been to New Orleans, you should enjoy this tour. If you have contact with former shipmates that are not members of the USS POWER Association, please contact them and invite them to the reunion. Looking forward to seeing you all in May at the reunion.

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POWERFUL LADIES AUXILIARY

U.S.S. Powerful Ladies Aux. Hope all had a great holiday season . So far our weather hasn't been too bad and hardly any snow yet! We all here in Chicagoland hope it stays that way. Can't wait to see all the tours that John and Kay have planned for us from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. Please sign up for the tours especially the U.S.S. Kidd DD661 which has been nicknamed the "Pirate of the Pacific" and also the Veteran's Memorial.

The "Welcome Aboard" dinner on Wed. night has a 1950's theme so get out your poodle skirt, letter sweater and black & white saddle shoes. Guys get your hair into a pompadour or D.A. We plan to play BINGO after the dinner so if you have any small items that we can use as bingo prizes bring them to the dinner.

Bring your ideas to promote patriotism to the ladies meeting on Sat. morning. From the American Legion Aux. maga-zine things Americans can do to honor the service of our Vet's.

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| 1. Talk to our Vet's | 4. Cast your vote |
| 2. Fly our flag | 5. Care for military families |
| 3. Thank them for their service | 6. Volunteer for an organization that recognizes and appreciate the sacrifice of our military |

Sat. night is our dinner dance/ dance troupe if you would like to make or donate a door prize all would be appreciated.

Don't forget www.operationcarepackages.org , Over the holidays we sent Christmas stockings and packages that touched 9,000 servicemen and women. The organization is headquartered in Joliet, IL. and ships all year long. See you in Baton Rouge. *Remember: Reuse, Reduce & Recycle*

Thanks,
Chairman Mary Lou Chartrand

Jr. Vice President

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies....

I hope this letter finds every-one doing well. Mary Lou and I are doing fine, staying busy. Myself at the V.F.W, American Legion and Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. I recently participated in the color guard ceremony for Wreaths Across America. I had the honor of carrying the Navy flag. The weather was cold, windy, raw and rainy but right before the ceremony the rain stopped and the ceremony went on.

After the ceremony 5,000 wreaths were laid on the grave-sites. Afterwards there was a luncheon at the local V.F.W. where they had on display the Illinois Fallen Heroes Traveling Wall with the names and photos of the fallen heroes who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was very moving.

Let's not forget or give up on recruiting new members, those old shipmates are still out there, let's find them. Remember you can also bring family members and friends to bring down the cost of tours and transportation.

Congratulations to the Navy midshipmen football team for their victory over Army in December for the 11th time in a row 17 - 13. The rivalry has been going on for 113 years.

USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

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Newsletter

Danielle DePietro



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Shipmates Update Information
Shipmates Unable to Attend the Reunion
We hope to see them at the next Reunion

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| George Cholovich | Ed Durivage | Nicholas Giancola |
| Ed Carroll | Bob Connolly | Robert Bernicke |
| Paul Maier | Joe Brazzatti | Ray Koffroth |
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FROM THE EDITOR'S Daughter

My dad passed away February 19 shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. He did not suffer and was surrounded by loved ones. We did not expect to lose him so quickly and my mom, Stephanie, and I miss him greatly. He was a loving husband and an amazing father.

Thank you to everyone for welcoming my family to the reunions with open arms. My dad, Pete De Pietro loved attending the reunions and looked forward to going every year. He loved doing this newsletter too. He enjoyed Reminiscing with all of you about your journeys in the navy while serving together.

We hope to eventually join you all at another reunion. Until then, I hope you all have a great time in Baton Rouge!

Danielle DePietro

Note from Chaplain:

Fall is at hand, Winter is around the corner and the holi-days are coming soon. Thanksgiving is a very special oc-casion. God has given all of us in America so very much to be thankful for.

I am thankful for all the sailors who served aboard the Power. **May God bless each one of you.**

Christmas is special also. We all know that it's not just gifts and family, but the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. *We, in America, need to put Christ back in Christmas!*

To all Power sailors and family: Happy Thanksgiving! and Merry Christmas! from Elsie & Dewey.

God Bless You, Dewey

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Computer Know How- Left Handed Mouse

Since Windows 98, a feature was included for changing the buttons on your mouse, allowing you to replicate the feel of the right-handed mouse (like having the primary mouse click be your pointer finger).

To switch buttons on your mouse to a left-handed configuration in Windows XP, go to Start>Control Panel , "Printers and Other Hardware" (if in category view), then Mouse . Go to "Button Actions" and change the Left button action to "Right Click" and the Right button action to "Left Click". (Don't be surprised if your user interface looks different. Just look around, the feature should be there somewhere).

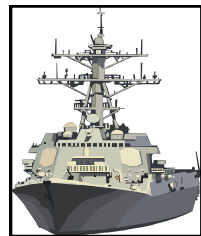
For Windows Vista users, go to Start>Control Panel and make sure you're in Classic View. Double-click Mouse and under the Buttons Tab you'll see a checkbox to switch the mouse button configuration.

For Windows 7, type "Mouse", minus the quotes into your Search Box (located under the Start menu) and choose "Change Mouse Settings". This will bring you to the same place as the picture above.

Something else to think about if you're in a position where you're using the computer all the time, it might make some sense to distribute the wear-and-tear on the mouse to both arms (and decrease the wear and tear on your left arm). Using your left hand to work with the mouse can be tough at first, but with a little practice it becomes just as natural as using your right hand. Follow the directions above, then start practicing....

Thank You
Dean Seals - MM3 (65-67)
 Webmaster

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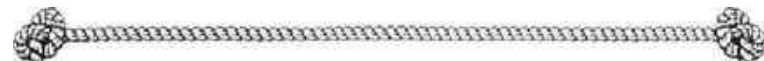
To recruit one new member for

USS POWER ASSN

Rob Pulaski, Secy



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates :

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, hopefully it will bring better days for all of us. We are all getting older and have problems with health issues some out of work and money problems but We don't give up we keep going, last year we had a lot of our shipmates with health problems and this year we welcome them back. Our shipmates who could not attend we keep them in our hearts and prayers. We will keep in touch with them by phone or e-mail to see how they are doing and let them know we did not forget them. We are nearing our 2013 reunion and I haven't received much of response on our reunion attendance. It is falling along with our membership dues. This year will be the telling year on how we go on, I have been working on our 2014 reunion voted on at our last 2012 reunion in Chicago & we will soon have a contract signed for Jacksonville, Fl. We all have to work on getting back the shipmates who we served aboard with to come to the reunions and participate with the Association and grow our membership. Last years reunion we had family and friends of Shipmates attend the reunion with them, all are welcome and for the most part all went well, there were a few hiccups and everything didn't work out as planned and we will make adjustments and keep cost down and ask for your input to make things happier for all. It is now time to fill out the Function Form which is attached and list what you are interested in doing as far as tours Banquet Dinner selection and Welcome Aboard, This year the School Bus for transportation we are using will be a short run of 20 minutes from Hotel to USS KIDD to keep the cost down. If we don't get the participation we will cancel the tour or tours and you will have to-do it on your own. So don't wait till the last minute to sign up, March 15, 2013 is the deadline to get your money in for the tours, we have contracts with the Bus & Motor Coach and we have a cut off date to get our deposit back incase we have to cancel. **Now is the time to make your room reservation call at 1-225-924-7021** and ask for reservation and tell them you are with the USS POWER Association we have a block of rooms reserved Interior rooms and some Exterior rooms for those who prefer to have smoking rooms. (**Room Block and room rate expires April 12, 2013**) If you are flying in closest airport BTR- Baton Rouge International-Airlines going to BTR is **American Eagle / Delta / United / US Airways**- The Airport is approx. 12 miles from the Hotel Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South 9940 Airline Highway.

Transportation to Hotel is

Complimentary. Shuttle service To & From Baton Rouge Airport-BTR Only with reservation pick up and drop off times and all airline information. Flight arrival and departure times will be between 7am-6pm Please contact Kisha Lacy by May 1, 2013 with all flight and contact info. call 225-924-7021- **Only Shuttle appointments made before May 1, 2013 and number of people each trip will be picked up. All else are responsible for their own hotel transportation.**

If you have any questions e-mail me at: jpinto839@gmail.com

Safe Trip See You at The Reunion

John Pinto

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Pete started the Newsletter in 2008 along with his staff And it has been up and going ever since, Great job and we all thank you for all the work and hours put into making it # one.

We Served aboard the USS POWER DD839 back in the 60's Pete and I came aboard the Power in July of 62 and assigned to the deck force. I stayed in the deck force as a Boatswain Mate Striker and Pete went to the galley as a Cook Striker. We didn't know one another at that time but if you were good to the cook you ate good. Pete joined the USS POWER DD839 Association back in 2000, we got to know each other better. Pete was always looking to help us out. He attended most of the reunions. He would hold Bingo along with his wife and daughter which everyone enjoyed, until he got sick last year and couldn't make the reunion. He said maybe next year he was a fighter and never gave up. Pete's last reunion in 2011 Worcester, MA.



Seen dancing at the Banquet Dinner with his wife Stephanie. We have fond memories of all the reunions & cruises we have attended with Pete and his wife & daughter, through out the many years when he first joined the USS POWER Association. Pete was awarded for his outstanding work and volunteer time to the

USS POWER DD839 ASSOCIATION Shipmate of the Year 2009

Peter M. DePietro, 69,
Of Freemansburg, died on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Pete you will be missed our condolences to the DePietro Family to Stephanie and Danielle our hearts and prayers are with you.

John & Kay Pinto
&
All your Friends and Shipmates
Of the
USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.

2013 Reunion Update
 Baton Rouge, La.
 Updated 4/6/2013

PLAN OF THE DAY

Wed. May 15, 2013:

Hospitality Room – (Louisiana Suite) Pick up your packet Noon
 Executive Board Meeting: Executive Conference Room 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 Reception 3:00pm to 4:00pm- lemonade, cookies and coffee
 Welcome Aboard – 50’s Theme: Governors Room (lobby area) 5:00pm to 11pm
 4:00pm to 5:00pm Photo’s* 5:00pm to 7:00pm Buffet *7:30pm Sword Cutting Ceremony*

Thursday May 16, 2013:

Cook to order Breakfast Café Galvez - *Complimentary*
 *Mon. to Sun 6:00am to 10:30am * Sun.7:00am to 12Noon
 Thursday May 16, 2013: USS Kidd Tour: Meet in lobby 8:15am board School Bus to USS Kidd
 *9:00am to 11:00am USS Kidd & Museum tour * Board Bus
 *11:30am to 12:30pm Tour Governor’s Mansion*Board Bus
 * 1:00pm to 2:30pm Lunch at the Hollywood Casino \$15.18 Buffet-Get \$10 free play new mem.
 *2:30pm to 4:30pm (Free Time on Own) Board Bus depart to Hotel Hospitality Room Open

Friday May 17, 2013:

New Orleans & WWII Museum Tour
 Meet in lobby 7:30am to Board Motor Coach* Arrive 9:15am for City Tour 9:15am to 11:15am
 9:15am to 11:15am walking tour on your own Jackson Square & River walk 11:15am Board Bus
 11:30 am to 12:30pm Group Lunch Buffet Harrah’s Casino cost per person \$18.70 Board Bus
 12:45 Arrive WWII Museum Tour 1:00pm to 3:00pm Movie 3:00pm to 3:50pm-Board Bus 4:00pm
 5:30pm Arrive Holiday Inn Baton Rouge Hotel – Hospitality Room Open

Saturday May 18, 2013:

Membership Meeting 9:00am to 12noon Mesa Room 2
 Banquet Dinner : 5:00pm to 11:30pm Sedona Room (Open Cash Bar) Photo’s & Dancers
 Meet 4:45pm for Photo’s * Two Bell Ceremony 5:45pm *Pledge of Allegiance * Prayer *
 Dinner Served 6:15pm *Shipmate of the Year Award * 50/50 & Raffles
 8:30pm to 10:00pm Les Danseurs de la Capitale Dance Interaction * Raffles

Sunday May 19, 2013 :

Breakfast 7:00am to 12Noon
 Check out :

[John Pinto Chairman](#)

USS Power DD 839 Association
 Shipmates Reunion
 Baton Rouge, LA.
 Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
 Check In-May 15 – May 19, 2013-Check Out

Fill out and Submit Function Form (YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR TOURS)

Will you be attending the 2013 Baton Rouge Reunion yes ___no ___

First Name _____ Last Name: _____
 First Name _____ Last Name: _____
 Guest's Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____

Contact telephone: _____

Years on Board (Mo_____/Yr_____-)(Mo_____/Yr_____):

Rate when on Board: _____

Fill in what you want to sign up for below

Tours: Prices are all inclusive per person

Thursday 5/16/13 USS KIDD / Museum & Governor’s Mansion Number: ___ X \$30 per person = ___
 Friday 5/17/13 New Orleans & WWII Museum Number: ___ X \$45 per person= ___
 Welcome Aboard Buffet: Wednesday 5/15/2013 Number: ___ X \$25 per person = ___
 Banquet Dinner: Saturday 5/18/2013 Number: ___ X \$36 per person = ___

PLATED DINNER Choose One Entrée

Smokehouse BBQ Brisket _____ Lemon Pepper Chicken _____ Fried Seasoned Catfish _____
Mandatory Registration Fee-Per Application \$15.00 _____
 Membership Yearly Dues ADD If not Paid (Due on or before Dec. 31, 2012) Dues \$20.00 _____
 Total: _____

Special Needs with Diet or Transportation Enter comments on back of form.

Bus Seating:
 School Bus- 5/16/2013 48 passenger **Minimum numbers to do** tour is **30**
 Motor Coach -5/17/2013 55 passenger **Minimum numbers to do** tour is **40**

Questions - contact John Pinto at: jpinto839@gmail.com

Make Check out to : **USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.**

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