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PRESIDENTS NOTES

Greetings Fellow Shipmates & Powerful Ladies:

Hope everyone is doing fine. By the time you receive this letter our reunion will be right around the corner. It will be great to get back together again with shipmates, friends and family members. Hopefully we will see some new members and make some new friends from our guest ships USS Harwood, USS Remey and the USS Fraser and will hear some new sea stories.

Spring 2018 we toured the Doubletree Hotel and it is a very nice hotel with a lot of amenities and services with complementary shuttle service to Lambert Int. Airport and local areas within a 5 mile radius. There is a lot to do there so come a day early or stay a day late but most of all have a great time in St. Louis.

Ed Chartrand, President

"A true Sailor/Soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him but because he loves what is behind him". G.K Chesterton

2019 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

President	Ed Chartrand
Sr. Vice President	John Goricki
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Newsletter	John Pinto

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Hello Shipmates,

Only one and a half months until we meet again in St. Louis. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again although there is a possibility that we may not make it, Julia and I both had some medical issues this spring and summer and we (me especially) are going to be borderline regarding travel capabilities. I am, however, proceeding as though we will attend, we will be sorely disappointed if we miss it but the saving grace will be that the Charleston reunion will soon follow. I hope that everyone had a good summer and I think that St. Louis will be a fitting end to the summer. Again, we hope to see "yunz" soon.

Good Travels
John Goricki

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Hello shipmates.

Below are members and the wives of the USS Power DD839 Association that have passed away this year. Our sincerest condolences as well as our thoughts and prayers, go out to these families. Anytime you hear of any member that has passed away, please notify me and John Pinto.

William "Bill" Babcock served aboard the Power from March 1952 to September 1953 as SN. Bill was one of the original members of the Association attending reunions. Bill was originally from Fort Atkinson Wisconsin.

Carl P. Burnham served aboard the USS Power from 1974-1977 as YN1 and served in the Navy for 24 years. He was shipmate of the year in 2011 and President of the USS Power DD839 Association from January 2015-January 2018. He is survived by his wife Linda and his daughter Lisa.

Raymond Glessman, 84 years of age, passed away 12/21/18. He served aboard the Power from Feb 1952 to January 1955, as a GM3, and is survived by wife Angela.

Michael M. Joannides from NY, NY, lived from 7/1/40-2/14/19. He lived in Frisco CO with his wife Libby. He joined the Navy at 17 and served as a boiler technician.

Verne O Tankersley was a Plank owner who served aboard the USS Power from 1945-1946. He was 91 when he passed away on January 15, 2019 in Moweaqua Illinois, and was survived by his wife Janet.

Burton C. Anthony, Jr. 87, formerly of Kattskill Bay, NY, Delmar, NY and Fort Myers, FL passed away on his 87th birthday, Wednesday, July 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family

Wife of Shipmate Homer Tack

Dianna Tack, wife of Homer Tack, passed away on February 7th, 2019 at the age of 71. They were married over 50 years and lived in Butler, PA.

Sincerely,
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 . 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.

USS POWER DD 839

POWERFUL* LADIES* AUXILIARY

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USS Powerful Ladies... Well the dog days of summer has finally arrived here in the North. Hope everyone is able to stay cool and if you are like our family we are very busy but loving every minute of it. I hope you have made up your mind about going to the St. Louis reunion! Did you invite your family and hopefully some new shipmates to attend? On our first night it is our 60'S night. Wear your favorite tied dyed shirt, bell bottoms or flowers in your hair. We will have a lot to do on our 1st. night. We will have a raffle on the door prize that you bring. The door prize is optional and tickets cost \$5.00 for 20 tkts. and all monies go to the USS Power Assoc. Also at the end of the evening we will play BINGO with all monies going back to the winners.

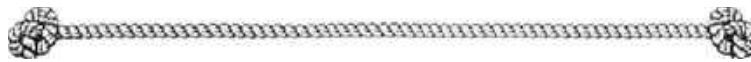
Don't forget to bring your husband's photo for our "Wall of Honor" Do you have a favorite game please bring it to the reunion? Last year we played LEFT, RIGHT, and CENTER and had a lot of fun. Bring a lot of quarters. We will practice the songs "Somewhere beyond the Sea" and "Navy Blue" at our ladies meeting.

In a Vietnam prison I fell in love with my country.... It wasn't until I had lost America for a time that I realized how much I loved her. 1999 Sen. John McClain

Mary Lou Chartrand, Chairwomen
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates, Family Members & Guest:

This will be the last newsletter before the St Louis, MO. reunion. Our two tours set up are now full. We were able to fill the Motor Coach with 55 people because we are not using the wheel chair lift, any motorize scooters will be put in the lower compartment on the bus. We are unable to add any more on the tour at this time due to cost issues. Any overflow will be put on a stand by list. If anyone cancels out on the tours we will be able to replace them. I'm working on options to accommodate the overflow. There is a St. Louis Cardinal vs. Washington Nationals night baseball game Monday Sept. 16, 2019-6:45 pm anyone interested can contact me at my e-mail: jpinto839@gmail.com and I will try & get discounted tickets, carpool is the way to go & parking fees will apply. The Hollywood Casino St. Louis at 777 Casino Dr. is 6.5 miles away Guests 50 years of age and older receive a buy one get one FREE buffet offer every Monday! Get 2 buffets for the price of one, or 50% off of one buffet, or 25% off at any food outlet. This offer is valid using cash, credit or even your comps. with a Marquee Rewards card swipe on the Kiosk. Information on tours on your own Wednesday will be posted in the hospitality room. We have a good turn out 22 shipmates & 60 + at our Welcome Aboard & Banquet Dinner, Jim Brocklebank is back after two years, he will be selling new hats and other items. MaryLou will be hosting Bingo at the Welcome Aboard. The theme is **THE 60/s**. If you have not paid up your dues you can send it to me. Please made check payable to the USS POWER DD839 ASSOC. Dues are \$20.00. Mail check to John Pinto P.O.Box 640813 Beverly Hills, Fl.34464. Any change in your address you can fill out a updated form on our website under dues or new member. It has been a bad year for our association with the loss of many of our shipmates & the illness of others. We try to get the news out by way of the website & the newsletter to inform our due paid up members and to reach new members. In order to set up the tours and Motor Coaches for the tours we need input & information on the numbers through the function form you send in on time. In order to keep the price down and accommodate all of the shipmates and guest. We never know if we need a wheel chair lift or not so we keep one on hold, if we need it. We may have to get more then one type of transportation due to the lose of seats the wheel chair takes up and we don't want to turn anyone away. We have a 56 passenger Motor Coach and we have 55 paid up seats for Tour # 1 The Gateway Arch. Tour # 2 Boeing & the Museums is full with some on stand by. We had some request for a baseball game and I posted it on my website & past newsletters and got a response of 8 people interested the last minute, I was able to get complimentary tickets for the Sept. 16, Monday night game it is now closed .You may be able to get in free with a military ID. Update on 2020 reunion Charleston, SC. is now official the contract is signed and the date is May 18-22, 2020 4-nights. It was agreed on with the committee and the executive board members to have it in May over June. The weather in Charleston in the month of June is between 85-74-degrees hot & humid & hurricanes start June 1st. May is between 79-67- degrees. Schools are still in session until June. I have set up two tours, one for Patriots Point & One for Magnolia Plantation & Gardens & Historic Charleston City Market. I have a Motor Coach on hold. More info will follow at the reunion and on the Power website. Have a great summer safe travels.

Lets remember and keep them in our prays all our shipmates who have fallen and those who could not make the reunion.

Due to illness- Fr. Seagraves /Bill Barker/Bernie Classon/Bob Pulaski/Nicholas Giancola/Sam McCammon

John Pinto

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

Bill Kirsch Webmaster

Website Update for August 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 JUNE 2019

First visit 01 Jun 2019 - 00:18

Last visit 30 Jun 2019 - 23:24

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	995	2037 (2.04) visits/ visitor)	2998 (1.47 Pages/Visit)	3800 (1.86 Hits/Visit)	231.22 MB (116.23 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 97 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:
WWW.USSPOWERDD839.ORG
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Checking balance for July 2019 Is- **\$5,475.34.**

Will have hats and other merchandise at the reunion. Picture of my new 2019 FORD EDGE TITANIUM Model. Same color as my FORD Pickup

Obituary

Carl P. Burnham

May 17, 1940-May 14, 2019



Carl P. Burnham,

Served Aboard The USS POWER DD 839 From 1974-1977 as YN1

SHIPMATE OF THE YEAR *2011 *

* Served as President of the USS POWER DD 839 ASSOCIATION *
From Jan. 2015 to Jan. 2018

Carl will be Honored at our Two Bell Ceremony at our Banquet Dinner in St Louis this year in September.

Carl Burnham of Omaha, NE, born May 17, 1940 in Lincoln, NE to the late Guilford and Rhoena Burnham, passed away on May 14, 2019 in Omaha, NE. Carl served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1982. He was married to Linda Brown on June 10, 1962 in Lincoln, NE. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Frank, Phillip and Bruce. Survived by his wife Linda, of 56 years and his daughter Lisa, brother Daniel (Carol) of Lexington, TX. and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and friends. After retiring from the Navy, Carl worked in the accounting field until his retirement in 2005. Since his retirement he enjoyed doing Volunteer work and serving in various roles in the Fleet Reserve Association, Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, Big Red Sub Club and the AE-AEO Sailors and USS Power Associations



LINDA CARL & LISA BURNHAM



Lisa Carl & Linda Burnham

Carl was a leader who never gave up even in pain he was ready to volunteer his time to the Uss Power Assoc. and it's shipmates. He will be missed & remembered as a friend a leader and a shipmate to all who new Carl.

AGENDA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

USS POWER DD 839 ASSOCIATION
 23rd Reunion St. Louis, MO.
 Doubletree St. Louis Westport
 September 17, 2019 Tuesday
 Conference Room 202
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Call to Order:

Establish Quorum of Members

Proof of Notice

A quorum for a meeting of the Power association shall not be less than (15) Fifteen members in good standing.

A quorum for a meeting of the executive committee shall not be less than (3) Three members.

As per the Constitution of the USS POWER DD 839 ASSN. that the General meetings will be held at least once a year.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Chaplain Mike Farrens

Executive Board Members – Introduction

President: Edward Chartrand
 Sr. Vice President: John Goricki
 Jr. Vice President: Mike Farrens
 Chairman: John Pinto
 Secretary: Bob Pulaski -Absent
 Treasurer: Jim Brocklebank
 Past President: Bill Lilley

Staff Members – Introduction

Storekeeper Jim Brocklebank
 Webmaster Bill Kirsch- (Absent)
 Newsletter John Pinto
 Master at Arms Jack VanDervender
 Chaplain Mike Farrens

2021 Reunion Location

Recommended location ***Branson, MO.* *Philadelphia, PA.***

Minutes of 2018 Reunion- (Secretary Absent Minutes posted as read)

Treasurer Report – Jim Brocklebank

Chairman Report – John Pinto

Committee Reports

Chairman Report -2020 Reunion location Update Charleston, SC

Sr.VP Report – John Goricki (New Membership)-(Absent)

Jr.VP & Chaplain Report- Mike Farrens Update (Deceased & Sick Shipmates)

Unfinished Business-2019

New Business -2020

Questions & Answers

Adjournment

At the Membership meeting: (September 17, 2019 Tuesday)

1-We will ask for 3 locations from the floor for our 2021st reunion location- Plus Two Recommended

2-We will then post them on the board

3-We will then pass out papers for a handwritten vote of your choice from the list

4-They will be collected and the top two locations will then receive a second hand written vote

5-If there is a tie for second & third choice a revote of all three will be done and the one that has the Highest number will be the 2021st location.

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Hello Shipmates:

We just celebrated the 4th of July here in Ormond Beach, FL. There were more illegal fireworks than the legal ones set off by the city. I hope you and yours are well, and planning to come to the next reunion this September in St. Louis, MO. My daughter Cindy and I plan to be there. It will have been 58 years since I came aboard the USS Power in Charleston SC, where we were going through FRAM work in September, 1961.



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