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REUNION INFO



2020 Charleston, SC. Reunion

Shipmates

We need you to fill out the Function form attached and get it in on or before February 5th 2020. Our cutoff date for room booking is April 18, 2020 then rooms will be released. Room cancellation policy is 48 hours or a penalty of one room night + tax will be charged. Our Welcome Aboard Buffet is in Trotters Restaurant at \$32.00 p.p.all inclusive which will give you more for your money and keep the cost down, and then we will move into the Hospitality room for Bingo. The theme for the Welcome Aboard is **"SPORTS"** so get your team Jersey & colors ready. We will be car pooling to Patriots Point & USS Hunley tour. Tin Can Sailors membership will get you in free with guest to Patriots Point ONLY. The cost for the Banquet Dinner is \$50.37 per person we have decided to charge each person \$40.00 and pick up the difference from monies made from the 2019 reunion. Room rates for Friday & Saturday are more so check before you book. You can check the websites for any updated info on tours or any questions you may have.

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\$20.00 Make check out to: **USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.**

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Hello Shipmates,

Goodbye St. Louis - Hello Charleston. St Louis was great, just as all of our reunions are. Good to visit the Midwest again. Some of us even got to see a baseball game between the Cardinals and the future World Series champs - The Nats. It was good to see everyone once again.

Since we are moving our reunion time from the fall to the spring, the Charleston reunion will be upon us very quickly. All the better. Some of you will remember Charleston from our very first reunion and I for one am looking forward to visiting with great anticipation. Can't wait.

The holidays are coming up soon and we wish that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Be careful in your travels and stay in good health. See you soon.

John Goricki
Senior Vice President.

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Dear shipmates:

Happy belated Veteran's Day. On November 11th I attended a Veteran's Ceremony right here in my town of Ormond Beach, FL. We had about 300 in attendance, and Col. And Dr. Hal Kushner, a 5 year P.O.W. in Vietnam spoke to us, and a poem was read by Army veteran A.S. Minor. Both gave telling and humble speeches about their time in the Army. I spoke with them both afterwards and thanked them for their service. I served during the Cuban Missile Crisis and we never fired a shot in anger. I'm proud of my service and hope you are of yours as well. Thank each and every one of you for your service and for our wonderful Country.

Also, what a wonderful time we had in St. Louis. We saw many incredible museums, both military in nature and Missouri focused. Many of us went up to the top of the Arch, and several went to a Cardinal's baseball game. What a great time, and I look forward to seeing you all in Charleston next year.

Sincerely,

Michael K Farrens
Jr. VP and Chaplain





FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY



Shipmates ;

Holidays are slowly approaching, Thanksgiving, Christmas New Years, with Friends / Family celebrating. The year 2019 was another good year for the Association a great reunion in St. Louis with a good turnout. Please keep in mind two things . We need more members to ensure that our Assn. Stays afloat and it's not too early to send in your 2020 dues. Twenty Dollars is all it takes to keep you informed of our Activities and our shipmates. It is one last payment you will not have when all the bills come in after the Holidays. As always -Happy and Healthy Holidays to all Looking forward to seeing you all in Charleston in 2020

Bob Pulaski, Secretary

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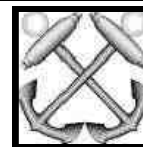
USS Powerful Ladies..... I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. OMG we had such a good time in St. Louis in Sept. and I hope you did too! John and Kay Pinto did such a great job setting up tours, buses food and hotel. The casino buffets worked out good with a fast food; good variety and leaving us time to go check out the casinos. Thanks to all who helped and donated all the door prizes. The money raised added up to \$235.00 which goes to the USS Power Assoc. We had fun after the "Welcome Aboard" dinner playing Bingo with all the money going back to the winning players. We loved the program Ron Camron gave us. He brought back songs of yesteryear and a lot of personal stories of the singers. We heard about the Rat Pack, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin and others. On our last night there we had an amazing dinner with tender beef, moist chicken and fabulous salmon. We hope the USS Power guys enjoyed the song we sang to them. "Blue Navy Blue" Our theme for next year's "Welcome Aboard" dinner is SPORTS. Wear your favorite team jerseys and team colors. Hope to see all in Charleston S.C. in May.

Any questions call or e mail me. 815 744-3978 edandlou27@sbcglobal.net.

Chairwomen, Mary Lou Chartrand



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Merry Christmas

Welcome Shipmates & Guest:

I hope you all enjoyed the venue & tours we had set up for you at the St Louis, MO. Reunion. After 22 years of attending and setting up the reunions it was unfortunate I was unable to attend. You were in good hands with your Executive board members who came through and everything went off well. I want to thank Jack Van Dervender, Ed & Marylou Chartrand, John & Julia Goricki, Jim & Betty Brocklebank & Mike Farrens for making it a memorable reunion. I would like to thank you all for attending the reunion & wish you and your families a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Our Charleston, SC. Reunion is just around the corner May 18-22, 2020. After the 1st of January 2020 you can start doing your room booking by calling 1-843-571-1000 and telling them you are with the USS POWER GROUP and they will give you the discounted room rate with breakfast. If you have any problems e-mail me @ jpinto839@gmail.com or call me at 352-527-2352 and leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP. You can also check out my website for any info on reunion updates at www.usspowerdd839.com We will be holding elections for nominating officers of the executive board members to take effect 01 January 2021 If interested contact a committee member. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the general business meeting in Charleston, SC. reunion. Nominees: President: John Goricki * Sr. Vice Pres. Mike Farrens Jr. Vice Pres: **Open-** all for 3 year term. **Treasurer:** Jim Brocklebank **Secretary:** Bob Pulaski **Chairman:** John Pinto If Unopposed (All are willing to continue in office for year January 2021)* Nominating Committee Members President Ed Chartrand, John Pinto & John Goricki.

Safe Trip Stay Well & have a Happy & Healthy New Year
John Pinto

USS Power DD 839 (Reunion In Review)
Reunion held in St. Louis, Mo. Sept. 15-19, 2019
Doubletree St Louis Westport
Chaired by John Pinto- Prepared By Ed Chartrand
55 attended w/ 26 shipmates of USS Power, USS Harwood, USS Fraser
and USS Long Beach in attendance.

USS Power DD 839 23rd.Reunion started off with a welcome aboard buffet and a cake cutting ceremony with the first shipmate to board the ship and the last shipmate to leave the ship. We had over 50 door prizes to raffle off. We also had bingo for the ladies. The following days we had tours of the Gateway Arch, Mo. Civil War Museum, Boeing Prologue Room, Soldiers Memorial Military Museum and Mo. History Museum. We had our lunches both days at River City Casino and Lumiere Casino which was a good idea as they offer good food at a reasonable price. Our farewell dinner started with the Cleveland Jr. Naval Academy performing the Color Guard Duties followed by the Two Bell Ceremony. After dinner we were entertained by song and dance man Ron Camron who kept us intrigued with stories and songs of the Rat Pack ,Dean Martin, Bobby Darin and many others. The hotel had the best plated dinner of beef, chicken and salmon that we have ever tasted. Our hotel service was excellent including dining, hotel rooms, hospitality rooms and a good breakfast each morning. Next year's reunion will be May 18-22, 2020 in Charleston, S.C.

USS Power DD-839 Website
http://www.usspowerdd839.org
Webmaster Bill Kirsch

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 October. The top three browsers that are looking at our web site are Safari, Mozilla, and Firefox.



Reported period

Month Oct 2019

First visit

01 Oct 2019 - 00:03

Last visit

31 Oct 2019 - 23:29

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	421	727 (2.04) visits/visitor)	1591 (1.47 Pages/Visit)	2354 (1.86 Hits/Visit)	148.26 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 103 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. It is never too early to set the date and start planning for the upcoming 2020 ship reunion in May which will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites 2008 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 2940 Ph # 843- 571- 1000 Room Booking cutoff date April 18, 2020 (reunion dates May 8th thru May 22nd)



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Merry Christmas to All

After all expenses are taken care of for reunion in St. Louis we have balance in checking account of **\$5,307**. Please get your 2020 membership dues by end of year. Coins, hats and ship patches make good holiday gifts for the sailor in your life.

Jim, Treasurer & Storekeeper

Presidents Message

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies.... A belated Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving! Have yourself a Merry little Christmas and a Happy New Year. Many thanks to John and Kay Pinto for planning and organizing the St. Louis reunion. It made our job a lot easier. Did you know that the Association paid for part of everyone's dinner at the Double Tree Hotel? The beef was tender, chicken was moist and the salmon was delicious. A big shout out to Rick Goings a fellow shipmate for all the Tupperware products that he sent for the door prizes. Also a big thank you to Shipmate Arrie Goodwin the "Honey Man". He raises his own bees and donated over 100 honey bear jars so that everyone at the "Welcome Aboard" dinner went home with 2 jars. Arrie also donated 10 big jars of honey for the door prizes. This was the first reunion that he attended. Thank you to Homer Tack for the monetary donation he sent in his wife Dianna's name to the USS Power Assoc. The money raised from the raffle will go to the USS Power Assoc. We were lucky enough to win the Tupperware Knife Set which looks great on our counter top. The 50/25/25 raffle got the USS Power Assoc. \$140.00 and the rest of the money went to Jack Van Devender, Jack Jaworski and Harry Daub. Harry so generously gave money back to the Assoc. You shipmates are awesome! You tipped \$106.00 to Karen our first bus driver and \$126.00 to big Kenny K. on our 2nd. Bus tour. The tram to the top was a little scary and claustrophobic but worth the trip to the top of the Arch. It is known as the "Gateway to the West" with the top being 630 feet. From the top of the Arch you can see Mo. and IL. With the Miss. River flowing by. Thank you to the Cleveland Jr. Naval Academy for posting colors at our banquet. Mike Farrens, Jack VanDevender and Ed Chartrand did a touching 2 bell ceremony and two of our powerful ladies Linda Burnham and Ruth Walsh were given red roses and a salute. We sure did like our entertainer Ron Camron for the show he put on. I believe everyone enjoyed his program as most were tapping their feet to the music. We sure did miss Bernie Classon and his "Harem" his 3 daughters singing but our Powerful Ladies sang "Blue Navy Blue" to us. Was so good to see the shipmates from the USS Harwood, USS Long Beach, USS Remey, USS Fraser and USS Shannon. We hope you join us on our next reunion. Please call, write or e-mail your fellow shipmates to join our assoc. and come to our next reunion in Charleston, S.C. We all want the assoc. to grow and remain strong in leadership and membership. In closing on my behalf and all the USS Power Officers we would like to wish all the Veteran's a happy and safe holiday season. Remember the holidays are not happy for everyone especially for many struggling Veterans as well as families who will not be with their loved one because they are serving in the military. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. Any questions e mail me. edandlou27@sbcglobal.net

Ed Chartrand, President

MEN LOVE THEIR COUNTRY, NOT BECAUSE IT IS GREAT BUT BECAUSE IT IS THEIR OWN. SENECA

The official FLOWER of the MILITARY CHILD is the DANDELION, as it puts down roots almost anywhere and is almost impossible to destroy. MILITARY CHILDREN bloom everywhere as the wind carries the family. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the MILITARY.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE GOING

A PRAYER for VETERAN'S

Proud of our nation
they answered her call
Defending the freedom
and safety of all.

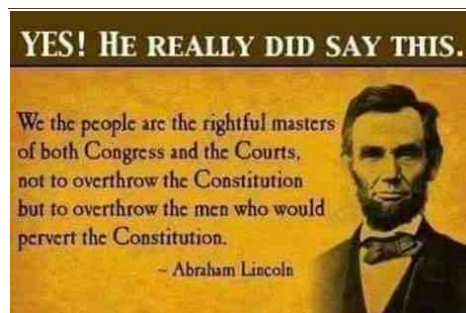
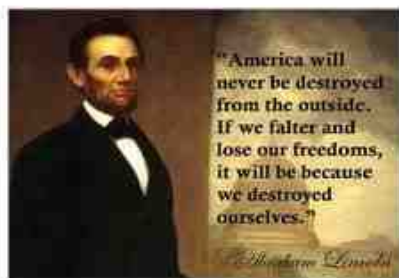
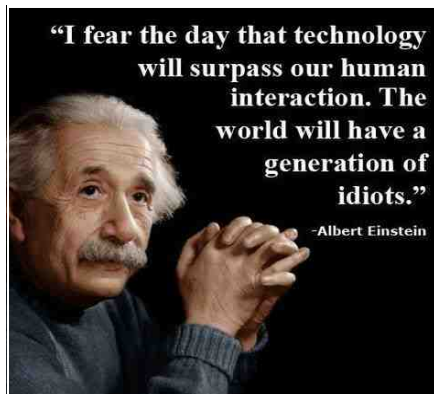
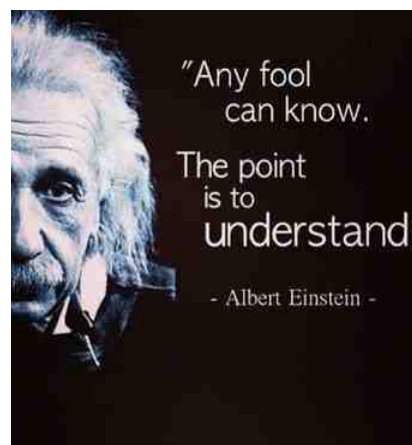
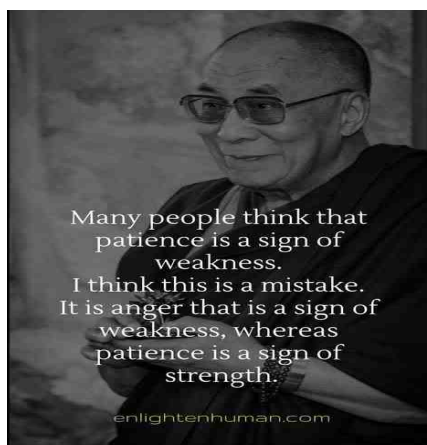
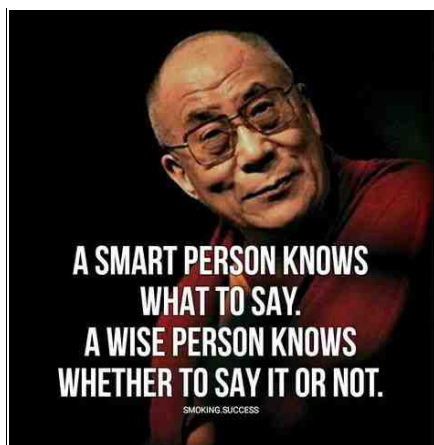
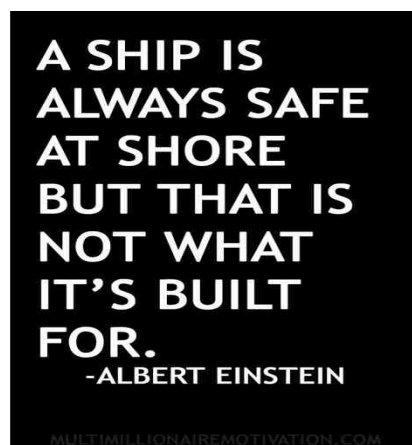
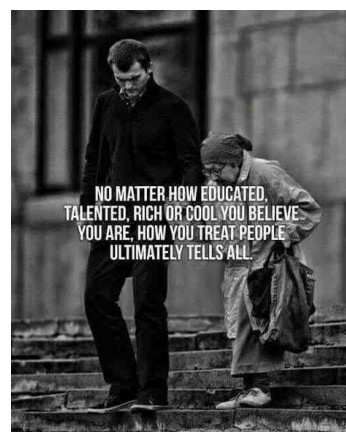
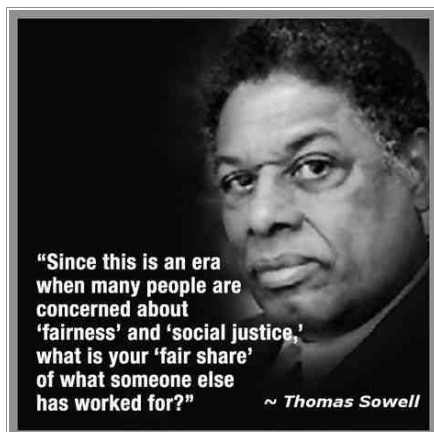
On land or on sea,
or in jets high above,
They went out of duty
and honor and love.

But however they served, Lord,
wherever they went,
Please bless them
and help them

to know what it meant!
And help us to thank them
on Veteran's Day
For we owe them far more
than we ever could say.

1. 1997 Charleston, S.C.
2. 1998 Jacksonville, FL.
3. 1999 Nashville, Tn.
4. 2000 Newport, R.I.
5. 2001 Las Vegas, Nv.
6. 2002 Annapolis, Md.
7. 2003 Sovereign of the Seas (Cruise)
8. 2004 Savannah, Ga.
9. 2005 San Antonio, Tx.
10. 2006 Myrtle Beach, S.C.
11. 2007 Enchantment of the Seas (Cruise)
12. 2008 Williamsburg, Va.

13. 2009 Pittsburgh, Pa.
14. 2010 Chattanooga, Tn
15. 2011 Worcester, Ma.
16. 2012 Chicago, IL.
17. 2013 Baton Rouge, La.
18. 2014 Jacksonville, FL.
19. 2015 Mobile, Al.
20. 2016 Washington, D.C.
21. 2017 Columbus, Ga.
22. 2018 Portland, Ma.
23. 2019 St. Louis, Mo.
24. 2020 Charleston, S.C.
25. 2021 Philadelphia, Pa.



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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Pray for and keep in your thoughts your shipmate who have passed or who are dealing with health issues during this Holiday Season.

Homer Tack * Fr. Richard Seagraves * Nicholas Giancola * William Bill Barker * Sam McCammons

Marvin Dutschmann November 26 at 6:17 PM ·

We are praising God today. Got news that our daughter in law is a blood match for a kidney transplant for Marvin. We have wonderful children who chose wonderful spouses. We will have a blessed Thanksgiving and await the next step in this process, please say a Prayer for Beth and Marvin for this journey.

If you know of a shipmate who is ill or who has passed please notify me below by e-mail or phone or Facebook message.



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