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PRESIDENTS NOTES

Greetings fellow Shipmates & Powerful Ladies.....

What a great time! If you attended the Portland, Maine reunion I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The attendance was great with family, friends and guests from three other destroyers. The USS Shannon DM 25, USS Fraser DM 24 and the USS Remy DD 688. I was fortunate enough to make the tour to the Bath Iron Works; there was a limited number that was able to attend I wish everyone could have attended. Standing next to the Zumwalt- class destroyer USS Michael Monsoor DDG 1001 felt awesome, the most advanced surface combatant ever built. The Merry Meeting Boat cruised around Bath Iron Works where the USS Power was built and where they built a destroyer every 17 days during World War II. We also toured the Maine Maritime Museum and the grounds with our tour guide. On our 2nd. Day we had a tour starting with a scenic trolley ride to Portland City followed by a boat tour of Casco Bay lighthouse. Also on our trolley trip it was interesting to hear about Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's life. Our banquet dinner of prime rib and lobster was made special with a poem read by Bob Pulaski, the 2 bell ceremony and a speech by a USS Shannon shipmate. Also the posting of colors was presented by USNSCC Coast Guard Group Portland Division. I am a member of the VFW color guard and a national cemetery memorial squad; I can say these young lads and lady were as good as any group. After dinner we were entertained by the powerful ladies singing "Sailor Boy" and Bernie Classon's daughters or "Harem" as he likes to call them reciting a poem that he wrote to his wife in the 1950's followed by a song "I will follow Him." It had the whole room a little misty eyed. Seeing Capt. Paul Allen in his dress whites was his own uniform and he let us know that he has only gained 6 lbs. since his retirement. Once again it was a great time; big thanks go out to John & Kay Pinto for another well organized reunion.

Ed Chartrand, President "Wars may be fought with weapons but they are won by men.....General George S. Patton"
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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Hey Shipmates:

Ok. All together now "Meet me in St. Looie Looie" Ok that's enough. Here we are just having completed our wonderful reunion in Portland, Maine. I thought it was just great and I think it was quite nice to have the sailors from the other ships attend. I think it would be a big plus to do it again.

How did you like Portland? Wasn't it a quaint town? Nice shops, nice restaurants, nice scenery, etc. Our visit to Bath was quite informative also. There is quite a history there. Can you just imagine the work and activity that went on there through all the years - especially during World War Two. On a personal note I would like to mention that I was in Bath when I was 2 years old. I was there with my parents while my dad was waiting for the USS Collette DD 730 to be built. But I don't remember a thing.

Let's not forget to try and round up new members. Perhaps we can find some in the Midwest or even the West Coast seeing as St. Louis is centrally located.

On a closing note, are we all "lobstered out" we are. It is back to store bought crab legs for us. It was once again, truly a great pleasure for me to see all of you again. I always anxiously await each and every reunion. The good feeling resulting from our fellowship and comradery cannot be overemphasized. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe trip home.

UNTIL ST. LOUIS THEN.

John Goricki
SR, VP

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Shipmates. I hope you are all doing well.

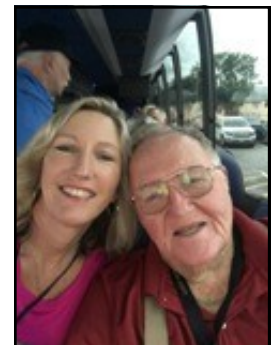
80 of our shipmates, wives, girlfriends, children, and grandchildren attended the reunion in late June. We had a great time touring Portland, Bath, and Freeport, Maine. On the first day there, all the sailors were invited to a special on-site tour of the Bath Ship Building yard by 3 Engineers that work there for General Dynamics, the company that builds the ships there today. The USS Power was built there in the early 40's. These men were very knowledgeable and answered almost all of our questions. We weren't allowed to take pictures but we were given hats and medals when we took a bus tour. The next day, the entire group went up there again and did a tour of the shipyard by boat on the Kennebec River, and there we were able to take pictures of the most recently built ships. We also saw lighthouses and eagles while on the boat tour. We also toured the next door Maritime Museum and read about the history of shipbuilding there that goes back to 1894 when P&S Shipyard built the Wyoming, the largest wooden schooner ever built.

On our last day of tours we toured Portland on two trolleys, had a delicious lunch at a fancy boat restaurant called Dimillo's, and took a 90-minute boat tour around Casco Bay. The last night's formal banquet was so well done. We ate a Maine lobster dinner and it was great. Lots of prizes were given out to everyone in attendance.

During our free time, my two grandsons fished several rivers and lakes in Southern Maine, and caught (and released) trout and small mouth bass. My son and his wife took a Duck (amphibious land and sea) tour in Portland and the harbor.

I hope everyone that can plan to go to St. Louis for the next reunion in fall 2019!

Blessing to you and yours.
Michael K. Farrens
JR.VP and Chaplain





FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY



Shipmates, Family & Friends

Our 22nd Reunion is history and another great job of putting it together by John & Kay Pinto. We had a great turn out and I am sure it was enjoyed by all. And of course for some of us who were able to go to the Bath Iron Works Shipyard, where our ship was built & seeing the new destroyers that are coming off the assembly line was just unbelievable. Here's hoping that we can get as good a turn out at our reunion in St. Louis next year. Hoping you all have a good summer stay healthy & let's not forget to "Keep Recruiting" New Members.

May Fair Winds & Safe seas follow you

Bob Pulaski, Secty.

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USS Powerful Ladies.....

Once again we had such a good and fun time in Portland, Maine with the USS Power shipmates and families including children and grandchildren. At our reunion we had new faces from the USS Power and 3 other ships. The USS Shannon DM 25, USS Fraser DM 24 and the USS Remey DD 688. Our reunion was a success because of John & Kay Pinto's careful planning. I think we should try and recruit other ships to join us for the next reunion. I had a nice chat with Mr. Bill Giacalone who is 95 years old and a plank owner on the USS Shannon. I hope the new shipmates enjoyed our reunion, tours and the food. The shores of Portland were beautiful and rocky with so many lighthouses. It was interesting to see the islands where people were allowed to live there only from April to October only as all power is turned off for the winter months. Ed had a great tasty whole Maine lobster in Freeport and then we did some shopping at LL Bean. We had a good turn out with bingo as all money goes back to the players. A special thank you to Lisa Burnham for helping with the bingo game. I think the guys loved it when the ladies sang "Sailor Boy" and "In the Navy" The Wall of Honor got a little bigger with new photos but we still need your husband's photo. Please have your husband call, write or email his former shipmates and invite them to our next reunion. We can send the newsletter "Blackbird" to them so they can read what is going on. Also thanks to Julia Goricki for taking minutes for the ladies meeting. Our next reunion was voted by the membership to St. Louis, Mo. The Gateway Arch is 630' tall and is a symbol of the westward expansion. It is the nation's tallest national monument and is beside the river called the "Father of Waters". Please bring your photo albums to our next reunion and do you promote patriotism every day? Our **theme** for the "Welcome Aboard" dinner in St. Louis is the **1960's**, so wear hippie clothing, flowers in your hair and peace sign necklace with your tie dyed t-shirts.

See you in St. Louis in the fall of 2019.

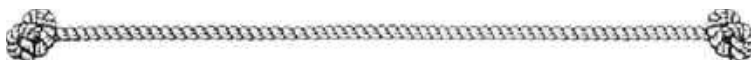
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates, Family Members & Guest:

I would like to thank all who attended the reunion in Portland Maine family members and guest, also our new shipmates who joined us the USS SHANNON DM-25 & USS FRASER DM-24 It was truly a great reunion. The Ladies Auxiliary did a great job with Bingo—Share the Wealth (50-25-25) and the Raffles who were donated by shipmates & guest and raffled off at the Banquet Dinner. A big thank you to my photographers who took photos at the Welcome Aboard & the Banquet Dinner. Video taping of the Color Guard of our Two Bell Ceremony. Thank you ladies, Julia Goricki- Lisa Burnham-Debbie Weaver-Kay Pinto-MaryLou Chartrand and all the family members who helped out. It has been a year long in getting it together and now it is just a memory. Highlights of our reunion: Tour Bath Iron Works Shipyard, Bath Maritime Museum with Shipyard Cruise and eyeball view of Zumwalt —class Destroyers like the USS Michael Monsoor DDG-1001 The ship is named for Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Monsoor, a Navy SEAL who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for bravery during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ship's motto is "I Will Defend." Also along side dock was the 66th Arleigh Burke class destroyer DDG 116 is named in honor of the late Capt. Thomas Jerome Hudner Jr. (Ret.), naval aviator and Medal of Honor recipient. We also visited Freeport & LL Bean outlet shops and had a lobster roll for lunch. On our way back we made a short stop to see Eartha the world's largest rotating and revolving globe, located within the headquarters of the

23rd. USS POWER DD-839 REUNION
DOUBLETREE ST. LOUIS, MO. WESTPORT-SEPT.15-19, 2019

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DOUBLETREE WESTPORT

Make your plans to join us in St. Louis, MO. and join your shipmates.
We welcome all shipmates who served aboard from -1945-1977-Family & Guest

DeLorme mapping corporation in Yarmouth, Maine. Our second tour a trolley tour of Old Port downtown Portland, lunch and then a cruise on Casco Bay a rich maritime area spotted with lighthouses, historic forts, and seven small islands. The crew enjoyed Bingo, after our Sword Cutting Ceremony and Lobster at the Banquet Dinner. It was a great time at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn. Kay and I are ready to get started on our 2019 reunion in St. Louis. Ed Chartrand and I went to St Louis, MO. To do a site visit of Hotels. Some suggested we book a Drury Hotel and I did check them all out and they did have a lot to offer but well above our price range of \$136.00++ or may not have banquet facilities or a hospitality room. We are in the process of putting together the photo's taken at the reunion so we can send them to the webmaster to post on the USS Power website, along with more information on the 2019 reunion. The ladies Auxiliary Chairman

MaryLou Chartrand & Debbie Weaver are looking for tours to do in St. Louis and will let me know what they have found that maybe of interest to our members and we will try to work it into the tours we set up. MaryLou has suggested a DJ for our Banquet Dinner and after trying for two years to get the karaoke going I think it's time. We are looking for recruiters to volunteer to help look for shipmates who served aboard in the 60's & 70's and help find ship logs of ship divisions and start a data base. Some of our new members may be up to the challenge. Due paying members are falling off and are at an all time low so if your dues are due send it in or pay for a couple of years. It is still \$20.00 as Bob Pulaski say's what a bang for the buck. If you took photo's of the reunion in Portland Maine send them to me or Bill Kirsch's e-mail so we can get them on the website. If you have any pros or cons of the reunion likes or dislikes things you would like changed or added to the reunion. send me a e-mail: jpinto839@gmail.com and I will work on it.

Fr. Richard Seagraves had a stroke in April and is in a nursing home, he can be reached at.
St. Cabrini Eldercare Room # 125A- Ext. 608 ask for Nurse's Station
115 Broadway, Might be moving back to Riverdale in August
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 e-mail : ddrseagraves@gmail.com
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Have a Safe & Healthy Summer
See you in St Louie
John Pinto

USS Power DD-839 Website
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Bill Kirsch Webmaster

Website Update for August 2018

As mentioned in previous newsletters there is a statistics collection section that can tell us more information on how our web site is being used, here are some statistics from the internet traffic that took place on our web site in June. The top three browsers that are looking at our web site are Safari, Mozilla, and Firefox.

Reported period Month June 2018

First visit 01 June 2018 - 00:03

Last visit 30 June 2018 - 23:48

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	1430	6477 (4.58) visits/visitor	7884 (1.5 Pages/Visit)	9113 (1.4 Hits/Visit)	583.18 MB (92.19) KB/Visit

Definition of term:

- Unique visitor – Number of client hosts (IP address) who came to visit the site (and who visited at least one page)
- Number of visits – A new visitor is defined as each new incoming visitor(viewing or browsing a page)
- Pages- Number of times a page of the site is viewed (sum of all visitors for all visits). This piece of data differs from "Hits" in that it counts only HTML pages as opposed to images and other files.
- Hits- Number of times a page, image, and file of the site is viewed or downloaded by someone.

Our website has new links under the [Project Shad 1962-1973 tab](#). Click on www.projectshad.net for more information. Also [Mesothelioma](#) drop down was added with links to the VA. They both have more information on these important health subjects. Also note there is a Facebook link feature on the www.usspowerdd839.org website that will connect you to the USS Power Facebook page which is [USS Power DD-839](#). You will need to establish a Facebook account to join if you do not already have one. Currently there are 84 members on the group site. Check out both sites. Remember you are free to post on the facebook page your own subject matter that relates to the USS Power at any time. Contact [your](#) webmaster Bill Kirsch at bkvr52@centurylink.net. if you have any suggestions or comments. The Portland Maine 2018 ships reunion was outstanding! Thanks Kay & John Pinto for another adventure you're planning and coordination was appreciated.



New Power Caps

STOREKEEPER & TREASURER REPORT

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LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE ! GO TO:
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Challenge Coins

Treasure/Storekeeper Report A total of \$5,778.00 in checking account.
Storekeeper Report. Have a new supply of challenge coins in stock.

Glad that all hands had a good time at the reunion.
Jim Brocklebank

RAFFLE ITEMS DONATED BY SHIPMATES & GUEST

ITEMS	PERSON DONATING	PERSON WINNING
\$50 gift card	BARRAS	WALSH
Navy serving dish, Navy Salt Boy	LATINO	O'KEEFFE
Wine	PANDORA	DALEY
Hand crafted pen	LILLEY	PINTO
Naval book	O'KEEFFE	GIACALONE
Navy frame & Anchor dish towels	CHARTRAND	WALSH
Hand crafted pen	LILLEY	BECHDEL
Necklace	O'KEEFFE	CHARTRAND
Navy dvd	O'KEEFFE	GRELLO
Navy belt	O'KEEFFE	CLANCY
Navy blanket	O'KEEFFE	KIRSCH
Photo box	WEAVER	COWAN
Wine	DUEGAW	MARION
Men's golf shirt	DALEY	ALLEN
\$25 gift card & homemade cards	KOFFROTH	WEAVER
Crown Royal	FARRENS	ARINGTON
Phone holder	KIRSCH	COWAN
Quilted table runner	CLASSON	FARRENS
Table topper	CLASSON	BREWTON
Eau de Toilette	GORICKI	BURNHAM
Bottle of wine	GORICKI	MOORE
Bottle of Amaretto	GORICKI	SHOUL
Cheer Basket	PINTO	LILLEY
Navy book	PINTO	MILLER
Popeye & Olive Oil Painting	DAUB	LILLIS
Wine	DUEGAW	ULM
Painting	LILLIS	LATINO
Book	PINTO	KOFFROTH
Painting	LILLIS	BARRAS
Painting	LILLIS	DAUB

SHARE THE WEALTH DRAWING WINNERS

SHARON RUPPERT \$113.00-USS FRASER DM24
KATHY WANTZ \$113.00-SHIPMATE BERNIE CLASSON'S DAUGHTER

WINNERS OF ONE FREE ROOM
JOHN & DEBBIE WEAVER
AUBREY & NANCY BARRAS

2019 Shipmates Reunion

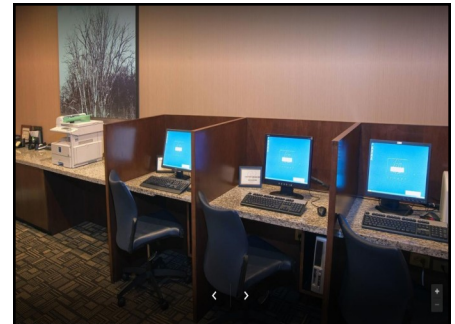
Location : St Louis, MO.
Dates : September 15-19, 2019 —4— Nights Sunday to Thursday check out
Host Hotel : Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
Address : 1973 Craigshire Rd. St. Louis, MO. 63146
Phone # 314-434-0100
Room Rate: \$119.00 + tax with Breakfast for Two
 \$109.00 + tax one in a room with Breakfast for One
 Same room rates pre & post reunion dates
 Wireless high-speed Internet access, refrigerator in guest rooms
Complimentary : Parking-Fitness center-access to the Pool & Airport Shuttle



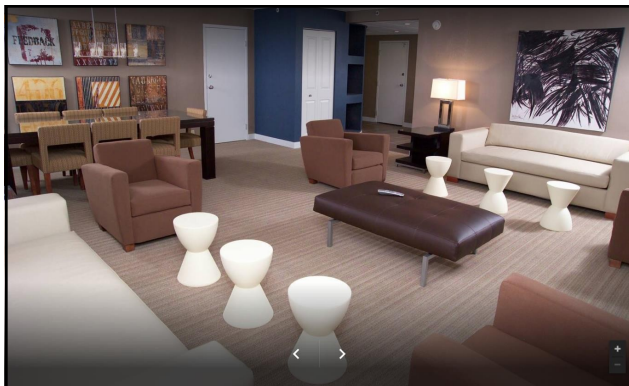
Morning Breakfast



Indoor Pool & Spa



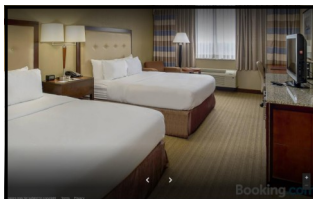
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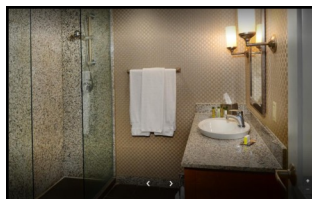
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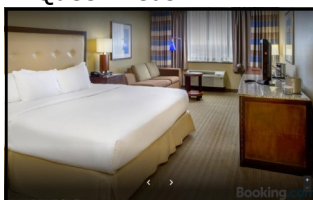
Bar Lounge Area



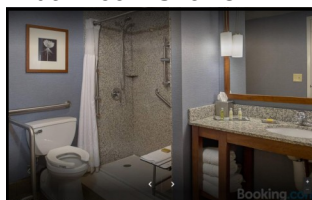
2 Queen Beds



Bath Room Shower



King Bed



Accessible Shower

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WELCOME
 USS SHANNON DM-25
 USS FRASER DM-24
 USS REMEY DD-688
 SHIPMATES & GUEST
 TO JOIN US IN ST LOUIS, MO.
 4— NIGHTS SEPT.15-19, 2019

NOTE:

We must know by first week in January 2019 if you are interested so we can block any additional rooms.
 Contact: John Pinto Chairman & Reunion Planner
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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

We also took time out to remember some shipmates that we lost over the last year, and we did the solemn 2-bell ceremony for them, including Richard Walsh (54-55) Carl Morris (61-63), Paul Maier (49-52) and Lamarr Seader (56-60).



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