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PRESIDENTS NOTES

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies.....

So far it's been a pretty tough winter across the nation for a majority of people between snow, freezing rain, and floods it could not get much worse. I'm thankful that Mary Lou and I are able to spend our winters in Florida, but my heart goes out to our families and friends up north. In the meantime we can only wait for spring and a great summer! When fall comes hopefully we can all be together in St. Louis. It looks like John Pinto has everything pretty much squared away already. Once again I ask everyone to reach out to fellow shipmates, family members and friends to join us. Our association is too important to all of us to let it slip away the history, camaraderie, trials and tribulations we all went thru. Looking forward to meeting new shipmates and remembering those that have past. Let's keep our USS Power Assoc. strong.

Ed Chartrand, President

2004 " We are Americans first, Americans last , Americans always."
Let us argue our differences, but remember we are not enemies.
John McCain

2018 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

President	Ed Chartrand
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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Hello Shipmates,

Greetings from beautiful South Carolina. The weather here is warming up but along with that comes the pollen, it's everywhere. Everything is covered with a film of yellow but that's the way of nature. Spring is here and it's only five more months till St. Louis. It looks like we will have a decent turnout and I wonder if a central location is a factor. In any event I am looking forward to seeing all of you once again and perhaps meeting some new attendees. I know that St. Louis has a lot to offer and judging from past experiences I know that John and Kay Pinto's arrangements will be outstanding. I hope that everyone is in good health and will stay that way.

John & Julia Goricki's New House

Enjoy the upcoming Spring and Summer,

John Goricki
SR. V.P.



Breakfast at Waffle House

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Hello Shipmates.

Well it's a cool sunny morning here in Ormond Beach Florida today. I go down to the ocean almost daily to video the sunrise around 6:45am. It sure reminds me of the old days at sea when 1st Division would be out cleaning up the deck from mid-ship to the folk'sel. I was 20 years old then (1961), and will be 78 this year in October.

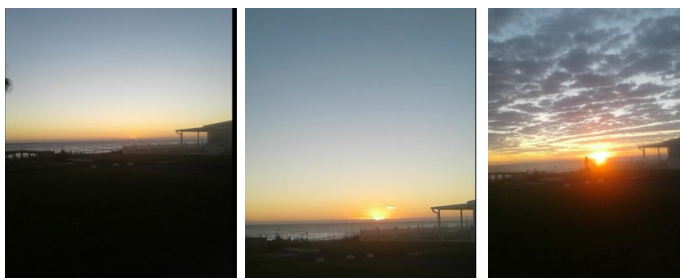
As Chaplain I call sailors when I can, especially those that need or want prayer. If you know of anyone I should reach out to, please email or call me, my contact info is below.

I'm still reminiscing about last summer's reunion in Maine. It was nice to see all the shipmates and their family members there. I took my whole family, my kids Mickey and Cindy, my grandkids Matthew and Jacob, and my daughter in law Amy. The highlight for me was visiting the Bath Shipyard where the USS Power DD839 was built during WWII.

This years' reunion is going to be even bigger because we invited 3 other ships to join us, and we're expecting close to 80 sailors and their families. I hope most of you are planning to come to the reunion this fall in St. Louis Missouri. See you soon. Sincerely,

ORMOND BEACH SUNRISE 6:45 am

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FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY



Shipmates

Our Reunion is slowly approaching and we should have a nice turnout but—we still have room for more so as Assn. Recruiters we need all of you to keep working to get more attendees and also new members. Our members are our strength—and we need to continue to build!

Looking forward to seeing you all



Safe Trip to All

Bob Pulaski

Secty.

Membership Dues for 2019



USS POWER DD 839

POWERFUL LADIES* AUXILIARY*

CHAIRWOMAN

Mary Lou Chartrand
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Powerful Ladies & USS Power Shipmates..... I hope to see old and new friends in Sept. in St. Louis, Mo. Did you know that St. Louis was founded in 1764 as a French trading village and named after King Louis IX. From the arch you can see 30 miles and the arch is known as the Gateway to the West.

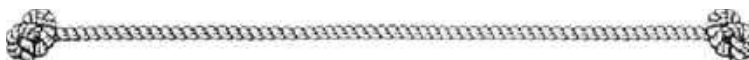
Our theme for the 1st. night "Welcome Aboard" dinner is the 1960'S so wear flowers in your hair, bell bottoms, tied dyed shirts and peace signs. We are doing something different this year for the door prizes that you make or purchase. The door prizes are optional to bring to the reunion. The prizes will be raffled off on the 1st. night at the Welcome aboard dinner 20 tickets for \$5.00. Please bring your door prize and we will have a raffle table set up with a container in front of each gift. We will pull 1 ticket out of each raffle container at the end of the evening. All monies raised will go to the USS Power Assoc. for further reunions. We will also have bingo that night and all money goes back to the winners. We are doing door prizes the 1st. night so we have enough time to listen and dance to our entertainer who will put on a 3 hour show at our last night in St. Louis. Please bring or mail your shipmate's photo in uniform to put up on our "Wall of Honor" which we put up every year. A 5 X 7 works best but you can bring any size. Please put your name, rank and years you were in the Navy. Please invite your family and friends to St. Louis hopefully the summer heat should be over and the fall colors starting. Do you support your local Am. Legions and V.F.W.'S ? Ladies get your voices ready so we can sing a song to our guys. The song is "Navy Blue" and we can practice at our ladies meeting.

Mary Lou Chartrand, Chairwomen
edandlou27@sbcglobal.net

"SOME HEROES WEAR CAPES, OTHERS WEAR COMBAT BOOTS"



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates Family Members & Guest:

I hope you are all well and had a great Christmas & New Year. The weather hasn't been very good around the country with snow & icy roads & floods. Some states are still feeling the winter weather. As I 'am writing this letter it is Saint Patrick 's Day and I just finished my corn beef & cabbage. I want to thank all for getting in your newsletter report on time. If you have not checked out the websites for information, it is all there under 2019 Reunion-Westport St Louis Doubletree Hotel or Chairman's Daily Update 2019 Doubletree Westport. Open it and check it out. We will have info on things to do and some free tours will be posted in the hospitality room or put in your packet. The tours are all set up now after working on it for 3 months & waiting for information and scheduling. One Tour the "Bud Brewery" had to cancel due to time scheduling & cost. You can do it on your own Wednesday, look on the internet for bookings or free tour. As of now I have 20 paid up members of a list of 66 shipmates who I send out the newsletter too. The dues pay for the stamps & printing of the newsletter. If we are to keep it going you need to send in your Dues now. Some of you have sent in your dues and had it mailed back to you, reason being Bob Pulaski has moved and his address has changed. Also Bob & Carl P. Burnham are having health issues so until further notice dues will be sent to John Pinto – P.O. Box 640813 Beverly Hills, FL 34464, until Bob & Carl get back on their feet. Dues are still \$20.00 a year and haven't changed. I am working on getting Cardinals Baseball tickets for a Monday night game at the Busch Stadium September 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm. I will update you as we go on the website. Our 2020 reunion location voted on Charleston, SC. Will be back to May or June although September & October are less expensive but it is hurricane season, June 1st to November 30th I have been to Charleston, SC. and did a site visit and got proposals from some 7 hotels in Charleston in different locations, Historic District-North Charleston-Airport locations, each with a different thing to offer like Embassy Suites -Hampton Downtown & Marriott's room rates way out of our range or nickel & dime you for everything. Doubletree's policy is no liquor plus charge for corking fee for wine or beer. Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express do not have meeting or banquet space to hold our Welcome Aboard or Banquet Dinner. The one I am leaning towards is the "Town & Country Inn & Suites" which most reunion groups use and is military friendly. The time of year is June 22-26, 2020 or May 18-22, 2020 Monday to Thursday. May would be my preference since school is still in session and hurricane season doesn't start until June. The room rates are high and the food is pricey but the economy is good and Charleston is the # one city for tourism. I got the best deal I could; it is an all service hotel and has meeting space and a restaurant. We can hold our functions with no additional charges. It is 6.2 miles from Downtown; the room rates are \$134.00 +tax with breakfast for two. Welcome Aboard would be \$32.00 all inclusive buffet with a salad bar. Banquet Dinner would be Plated at \$60.00 p.p.all inclusive. Other military reunion groups are paying more or about the same to hold reunions in Charleston, SC. Our Senior Vice President John Goricki said he would like to visit Charleston and give me his input. Can we go cheaper on room rates yes. The Holiday Inn Express \$114.00 + tax with breakfast for two. April 26-30, or August 16-23, 2020 \$109.00 with breakfast for two. In North Charleston 14 .2 miles from downtown. No banquet or meeting space. We would have to have our "Welcome Aboard" at a restaurant or VFW and our Banquet would be a dinner cruise at around \$ 100.00 p.p. with transportation. If you plan on attending the 2020 reunion fill out your option on page 7 attached along with your function form insert and mail in before June 1st 2019.

CHARLESTON , SC.

2020 REUNION LOCATION SEE PAGE #7 SELECT HOTEL & DATE AND MAIL IN WITH FUNCTION FORM

Enjoy the Warm Summer Weather
See you in St. Louis, MO

Safe Trip
John Pinto

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

Bill Kirsch Webmaster

Website Update for April 2019

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 Feb 2019

First visit 01 Feb 2019 - 00:22

Last visit 28 Feb 2019 - 23:37

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	520	1854 (3.56) visits/ visitor)	2725 (1.5 Pages/Visit)	3358 (1.4 Hits/Visit)	211.69 MB (104.72 KB/Visit) 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 in 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 92 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. should you have any suggestions or comments. It is never too early to set the date and start planning for the upcoming 2019 ship reunion in September at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport 1973 Craigshire Rd. St. Louis, MO 314-434-0100 (dates September 15th thru September 19th).

STOREKEEPER & TREASURER REPORT
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LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE !
 GO TO: SHIPS STORE

WEBSITES
WWW.USSPOWERDD839.ORG
WWW.USSPOWERDD839.COM



A balance of \$4,693.75 in checking account at present time. Hope all have a nice spring as this winter has been a rough one.

Jim

Shipmates Response Update- (How You Doing)

I have recently sent out e-mails to shipmates we haven't heard from in a few years and asked our Chaplain Mike Farrens to call others that were sick and some shipmates passing family members. Here are the results.

Edward Silkworth

Many years ago I joined the US Navy and it was one of my best decisions. I ended up on the USS Power and served with the best ships' company anyone could ever imagine. I separated in April 1964 on April fools day.

I served for the next thirty years at McGuire AFB and retired as an E8. I worked in Avionics on the C141B aircraft. I retired in 1996. I worked at the Bordentown, NJ post office as a casual carrier for a few months. I spent the next ten years as a self employed courier. Then I worked as a teacher at an aviation maintenance school as an Avionics instructor. I retired at 75 years old and enjoying spending time with my three grandchildren. I am here because of the best crew in the US Navy and a great wife of fifty years of bliss

Richard Olson

Hello John,

Still here. We sold the house and now live aboard our sailboat at Sail Harbor Marina in Savannah. We traded the trawler for the sailboat. I came down with Crohn's several years ago & lost vision in my left eye. Decided to take the equity and go enjoy ourselves. We have talked about trying to make the next reunion. Hope all is well on your end.

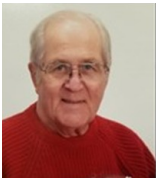
Jerry & Phyllis Dunlap

Hey John,

We are doing pretty good. I thought when you retired; you could do the things you never had time for. We seem to be busier than ever. LOL Between Church doings, doctors visits and activities with the family members we are always doing things with, no time to get bored.

Phyllis

Passing Shipmate



Raymond L. Glessman Deceased December 21, 2018
Ray was a member of the USS POWER DD 839 Association
He served aboard the USS POWER DD 839 from 2/52 to 1/55 -GM3



Herman F. Walker was a Plankowner who served aboard the USS POWER DD 839
From 9/1945 to 1/1947 -S/C (Seaman First Class)
Herman Francis Walker, 84, passed away May 13, 2012



Shipmates Wife

Deceased Wife of Shipmate Homer Tack
Dianna D. Tack
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sep 23, 1947 – Feb 7, 2019 (Age 71)

144 Bee St.,
Charleston, SC, 29401
Phone: (843) 577-2224

Amenities include:
Free Wi-Fi
Free Hot Breakfast Buffet
Free parking

Guest rooms feature:
Microwave and Refrigerator
Coffee maker
Flat-panel TV

COMFORT INN DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON 2020 Reunion Location Options



Room rate: \$119.00 + tax 14%
Date: May 25-29, 2020-4 nights
Hospitality Room-Suite
No Meeting Room
No Banquet Space
Limited Parking Space - No Restaurant
Site visit done April 9, 2019

Welcome Aboard & Banquet Dinner
Will have to be done off site with
Possible rental fee for hall &
transportation or car pool

In City Center

Hotel is located in Charleston's Historic Charleston neighborhood, close to The Citadel, South Carolina Aquarium, and Charleston's Open Air Market. Area attractions also include USS Yorktown and Marion Square.

301 Savannah Hwy,
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 556-7100

Amenities include:
Free Wi-Fi
Free parking

Guest rooms feature:
Microwave and Refrigerator
Coffee maker
Flat-panel TV Complimentary 10 passenger Van to Historic Downtown 2 miles

Holiday Inn Charleston-Riverview



Room rate: \$109.00 + tax 14%
Breakfast Buffet \$10.00 p.p. Inclusive
Date: April 26-30, 2020-4 nights
Hospitality Room
No Meeting Room
No Banquet Space
Site visit done Feb.25, 2019
Restaurant onsite

Welcome Aboard & Banquet Dinner
In Restaurant Possible rental fee
Small Rooms & Bathroom

7670 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston
South Carolina 29406
843-553-1600

Amenities include:
Free Wi-Fi
Free Hot Breakfast Buffet
Free parking
Guest rooms feature:
Microwave and Refrigerator
Coffee maker
Flat-panel TV

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Charleston-Ashley Phosphate



Room rate: \$114.00 + tax 14%
Date: April 27 to May1,2020-4 nights
Hospitality Room
Meeting Room in Hospitality Room
No Banquet Space
Site visit done Feb.25, 2019
No Restaurant Onsite
Welcome Aboard & Banquet Dinner
Will have to be done off site with
Possible rental fee for hall &
transportation or car pool

2008 Savannah Hwy.
Charleston, SC 29407-6286
844-204-9786

Amenities include:
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Free parking

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Town & Country Inn and Suites



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Welcome Aboard :Would be a Buffet & Salad Bar in Restaurant \$32.00 p.p. all Inclusive
Banquet Dinner Plated or Buffet: \$50.00 p.p. or \$60.00 p.p all Inclusive
Plated \$50-Breast of Chicken Francaise or Broiled Filet of Flounder
Plated \$60- Prim Rib or Crab Stuffed Filet of Flounder

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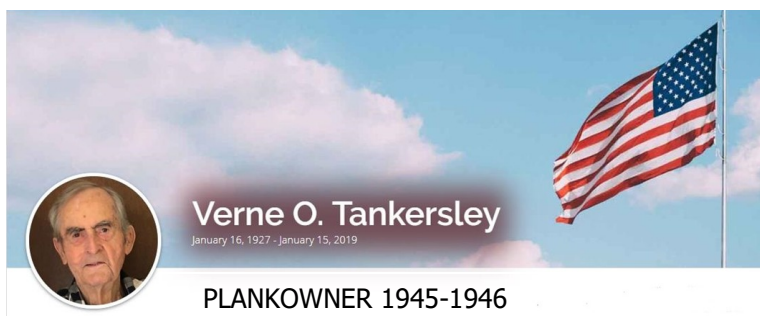
THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



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Passing Shipmates

Herman Francis Walker	Deceased May 13, 2012
Carl P. Holzer	Deceased December 25, 2015
Raymond L. Glessman	Deceased December 21, 2018
Verne O Tankersley	Deceased January 15, 2019



All will be mentioned at our Two Bell Ceremony



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Dianna Tack wife of shipmate Homer Tack will also be mentioned

