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USS POWER DD-839 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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DUES ARE NOW DUE \$20.00
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FOR YEAR 2017

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SEND TO : BOB PULASKI
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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC. 29928

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I hope you all had a good summer. Now that fall is here, it is time for yard clean up. Remember at our next reunion in Columbus, GA we will be voting on 2018 Executive Board, we need a nomination for Jr. Vice President. It is a three year term from January 2018 to January 2021. Reunion dates are 22 June to 26 June 2017 at the Double Tree by Hilton. We need to get some new members. When you are out and about town, look for people wearing jackets and/or hats that say Veteran or Navy ask them if they served on USS POWER, then invite them to join us at our next reunion. We hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and as we approach the Christmas Season may we all remember the true meaning of why we celebrate December 25th. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Will Rogers said "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there".

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Sr. Vice President - Ed Chartrand
Jr. Vice President - John Goricki
Secretary - Bob Pulaski
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Chairman - John S. Pinto

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Master-At-Arms - Eric Barnes
Storekeeper - Jim Brocklebank
Chaplain - Michael Farrens
Webmaster - William Kirsch
Newsletter— John Pinto

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

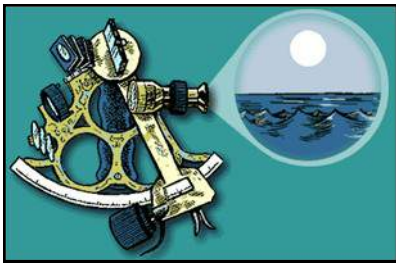
Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies: Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy Prosperous New Year. Veteran' Day has come and gone, but a good day it was to be a Veteran! It started at our downtown court house where we were greeted with a north wind and 40 degree temp, it was pretty chilly. But the "Award Winning" American Legion Band warmed things up. I was lucky enough to be part of the VFW color guard. After the ceremonies it was back to our VFW Post where Mary Lou and her staff of volunteers were ready to serve us with home-made soup and beef sandwiches. The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting other VFW'S and American Legion Posts. Please support your local posts with their activities, dinners, bingo etc. Come June we will be heading to Columbus, Georgia. It would be really nice to have a good turn out. If you cannot find a fellow shipmate invite a family member or friend.

HOW ABOUT THOSE WORLD CHAMPION CHICAGO CUBS!

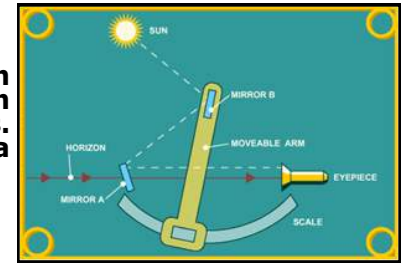
Ed Chartrand, Sr. Vice President
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After not using sextants for over 20 years at the Naval Academy in Annapolis they will start using them. They will be seeing the stars in the traditional way in the event of GPS or Radar goes down in a cyber security threat. Computers are great but there are no backups! (Article was in the US BOAT MAGAZINE)

There's nothing mystical or complicated about a sextant. All it is is a device that measures the angle between two objects.



What makes a sextant so useful in navigation is its accuracy. It can measure an angle with precision to the nearest ten seconds. (A degree is divided into 60 minutes; a minute is divided into 60 seconds.)

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Shipmates,

Well here we are on the cusp of yet another new beginning. I am not want to speak of political matters but the matters that lie before us as a country, are no longer merely political. They are They are indeed real and clear and positive change does seem to be the order of the day.

I am looking forward to our next reunion in Columbus , Ga., and I do believe we will begin to feel some change, both in our country and association. I think we will have a resurgence in both.

In Particular, I am hoping for a great improvement in the status of the military both in the perceived public status and the real and tangible status of military viability. I cringe when anyone says we have the strongest military in the world. Not when it is being depleted both in policy and in sheer numbers, not to mention having to beg, borrow, or steal spare parts, Now however, the horizon looks bright.

I think too that the horizon will be brighter for the USS Power Association. I think that we will have a larger turnout in Columbus and I am going to seek a commitment from all attendees to garner at least one new commitment for the Portland reunion.

Apart from the above I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and I am hopeful for a truly prosperous New Year for our country and ourselves.

YEA U.S.A. and the USS Power Association.

John Goricki



FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY ROBERT PULASKI



Greeting One & All:

We Started out the year with a bang

A great Reunion and as always an excellent job from John Pinto & Kay. And then all hell broke loose with the weather. No matter what part of the country you live in- Nature took its toll. Forest Fires, Flooding, Hurricanes Tornados you name it-we got it. Hopefully it ran its course and we can get back to normal. The Holidays will soon be upon us –Thanksgiving-Christmas, New Years. Family and friends get together, sharing presents and celebrating a New Year. Let's not forget that with the New Year also is "Dues Year" and for \$20.00 you get all the info about your shipmates and the proposed planning activities-so if you can please send in your dues and you are good for another year.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Joyous Holiday to you and yours.

Bob Pulaski

USS POWER DD 839

POWERFUL LADIES* AUXILIARY*

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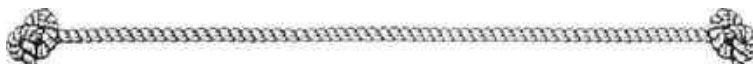
Hope all have happy holidays and a very happy, healthy 2017 New Year to come. R U working on your photo album from the Washington D.C. reunion? Please do and share them with us at the reunion USS Power shipmates: The photos that we put up every year in the hospitality room needs your photo of yourself in uniform. Please bring yours to the next reunion or mail to me with your name, rank and years that you were in the Navy We will do Bingo again this year as we had so much fun at our last reunion. We will announce time and place at the reunion. Our theme for the Georgia reunion is "CAMOUFLAGE" There will be a prize for the best male and female camouflages attire. Ladies we will have our meeting same time as the men's. Please bring your ideas to help support our USS Power Shipmates and other Veteran's. At our last night at the reunion dinner dance would you buy or make a door prize? Thank a Vet everyday!

Mary Lou Chartrand, Chairwomen

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates:

I hope you are all doing well and have enjoyed the Washington DC. Reunion. Although the attendance wasn't up to where it should be. We were able to do the tours and had a great Banquet. You can check out our website www.usspowerdd839.org or my own website at www.usspowerdd839.com for photo's of reunion and updates of upcoming reunions. My website was put together 3 years ago as a backup to get info out to the membership when we didn't have a webmaster. I own & pay for it. Our webmaster Bill Kirsch has done a great job with the new look of the Power website and is working on Face book USS POWER GROUP, so sign up and post photo's and comments. You can check The Tin Can Sailor website for our Reunion In Review of our Washington DC.Reunion. <http://www.destroyers.org/reunions/reunions-in-review.htm> Highlight copy & paste link to the address bar of your browser. There has been some comments on changing the length of reunion stay from 4 nights to a 3 night stay. We can discuss this at our membership meeting along with our 2019 reunion location. One of our shipmates has asked about a message board on our website. I remember we had one and it started off great then the webmaster was getting hacked into and obscene things were posted so he removed it. You can join www.military.com go to log in and go to register fill in info and submit & join the USS POWER HOME PAGE. Start using the message board to communicate with lost buddies. (If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 it will be due on Jan 5, 2017 for the year 2017) It is still \$20.00, it hasn't gone up since we started the Association. If you know of a buddy that wants to join as a new member and he comes to the reunion he will receive a Power cap. We have lost 4 of our shipmates this year, Joe Popwell –David Swindells—Richard Walsh—Richard Durgin they will be honored at our Two Bell Ceremony at our Banquet Sunday June 25, 2017 they will be missed. We have been looking for ways to reach out to our shipmates to come to the reunions. We have a committee to make phone calls send e-mails and give information on our reunion locations and generate new members. Our committee consist of 4 headed by John Goricki who has made a remarkable recovery of back & neck surgery and plans on attending the reunion along with John the others working with him are Mike Farrens / John Weaver / Harry Daub / and Ed Chartrand when he is available. The other options in the next two years are to merge with other ships in Desron 14 and combine reunions. We have been thinking of going back to September October reunion dates for 2019.Maybe many had problems with May—June with Communion—Graduations and couldn't attend the reunion. MaryLou will be doing Bingo after our Welcome Aboard Sword Cutting Ceremony on Thursday June 22 and as always it should be fun. We will have a lot of prizes to bring. We can get a DJ for the Banquet Dinner or go with the Karaoke again and do better. So start practicing, pick out your songs and in January I will be asking for your songs. There is a function form attached to be filled out and mailed back. Please fill it out, even if you are not attending the reunion and include it with your dues. This will keep you on our mailing list to receive a newsletter April-August-December. Please have your function form returned on or before April 1st so we don't have to cancel any tours or lose our deposits.

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 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 your 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.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Safe Travels To Reunion
John Pinto

Chairman's Report

To be read at the Membership Meeting June 24, 2017-Saturday
 Columbus, George 2017 Reunion
 June 22-26, 2017- 4- Nights

Updated Info to All Shipmates Due's Paid Up Members and New Members

Submitted:

By Chairman John S. Pinto

We will be holding elections of Officers at the Columbus George Reunion 2017

The floor will be open to all nominations and the membership will vote on the new slate of Executive Committee Officers. The President of the Power Association (Carl Burnham) will act as Chairman of the Election. If you are interested or want to nominate someone let Carl Burnham know in advance. You must be in attendance to nominate someone. The President Carl Burnham shall appoint two members in good standing to serve with him as the nominating committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek qualified candidates for all elective offices and present them at the general business meeting. Nomination will also be accepted from the floor at the general business meeting to paid up members in good standards

Those elected will assume office 1 January 2018

Nominating Committee Members : Carl Burnham * John Pinto * John Goricki

Executive Committee Officers	Running for the Office	Nominees
President :	Edward Chartrand	
Sr. Vice President	John Goricki	
Jr. Vice President	Open	Mike Farrens
Chairman	John Pinto	
Treasurer	Jim Brocklebank	
Secretary	Robert Pulaski	

Officers Elected for 3- Year Term (*President *Sr. Vice President * Jr. Vice President)

Takes effect *Jan. 1, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2021

If unopposed willing to stay on: Chairman / Treasurer / Secretary

Should no nomination be received for this office, if willing, continue in office.

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



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 Voice From Afar”

Last night whilst I lay out on deck,
I seemed to hear a voice from afar.
When I jumped up, a nervous wreck,
I saw your face in a twinkling star.

Reaching for you, I found to my dismay,
That you were actually far away;
Far over the mountains and the sea,
Miles and miles away from me.

But, then again, you were very near.
It seemed as if you were really here.
You smiled with such a sweet bliss
Then raised your hand and blew me a kiss.

I caught it with the kindest affection,
And locked it in my heart for love and protection;
Protection from the winds and storms at sea,
And for all the love it brought to me.

We talked and laughed for about an hour;
Then, a gust of wind woke me from my sleep
And you were gone like a withering flower.
I became very sad and began to weep.

I wept because it wasn't real, it was just a dream,
A dream of joy and a dream of love,
A dream that carried you across the stream,
And brought you to me like an angel from above.

Written by H.B. Classon, Jr. while at sea
Aboard US Navy destroyer, USS Power DD839
Sometime in 1952.

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

As you may already know the **www.usspowerdd839.org** web site, is up and running. The transition from the old to the new website has now come together. Check it out and let me know your thoughts and comments. So if you note issues, or have other concerns with the site, contact me at bkvr52@centurylink.net. my goal is keeping our web site current. There is a Facebook link feature on the Power website that will connect you to **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/251397985047>** which is the USS Power Facebook page. You will need to establish a Facebook account to join if you do not already have one. Currently there are thirty members on the group site. Check out both sites at your convenience. Best Holiday Wishes to everyone and hope to see you at the Columbus, GA reunion this coming June 2017.

Webmaster - Bill Kirsch

Treasure Report:

**We have a balance of \$5497.43 in the checking account.
 Dues form 2017 should start coming in shortly I hope.**

Store keeper report.

**Received a new shipment of blue hats which were depleted at the last reunion.
 A good supply of shirts are on hand for the holiday season.**

Jim Brocklebank Treasure/Storekeeper

**JIM BROCKLEBANK, Treasure /Storekeeper
 E-MAIL: JB3536@YAHOO.COM
 PHONE: (205) 758-2725
 LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE ! GO TO:
WWW.USSPowerDD839.ORG**

An Old Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 the rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 may God hold you in the
 palm of His hand.*



*A luncheon will follow Mass at the Walsh Home located at:
 5635 S. Robert Court, Las Vegas, NV*

**IN MEMORY OF
 Richard Peter Walsh**

DATE OF BIRTH	ENTERED INTO REST
May 24, 1933	October 14, 2016

VISITATION

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2016
 Davis Funeral Home - Fireside Chapel
 Las Vegas, NV

FUNERAL SERVICES

10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2016
 St. Viators Catholic Church
 Las Vegas, NV

INTERMENT

9:20 a.m., Friday, October 21, 2016
 Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 Boulder City, NV

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

Hello shipmates. I'm as well as a 75 year old can be. I continue to call fellow shipmates to chat and pray. I'm in Florida right next to the Atlantic Ocean, so Hurricane Matthew gave us a scare, but we got through it with very little damage.

If you need prayer, please email me at MandcFarrens@gmail.com, or call me at 386-265-1645. I am on Facebook too!

Hope to see you in Georgia next summer for the reunion

God bless all of you. Sincerely,



Michael K. Farrens, Chaplain
4 Ocean Side Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176
mandcFarrens@gmail.com

Deceased Shipmates: 2016

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



Function Form & Mailing Info Update

Reunion 2017 * Columbus , Georgia

Doubletree Hotel Columbus

June 22-26, 2017

Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.

4-nights

Check out June 26, 2017 Monday

5351 Sidney Simons Blvd.

Columbus, GA. 31909

706-327-6868

***PLEASE FILL OUT FORM & RETURN BY * (Due by: 01 April 2017)**

Shipmates Name :	Address:
Spouse ;	Address:
Guest :	Phone #
Guest :	E-mail :
Time Served Aboard : From	Rate While Aboard :
Time Served Aboard : To	
Will you be attending the 2017 Reunion Yes No	Will you be staying at the Host Hotel Yes No
How will you be traveling to the Reunion	
Car Plane Train	Do you have any Dietary issues Yes No
Do you have any Handicap Issues Yes No	Dietary Issue :
Cane: Walker : Cart : Wheel Chair :	Other :
Airport Shuttle Service : Complimentary shuttle To Columbus Metropolitan (CSG) Airport	

Optional Transportation from Atlanta Airport : Groome Transportation Shuttle to Hotel round trip one person \$98.00
Two people round trip \$176.00- More then two people you can rent a car it may be cheaper. It is 1-hour 30 minutes one way

TOUR OPTIONS * MUST HAVE 35 TO DO TOURS *NO REFUNDS AFTER June 7, 2017

Tour One: Friday 6/23/17 (Fort Benning & National Infantry Museum)	Motor Coach-Handicap Accessible
Board Motor Coach 8:15am - Tour 8:30am to 4:30 pm Lunch Included	Cost : \$ 28.00 p. p X =
Tour Two: Saturday 6/24/17 (Civil War Museum & FDR Little White House)	Cost : \$ 55.00 p. p X =
Board Motor Coach 8:45am - Tour 8:45am to 4:45pm Lunch Included	Registration Fee: \$ 15.00 \$15.00
Membership Dues : 2017 - If not paid add \$20.00	Add \$20.00
Welcome Aboard Buffet:	Cost : \$ 25.00 p. p X =

**EACH HOTEL ROOM BOOKED WILL PAY A
\$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE**

Make out Check To: USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.

Mail To: Robert Pulaski

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BY JAN. 5, 2017

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