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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Now that spring is here, it is time to go to work on getting new members. When you are out at the shopping malls, look for people wearing jackets and /or hats that say Veteran or Navy, ask them if they served on the USS POWER, if they did invite them to join us at our next reunion.

Our next reunion is to be in Columbus, GA at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. The dates are 22 June to 26 June 2017. Columbus was one of the original 13 colonies and served as a major supply point during the Civil War. There is a National Infantry museum. The National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus – the only museum in the Country dedicated to the naval history of the Civil War. I hope you all have booked your hotel for the reunion; cutoff date is 12 May 2017.

George Patton said
"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results".
Every one of you is reminded to have a safe Memorial Day. Drive safely. See you all at the reunion.

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies:

Hope this letter finds everyone well and in good health. This snowbird and his wife are doing well and hiding in Florida for the winter. Columbus, Ga. reunion will be here before we know it, I trust everyone has already made their reservations. Looking forward to the tours and dinners, but most of all to be back with friends sharing the comradeship that we have built over the years. Too bad there are so many shipmates who don't realize what they are missing. We are still trying to reach out to them, and I understand that some cannot attend due to physical or financial burdens and there are some that just don't care. If you know of any shipmates who may have attended previously or maybe never, try to get them interested in attending. We need to build our membership. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Ed. Chartrand, Sr. Vice President

Something to Ponder

Dear Lord, Lest I continue my complacent way, Help me to remember that somewhere Somehow out there a man died for me today. As long as there be war, I must answer Am I worth dying for?

Taken from a new book " All the Gallant Men" author Donald Stratton an American Sailor's firsthand account of Pearl Harbor

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Shipmates,

Here we are again. Getting closer to our next wonderful reunion in beautiful (were told) and lovely (told again) Columbus, Georgia. Really, I'm sure that Columbus does indeed have some positively nice attributes just as all of the other localities that we have visited. It must be remembered however that we are primarily all there for reminiscence and camaraderie.

Speaking of which, I am hopeful that we can substantially increase our attendance this year. I have six shipmates helping me make calls in hopes of generating more interest in the association and the reunions. I am hoping that each of us can garner 1 to 3 new attendees, that would be great. Further, I would request from all who read this that you would each call one or two shipmates that you know who haven't attended or recently attended to do so. That may help.

Other than the above, Spring is here which makes us all cheerful and happy (more or less) and literally puts a "spring" in our steps. Let us all move forward with a positive outlook and much good cheer.

See you in Columbus. Good health to all.

John Goricki



FROM THE DESK OF THE

**SECRETARY ROBERT PULASKI**

Shipmates:

Winter is gone, Spring is here and soon it will be " Reunion Time ". As of now we have nineteen shipmates who have confirmed attending – Hopefully we will have more coming in. The dues also have been coming in slowly. We need to continue to promote our Association and recruit more members.

Looking forward to seeing you in June

Happy Easter and Safe Trip to all.

Bob Pulaski

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USS Powerful Ladies Aux.

Hope all ladies are all set for the Columbus, Georgia reunion. John and Kay have worked hard to set up some great tours. Do you have your camouflage attire yet? There will be a small prize for the best male and female. We will have bingo on the first night after our welcome aboard dinner as we had a lot of fun and a good turnout. Our ladies meeting will be the same as the men's meeting, but we will meet in the hospitality room. Please bring ideas and info. on what you can do to help our veterans. Could you have your sailor bring a photo of himself in uniform so we can put it up on the Wall of Honor in the hospitality room? If you cannot come to the reunion please mail the photo to me. Don't forget to bring your photo albums, we love to look at them thru the years. (optional) Please bring an item for our dinner dance door prizes. Please think of the size of the door prize as people have to fly home. Ask your spouse to call or e-mail their former shipmates and invite them to the next reunion. Ladies does anyone have a song we could all sing together like we did last year? We sang Sailor Boy , we can practice at the ladies meeting so bring the words to your song. If you have a song that you would like e-mail John Pinto so he can add it to the Karaoke machine.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates:

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to our next shipmates reunion coming up in June which is just around the corner. It has been slow in receiving your function forms but you still have time to sign up for any tours you may be interested in. It is time to vote for your new executive board members and we are taking nominees from the floor. You must be present and a dues paid up member in good standings to cast a vote so come to the reunion pay your dues and make your voice be heard. We have set up a committee to make phone calls to our sick shipmates and ones we have not heard from in awhile to see how they are doing, also we are trying to recruit new members who have not been to a reunion & ones who have stopped coming. So if you know of a shipmate invite him to the reunion. Wear your Power hat when you go out maybe someone from your city will see it who has been on the Power or knows someone who has. Within the next year or two we will have to start thinking about grouping up with another reunion group. In order to hold a Reunion as we have in the past, we may have to make changes due to attendance. Possible changing from 4 days to 3 days. Have 1 tour instead of 2 and 1 Banquet function. We can discuss this at our membership meeting, of course we will lose our negotiating power and might have to pay for things we get comp. If you are a dues paid up member and can not make the 2017 reunion we would like to hear your voice just send me a e mail at jpinto839@gmail.com with your views and ideas. **Some updates** and itinerary information to our scheduling for on arrival Thursday June 22 the hospitality room Presidential suite 5th floor will be open at 12noon for early arrivals with beverages and snacks set up , pick up your name tags and packets. For the executive board members we have a meeting at 2:00pm main floor Board Room. The CVB has set up a welcome reception for our group from 5:00pm to 6:00pm with wine, cheese and fruit. The theme for the Welcome Aboard buffet is **Camouflage** so get your outfit ready and you may be a winner. If you have a photo of yourself in uniform while aboard the Power Mary Lou Chartrand would like to add it to the Wall of Honor set up in the Hospitality Room. We will be holding our Sword Cutting Ceremony as always each year and hopefully our Plank Owner Bill Barker will be able to attend. I have spoken to Bill and so far he is looking to attend. After our ceremonies I know you are all looking for Bingo and again we will be hosting Bingo with Mary Lou and John Goricki will be back after his surgery. He is doing very well and looking forward to the reunion. I am working on getting a speaker for our Event and we have a Entertainer Singer Jennifer Duncan who volunteered her time to sing and entertain at our event at no charge to us. All she ask is to donate to the National Infantry Museum. We will be holding our Two Bell Ceremony and I am working on a Color Guard & Bugler for the event. I will bring the karaoke machine and we can set it up in the Hospitality room and have some fun. So get your songs ready and send me your requested songs and I will try to set them up.



See You All at the reunion
Safe Travel
John Pinto

Reunion Info:

Start making your reservation for your travel and book your room, tell the Hotel Doubletree by Hilton Columbus, GA.-5351 Sidney Simons Blvd.-Columbus, GA. 31904-706-327-6868 tell them that you are with the USS POWER DD 839 Group and request a room on the 5th Floor by the Hospitality Room the cut off date is May 12, 2017 so book early. If flying in make you transportation arrangement so you don't get shut out. If you need to contact me send a e-mail to jpinto839@gmail.com it is the best way to reach me since I travel a lot.



USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) was a Lafayette-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, it was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Andrew Jackson (1767–1845), the seventh President of the United States (1829-1837). The contract to build Andrew Jackson was awarded to Mare Island Naval Shipyard at Vallejo, California, on 23 July 1960 and her keel was laid down on 26 April 1961. She was launched on 15 September 1962 sponsored by Mrs. Estes Kefauver, and commissioned on 3 July 1963, with Commander Alfred J. Whittle, Jr. in command of the Blue Crew and Commander James B. Wilson in command of the Gold Crew She was 425 feet (130 m) long, 33 feet (10 m) wide, and had a draft of 32 feet (9.8 m). She displaces 7,250 tonnes (7,140 long tons; 7,990 short tons) when surfaced, and 8,250 tonnes (8,120 long tons; 9,090 short tons) when submerged. Her top speed was above 20

knots (37 km/h; 23 mph), and she had a maximum depth of 1,300 feet (400 m). She had a complement of 120 men, and was armed with 16 Polaris missiles, and four 21-inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes. She was propelled by a S5W Pressurized Water Nuclear Reactor powering two turbines which generated 15,000 shaft horsepower (11,000 kW), driving one propeller Following commissioning, Andrew Jackson sailed via the Panama Canal to the United States East Coast. On 1 October and 11 October 1963, during shakedown training out of Cape Canaveral, Florida, she successfully launched Polaris A-2 ballistic missiles; and, on 26 October 1963, she sent Polaris A-3X missiles into space in the first submerged launching of its type; and she repeated the feat on 11 November 1963. On 16 November 1963, six days before his assassination, President John F. Kennedy—embarked in the missile range instrumentation ship USS Observation Island—observed Andrew Jackson launch another Polaris A-2 ballistic missile from a point off Cape Canaveral and congratulated Commander Wilson and his crew for "impressive teamwork."

President John F. Kennedy



USNS Observation Island (T-AGM-23)

35th President of the United States

Observation Island was back at Port Canaveral by Christmas 1962, and until June 1963 she expanded her role of oceanographic survey in the Atlantic Range. She conducted the first successful at-sea launches of the A-3 Polaris 17 and 21 June. President John F. Kennedy came on board 16 November 1963 to observe a Polaris launch, six days before his assassination November 22, 1963.

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United States Navy Destroyer off site during launch of a Polaris A-2 missile into space from a submerged submarine the USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN-619) off of Cape Canaveral, Florida on 16 November 1963.

Taken from information from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Prepared By John S. Pinto

**A Note From
The Classon Home
Article 5**



Composed, Edited, and Written by
H. Bernie. Classon Jr

On 29 January, 1952 while serving As a Radar man
board the USS Power DD839 during a lull in NATO
fleet Exercises off the Coast of Greenland.

"A Birthday Message To My Honey"

(Written by Bernie Classon on Dec.2,1950
Aboard the USS Power, DD839, USN.)

Today there is one place I'd like to be
And that's with you my Georgia Lee.
I want to hold you in my arms
And tell you of your many charms,
To look into your eyes so blue

And whisper, "Honey, I love you."
But I guess my dreams will have to wait,
All because of old Joe and his hate.
Joe, who is so arrogant and low.
He who is so selfish and so bold

With his lust for power and for gold.
He is the cause of the world's misery.
Therefore, he is the one who must go

So that we may find peace, joy, and love.
It's guys like us who are elected for the job,
A job that'll be done with the help of God.
So, when the fighting and killing is done
And we find that again we have won,

We'll take all of my dreams out of hock
And build a home of brick and block.
We'll raise a family of two or three
And name them after you and me.

We'll watch them grow big and strong
And pray that they'll never do wrong.
We'll hope they will never have to fight
For what they believe is just and right.

I hope that this is the last of war and hate
And that it isn't oh, too late
To start life over on a new, clean slate.
So keep up your chin, brush away your tears,
Our dreams will come true in a couple of years.

Always remember what I've said,
"Keep alive laughter, keep sadness dead."
No matter how far from you I may roam'
If you'll be there, I'll always come home.
And that's because I love you so!

USS Power DD-839 Website
<http://www.usspowerdd839.org>

Website Update

As you may already know the www.usspowerdd839.org web site, is up and running. If you are using another web browser try using the Bing browser, which has a good link break down of the web site by page and is interesting to look at for someone who may be curious about our organization. I recently had to reinstall a new hit counter for our website the first one reset itself up till then the site had over 650 visits. There was activity from the contact page receiving a few contacts from shipmates regarding their contact information this was forwarded to John Pinto for updating. In our web site vendor package with web.com there is a statistics collection section that will tell us more information on how the web site is being used, more information to follow on this item in the next newsletter. One of the messages received was from Captain John V. Hall USN (ret) who came upon this embroidered emblem While cleaning out his basement. Captain Hall served on the Power as the Gunnery Officer from 1959-1960 the Captain also served on the Engage MSO-433 and the Perry DD-844 and other duty stations completing his active duty at the Pentagon retiring in 1978. Captain Hall stated that the other duty stations were OK, but the Power was the golden days for him where he had the most fun. Captain Hall sends his best wishes to the Power sailors at this coming Georgia reunion and at future reunions.



Also there is a Face book link feature on the Power website that will connect you to the USS Power Face book page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/251397985047> . You will need to establish a Face book account to join if you do not already have one. Currently there are thirty eight members on the group site. Check out both sites. Contact me at bkvr52@centurvlink.net . If you note any issues, or have other concerns with either of the web sites. Safe travels and I hope to see you at the Columbus, GA reunion this coming June 2011

Webmaster Bill Kirsch.

Treasurer's Report

Jim's new toy, he uses it to get around town
You don't think he's cutting the grass do you?

Checks are coming in for the reunion in Columbus at a good pace.
Total in checking account is \$10,246.00.
New membership cards will be delivered with the April newsletter.



YOU CAN ORDER FROM SHIPS STORE ONLINE

Storekeeper Report

Power merchandise will be available at the reunion.



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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In Memory of
DUANE C. (Dewey) RAY
Deceased: October 6, 2015

Hi Shipmates.

Here it is springtime, and time marches on. We've had strange weather here in my part of Florida. December, January and February were mostly warm and sunny days, yet now in March it's a little cooler. I've heard winter in most parts of the country was milder and "different" than normal.

I have some sad news to tell you about. Fellow shipmates that have gone on to their Great Reward. See Below Deceased Shipmates. I know I have fond memories of some I've known over the last 20+ years of reunions. I call shipmates and pray with them as our Ship's Chaplain, and I invite and encourage them to come to the next reunion in Columbus GA at the Double Tree Hotel June 22-26, 2017. I hope all who can will come and bring along family, as we always have a good time. If you need prayer, please call me at 386-265-1645, or email me at mandcfarrens@gmail.com.

May God bless and keep you and yours til we meet again.



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Deceased Shipmates:

John Pascale	1926	May 30, 2001	1946-TM2
Herman Joe Popwell	1934	June 7, 2016	53-56-EM2
David Swindells	1931	July 31, 2016	53-55- LTJG
Richard Walsh	1933	Oct. 14, 2016	54-55- PC3
Richard Dick Durgin	1930	Nov. 23, 2016	48-51-FN
Mike Ward	1943	Feb. 8, 2017	65-67

