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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings fellow shipmates and Powerful ladies

Charleston's reunion is cancelled & we re-booked for next year May 24-28, 2021 It's not too late to invite your family or friend's .The hotel does not offer a shuttle ride from the airport to the hotel. The hotel is about a ten minute ride so you can use a taxi, uber or lift.

Did you know the first golf club in America was established in Charleston in 1787, and was named for King Charles II. Fort Sumter is a sea fortress in Charleston notable for 2 battles the first of which signified the start of the American Civil War.

Recently I received a message of John Weaver passing, it hadn't been too long ago I talk with him. Being in charge of the nomination committee I asked John if he would be interested in accepting the office of Jr. Vice President, and he accepted. John was a very good member and shipmate and was ready to step up when needed, he will surely be missed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon at our next reunion.

Ed Chartrand
President

2020 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

President	Ed Chartrand
Sr. Vice President	John Goricki
Jr. Vice President	Michael Farrens
Secretary	Bob Pulaski
Treasurer	Jim Brocklebank
Chairman	John S. Pinto
Past President	William Lilley

STAFF:

Master At Arms	Jack Van Dervender
Storekeeper	Jim Brocklebank
Chaplain	Michael Farrens
Webmaster	William Kirsch
Newsletter	John Pinto

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REUNION CANCELLED 2020 CHARLESTON, SC
(COVID-19) VIRUS

You will be receiving a Full Refund minus \$20.00 dues.

Executive Board Members vote

2021 Re-booking Charleston, SC- May 24-28, 2021

In Favor 5 to 2 for 2021 – Charleston, SC. Town & Country Inn & Suites

Shipmates in attendance 2020 reunion vote

2021 Re-booking Charleston, SC

In Favor 12 to 5 for 2021 – Charleston, SC. Town & Country Inn & Suites

NOMINATION ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Will be held on Wednesday May 26, 2021

All nominees for office to qualify for elected office.

1-Must be a due paid up member.

2-Honorary member in good standings & has attended reunions.

3-Must be Present at general meeting unless authorized by executive board.

Office for 3 years to take effect 01 January 2021

Nominees: After each nomination, the president Ed Chartrand repeats

(3) time the names to the assembly the president says:

President: John Goricki, for President. Are there further nominations for President?

Sr. Vice President: Mike Farrens for Sr. Vice President. Are there further nominations for Sr. VP

Jr. Vice President: Harry Daub for Jr. Vice President. Are there further nominations for Jr. VP

(All are willing to continue in Office for year 2021)

Nominees:

Treasurer: Jim Brocklebank Are there further nominations for Treasurer

Secretary: Bob Pulaski Are there further nominations for Secretary

Chairman: John Pinto Are there further nominations for Chairman

The President closes nominations when no further nominations come forward from the assembly.



FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY
Robert Pulaski



April News Letter

Shipmates, Family & Friends:

I hope you all made it through the forest fires, tornadoes, floods-and now you have the "Virus" does it ever stop. But a bright spot is on the way- Reunion Charleston you will enjoy the "Southern Hospitality" and as always the program that John Pinto has put together. If you haven't signed up - Do it quickly. Also - Dues are due and it still is the best buy for \$20.00 Bucks'

To all. A Happy, Healthy and safe Year.
Bob Pulaski
Secty

USS POWER DD 839
POWERFUL* LADIES* AUXILIARY

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USS Powerful Ladies..... Did you know Charleston was the 4th. Largest city in colonial America and the wealthiest? Contrary to what you might think South Carolina is the leading peach producer not Georgia. Our theme at our "Welcome Aboard" buffet is sports. Please wear your favorite team jersey or team colors. On our 1st. night we will have a cake cutting ceremony and play bingo with all the money going back to the winners.

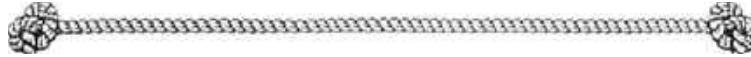
Also please bring a photo of your sailor in his uniform so we can put the photo up in the hospitality room year after year. If you would like to make or donate a door prize please bring the item to our last night's dinner. We will sell 10 raffle tickets for \$5.00. The door prize is optional and all monies raised will go to the USS Power Assoc.

We would like to sing "Somewhere beyond the Sea" to our guys so please practice and get your voices ready. Do you have a good card game or whatever to play in the hospitality room? Do you support your local Am. Legion or VFW? They usually have good food and drinks at a great price? Do you thank a Veteran or listen to them every day?

Chairwomen, Mary Lou Chartrand



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates, Guest & Family:

I hope you all are doing well and no signs of the virus, be safe, stay healthy & be patient until we get back to a more normal life style. Our treasurer Jim is back from Michigan and mailing out your refund check from the 2020 reunion. You should receive it before you get this months newsletter. If you haven't received your refund contact me & we will get it out to you. We have had a tough couple of years with our reunion attendance. Our membership is getting older and dealing with health & family issues. We had to adjust our reunion numbers by adding smaller groups to join with us at our past reunions. This year we had to cancel our Charleston, SC. reunion due to the COVID-19 virus worldwide. I conducted a vote by both the Executive Board members & the 2020 reunion attendee's & as you can see the results on page two, 2021 Reunion Charleston, SC. We will be getting the information out to you by our websites, newsletter & facebook with post of updates WWW.USSPOWERDD839.ORG WWW.USSPOWERDD839.COM and as always you can e-mail me jpinto839@gmail.com. The reunion 2021 will stay the same with functions & tours, I will update all after this COVID-19 virus has passed. So when things get back to normal contact a buddy you served with and see if they are interested in joining the USS POWER reunion & coming to the Charleston SC. reunion in May of 2021 where it all started some 24 years ago in 1997. Keep busy do little projects you have been thinking about doing & get started. If you are bored go outside knock on your door go back inside and answer who is it, not funny I try & get better. Call some of your buddies you haven't heard from or seen at a reunion you attended in the past & ask "How You Doing" a slang from Brooklyn, NY I use a lot. We have heard from Father Seagraves & here is his post.

Richard Seagraves- Posted from Facebook

Just an update on my condition. As some of you may know I had a stroke in April of 2018 and have been in an out of the hospital, Cabrini, Wartburg and now back in my residence in Egan Pavilion. I'm doing ok except that I lost some of my vision and I'm confined to a wheelchair. I get PT and have an aide. I can walk with the aid of a walker. I don't go on the computer anymore because of my limited vision. If you would like to call my number is 347 346 4518. My friend wrote this for me. May God continue to bless us all in this time of Crisis?

Marvin Dutschmann - Posted from Facebook

November 26, 2019

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.

Update March 30, 2020 Sunday St Paul Lutheran Church (Waco, TX) by Video Thanks for our great Church service yesterday, we sang the songs with you and were grateful.. we were in our dining room where nobody could hear how badly we sang thanks Pastor Krueger and Pastor Hardaway Marvin is doing well.

Keep in your prayers *All our sick shipmates *Those who have passed.

Be safe stay healthy and be patient

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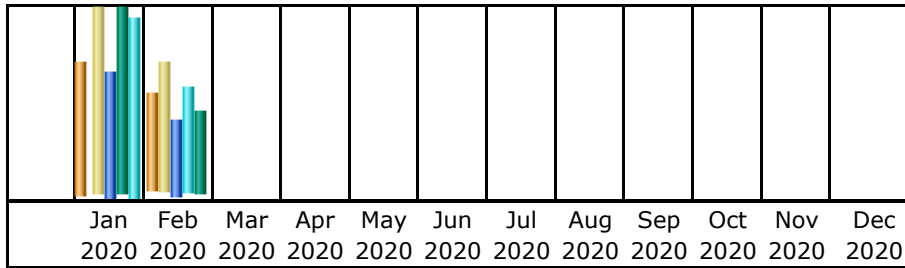
Staying Inside to Stay Alive

John Pinto

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

Website Update for April 2020

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 Feb 2020				
First visit	01 Feb 2020 - 01:15				
Last visit	24 Feb 2020 - 23:23				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	490	637 (1.3 visits/visitor)	1427 (2.24 Pages/ Visit)	1909 (2.99 Hits/ Visit)	102.76 MB (165.18 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. 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 is April 18, 2020 - (reunion dates May 18 to May 22 check out)

Treasury Report.

Balance in checking account is \$5,789 at this writing. More dues are expected in soon. I will have ships store merchandise at the reunion in Charleston. Hope all having a nice spring. Will see all of you in May.

Jim, Treasurer & Storekeeper

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT NOTES:

Hello Shipmates,

Not too much to say now except that Charleston reunion is cancelled. John Pinto has re booked for next year & put together some nice excursions for us and we thank him for that, also Kay.

On a more negative note, it seems that we are not getting quite the response that we had anticipated regarding attendance. If you are reading this and have not signed up, please do so now, if it is possible. Also, as I've previous implored; please try to call others to attend. As you all know - our attendance is dwindling. We must rebound if we are to continue our pleasurable reunions.

See you in Charleston.

John Goricki
Sr. Vice President

DASH is a free trolley

Route 210 (Orange) drives from the College of Charleston to the Aquarium.

Route 211 (Green) will take you to the waterfront, Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon, & City Market

Route 213 (Purple) connects Brittlebank Park and Riley Stadium to the historic city center.

DASH Trolley map pick up at the Official Charleston Area Visitor Center at 23 Ann Street.

Signal to the driver that you'd like him to pick you up and you're on your way.

Drivers will not make special stops to pick up or drop off passengers.

Charleston's King Street is one of the most popular places to pick up local souvenirs.

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Shipmates:

I'm still thinking about the good time we had in St. Louis at our last reunion, and looking forward to Charleston SC when I will see you all again in May of 2021 I came aboard the USS Power in September of 1961. I was a seaman in the first Division and my station was the helm or the lee helm at battle station, and going in and out of port with Jerry Fields. That was 59 years ago. WOW! I'm doing ok for a 78 year old, and it helps that I go to the YMCA 4-5 times a week to swim laps and do water aerobics. My children can't make it to this years' reunion, but I plan to bring my lady friend Mary with me to Charleston. Hope to see you all soon. One recent passing that has affected many of us is that of John "Lanny" Weaver. His obituary in the Valdosta Times read: John Land "Lanny" Weaver, Jr., 75, of Donalsonville died Sunday February 16, 2020 at his residence. He was born October 1, 1944 in Cook County to the late John Land Weaver and the late Mary Sue Moore Weaver. He retired with civil service at Moody Air Force Base in Civil Engineering after 32 years of service. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, member of Duncan Lodge #234, Royal Arch Mason and Knights Templar. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy serving on the USS Power and retired United States Army Reserve after 18 1/2 years. He was active in Woodmen of the World, Order of the Easter Star Valdosta Chapter #234 and Order of the Amaranth Christina Court #18. He was a member of the Reynolds Chapel United Methodist Church and served as treasurer of the men's club. He was preceded in death by his first wife: Linda Dianne Reeves Weaver who died February 16, 1999. He was also preceded in death by a brother: Larry Weaver. He is survived by his wife: Deborah Weaver of Donalsonville; 2 daughters: Margaret (Riley) O'Berry of Valdosta and Maggie (Donald) Bloodworth of Hawkinsville; 2 sons: James (Susan) Weaver of Nashville and Chris (Karesa) Roush of Nashville, TN; sister: Rosemary (Jim) Ortiz of Stuart, FL; brother: William (Polly) Weaver of Murphy, NC; six grandchildren: Victoria (Michael) Corbin, Shaw Vickers, Sage O'Berry, Shelby Vickers; Erik Roush, and Daniel Bloodworth; one great grandson: Weston Souza; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sincerely,

Michael K Farrens
Jr. VP and Chaplain

USS POWER DD 839 ASSOCIATION FALLEN SHIPMATES



Martin Daenzer

AUGUST 15, 1950 ~ DECEMBER 14, 2014

Martin B. Daenzer passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, after a long hard battle with melanoma. He was born in Sterling, Kansas on August 15, 1950 Martin graduated from Travis High School and spent 4 years in the Navy onboard the destroyer USS POWER.

Harry Bernard Classon, Jr.



DECEMBER 15, 1931 ~ JANUARY 27, 2020 (age 88)

On January 27, 2020, Harry Bernard Classon, Jr., retired Liberty Mutual Executive Sales Rep. and US Navy veteran, died at home of stomach cancer. He left high school at the end of his junior year and enlisted in the Navy where he served aboard a destroyer as a radar man during the Cold War and the Korean War years from 1949 until 1953. Bernie was a member of the USS POWER DD 839 Association He served aboard the USS POWER DD 839 from 9/49 to 4/53 – RD3

John Land Weaver, Jr.

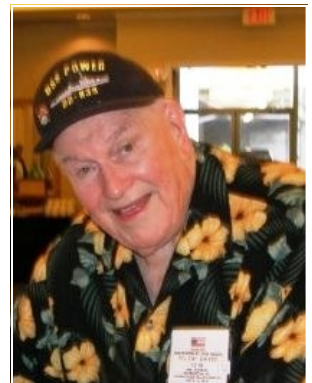


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William Espy Barker

MARCH 14, 2020



William Bill Barker 95 died Saturday March 14, 2020 in the presents of family members. A private viewing of family members was held. The funeral will be held June 1, 2020 due to corona virus, he is with his Lord and his beloved wife of over 70 years. Bill had many talents he will be missed by his shipmates. Bill was a member of the USS POWER DD 839 Association He served aboard the USS POWER DD 839 As Plankowner from 1945-1946-Seaman 1st cl

WE WILL HONOR ALL OUR FALLEN SHIPMATES AT OUR NEXT REUNIONS

USS POWER DD 839 ASSOCIATION
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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain Corner:

Hi Shipmates. I pray for our fellow shipmates who are dealing with health problems, including Homer Tack, Father Richard Seagraves, Bill Barker, Sam McCammons, Nicholas Giancola, , Bob Pulaski, and I ask that you do the same, and let me know of anyone needing prayer. Please email me at mandcfarrens@gmail.com or write me at 4 Ocean Side Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176, if you know of any sailor or family member in need of prayer, or anyone who has passed away this year.

God Bless you all. Michael Farrens, Chaplain

Deceased Shipmates: Martin Daenzer-AUGUST 15, 1950 – DECEMBER 14, 2014
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John Land Weaver, Jr.—OCTOBER 1, 1944 - FEBRUARY 16, 2020
William Espy Barker –March 14, 2020



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