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## USS POWER DD-839 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### **PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

Greeting fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies.....I hope all are maintaining good health and finding ways to get through these days. Take it "one day at a time." Just remember we are all in the same boat so stay the course and hopefully we will ride out the storm together. Our country is going thru a rough time but I believe, like in the past we will fight our way thru it. It's a shame we could not make our reunion this year, but with the grace of God will all be back together next year. Stay safe, stay strong and carry on!

**Ed Chartrand Jr. President**

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**"THE MOST IMPORTANT TRIP YOU TAKE IN LIFE IS MEETING PEOPLE HALF WAY" Henry Boyle**

#### **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

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Chaplain  
Webmaster  
Newsletter

Jack Van Dervender  
Jim Brocklebank  
Michael Farrens  
William Kirsch  
John Pinto

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## **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.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DUES**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SEND IN YOUR DUES WE WILL**

**CONTINUE TO MAIL OUT YOU THE NEWSLETTER**

**IF YOU SEND IN \$30.00-NOW**

**YOU WILL BE PAID UP FOR**

**2020 & 2021-December 31, 2021**

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### **DID YOU KNOW**

**According to wallet hub The Best cities for Vets and their families for livability, veteran's friendliness and availability of VA health facilities.**

- 1. Tampa, Fl.**
- 2. Austin, Tx.**
- 3. Orlando, FL.**
- 4. Raleigh, N.C.**
- 5. Scottsdale, Az.**
- 6. Colorado Springs, Colo.**
- 7. Virginia Beach, Va.**
- 8. Gilbert, Az.**
- 9. St. Petersburg, Fl.**
- 10. Jacksonville, Fl.**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE

SECRETARY

Robert Pulaski



## Shipmates :

As a reminder to all; we need to reach out to our former shipmates who do not belong to the Association. We have to continue our efforts to bring more men aboard. Each year we gain a few, but we also lose some. Keep Recruiting. Keep our Association Alive.

A Happy/Healthy, Summer and Fall to All.

Bob Pulaski

Secty.

**USS POWER DD 839**  
**\*POWERFUL\* LADIES\* AUXILIARY\***

## CHAIRWOMAN

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## SECRETARY

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## USS Powerful Ladies....

Well we are certainly living in challenging times. I hope this newsletter finds all of you and your families in good health. Because of covid-19 this next reunion will be the USS Power 24th. Reunion but the association has been going strong for 25 years. As you all know we had to cancel the 2020 reunion but we have a date and place set for the 2021 reunion May 24-28, 2021 in Charleston, S.C. Charleston was the 1st.city that was voted on for the very first reunion the USS Power Assoc. held in 1997. Our theme for the "Welcome Aboard" dinner is SPORTS. Wear your favorite team's colors. We will still sell raffle tickets for the door prizes that you have made or purchased. The door prize is optional. We will still do BINGO with all the monies going to the winners. Please bring in or mail your sailor's photo in uniform for our Wall of Honor. Stay safe and stay strong.

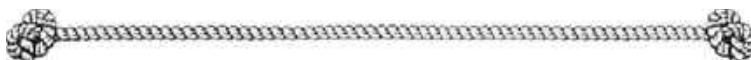
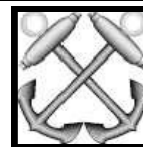
Mary Lou Chartrand, Chairwomen

## Quote

"Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present" Eleanor Roosevelt



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



**Welcome Shipmates:**

Wishing you all well. It has been a tough couple of months with all that is going on all over the world. The hospitality industry hotels, restaurants & tour companies are in a bankrupt state. Reunions are having to cancel and no work for employees. Business have to shut down, some for good. This is the worse I have seen it in my lifetime. Hopefully we will be able to hold our reunion in May and all will be well. We have to think positive & hope for a good turn out with all in good health. Things are not going to be the way we are used to. This epidemic has changed the world. So we have to change and adjust to the times. I will keep you posted with any changes that come up with the reunion. I know right now everyone is afraid to go out anywhere or fly or even drive to see family members out of state because of the virus. Thing will get better, we hope & pray so we can have our reunion. My last reunion was in 2018 and I miss seeing you guys. I plan on bringing my family members if they are able to come. As posted on our websites the reunion for 2021 Charleston, SC. May 24-28 Monday to Friday check out. Early arrivals can check in Sunday at same rate. More info will be posted in the December newsletter with a tour function form insert. Send me your ideas on our banquet dinner entertainment. Right now it's piped in music with our plated dinner. Our tours are in place, and the hotel has our block of rooms. The Motor Coach for our tour to the Magnolia Gardens & downtown Historic Market District are set. We have to think positive & that all will be a go & open for business. The Yorktown at Patriots Point which I am working on for the lunch buffet at the CPO Galley and I will keep you updated when it is a done deal. Anyone that knows of any shipmate who has deceased, please let us know so we can honor them at our Two Bell ceremony. Contact Chaplain Mike Farrens e-mail [mandcfarrens@gmail.com](mailto:mandcfarrens@gmail.com) or Facebook messenger. You can always reach me at 352-527-2352 leave a message & I will get back to you. E-mail me at [jpinto839@gmail.com](mailto:jpinto839@gmail.com) we will need to know if you plan on attending the reunion and how many will be in your group. It all depends on how safe it is for all of us to travel. We all need to get away and enjoy our lives with family & friends in a safe environment. We will need some help from our past presidents to help the association in looking for new shipmates and ideas & make phone calls to recruit new members. In order to keep the cost down for our reunion location we need to look at a military friendly city to hold our next 2022 reunion. My recommendation would be Jacksonville, FL. For our reunion which has Mayport Naval Base and the USS Orleck DD 886 Navy Museum as a possible new site in Jacksonville, FL. In the meantime, the Orleck will undergo an inspection, repairs, application of preservation products, and then embark on a seven to eight-day tow from Port Arthur TX to downtown Jacksonville where it will be moored at "Pier 1" on the St John River in the old Shipyards area of the Sports and Entertainment District. Check out my website [www.usspowerdd839.com](http://www.usspowerdd839.com) on info on Covid-19



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

**Be safe stay healthy and be patient**

**WASH-WASH-WASH  
WEAR YOUR MASK  
PROTECT YOURSELF**

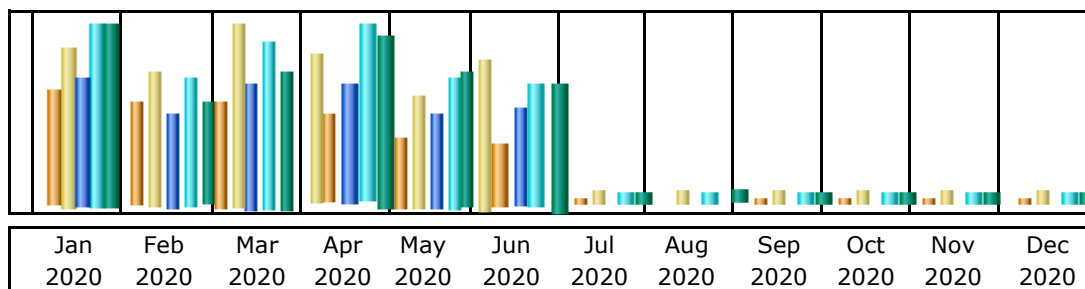
**John Pinto**

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

**Webmaster Bill Kirsch**

### Website Update for August 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 June. The top three browsers that are looking at our web site are Safari, Mozilla, and Firefox.



**Reported period** Month Jun 2020

**First visit** 01 Jun 2020 - 00:18

**Last visit** 30 Jun 2020 - 22:42

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	<b>351</b>	<b>858</b> (2.44 visits/visitor)	<b>1792</b> (2.08 Pages/Visit)	<b>2251</b> (2.62 Hits/Visit)	<b>166.64 MB</b> (198.88 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](http://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](http://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 120 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 2021 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, 2021 - (reunion dates May 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 28).

**Treasury Report;** Balance at current date is \$5,865.00. Still looking for dues for 2020 to be made.

**Storekeeper report.** Sales are very slow so far this year. Hope all are having a great summer and not getting exposed to cvd-19

**STOREKEEPER & TREASURER REPORT**  
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**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Hi shipmates,

What has changed since my last note to you? Virtually nothing as regards our everyday lives it seems. One can add to those everyday questions such as: did I lock the house? Did I turn the stove off? etc., etc. WHERE IS MY MASK? It's almost like a mild siege mentality but even so we should all do what's necessary to do our part in trying to keep us all healthy. When this Chinese virus pandemic is over I think that we will look at this period of time as mostly an inconvenience. That would be so for those of us who have suffered no medical problems. I have not heard of any of us having contracted this malady. I certainly hope that this is indeed the case. Let us all stay hunkered down until this terrible episode in our lives has passed. All things shall pass. Truly. On a positive note I am hoping to see all of you in 2021. Let us all observe the rules and we will all surely meet soon in lovely Charleston, S.C.



Senior Vice Pres.  
John Goricki

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Hello Shipmates.

Well, what can I say, this has been a strange and challenging year for all of us. This virus has caused us to lose loved ones and miss out on life events including our 2020 reunion in Charleston. I do hope and pray that our reunion happens as planned in Charleston for next year, 2021. It will be great to see all of your faces again. In the meantime, I hope all of you do something to stay active and bring yourself joy every single day. I still go to the YMCA to swim and do water aerobics 4 times a week to keep up my strength and keep my lungs working.

Stay well and safe.

Sincerely, Michael K Farrens, Junior VP



**Dr. Fauci Recommendation**  
**Protect Yourself**

**1-Wear a mask.**

"Wear a mask, all the time, consistently, when you're outside, and [can] be exposed," Fauci told CNN. Wearing a mask has been one of the most effective measures suggested to combat the corona virus. Studies have repeatedly shown that mask use reduces the transmission of COVID. According to one Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, two hair stylists with confirmed COVID-19 met with 139 clients while wearing masks and no symptomatic secondary cases were reported. "Cloth face coverings are one of the most powerful weapons we have to slow and stop the spread of the virus—particularly when used universally within a community setting. All Americans have a responsibility to protect themselves, their families, and their communities," said CDC director Robert R. Redfield, MD. And to learn which masks aren't doctor-approved, You May Not Be Allowed in a Hospital with This Mask.

**2-Keep physical distance.**

Once businesses began to reopen, social distancing was the name of the game. Keeping six feet between yourself and those you don't live with which has been recommended by the CDC and countless health officials as a way to mitigate the spread of the corona virus. A study out of the University of Texas at Austin found that for each day a city delayed putting social distancing measures in place, it took 2.4 more days to get the outbreak under control. So, if social distancing was put off for a week, that city could be tacking on 17 days to its outbreak. And for more tips on prevention from Fauci, discover The One Way Dr. Fauci Says You're Not Protecting Yourself from COVID.

**3-Avoid indoor bars.**

As more and more bars reopened in states across the country, cases began to spike. Fauci has been vocal about the threat that indoor bars pose before. "Bars: really not good. Really not good," he said at a Senate committee hearing in late June. "Congregation at a bar, inside, is bad news. We've really got to stop that right now." Since then, many states with spiking cases have shuttered their bars including, California, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, and Texas. Business Insider points out that bars are especially risky because they are indoors, where corona virus is transmitted more readily; alcohol makes people less inclined to adhere to social distancing; and you have to remove your mask to sip your drink.

**4-Keep away from crowds.**

Crowds impede people's ability to maintain physical distance, which allows the virus to transmit more readily. While smaller, outdoor crowds are considered safer than large indoor crowds, Fauci repeatedly said that any kind of crowd increases the risk of transmission during a subcommittee hearing. According to CDC guidance, "The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading." Avoiding crowd's altogether until transmission slows is advisable. And for more up-to-date information, sign up for our daily newsletter.

**5-Maintain hand hygiene.**

Properly washing your hands was one of the earliest pieces of guidance when the corona virus first became widespread in America, and it's still relevant months later. Maintaining good hand hygiene is a simple yet effective way to avoid contracting or spreading COVID. Per CDC guidance, washing your hands for more than 20 seconds with soap and water removes pathogens and helps slow the spread of the corona virus. And to make sure you're doing it right, avoid The One Mistake You Shouldn't Make When Washing Your Hands.

**6- Covering your eyes with goggles or a face shield.**

The director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases explained that you're most likely to contract the virus via your mouth, nose, and eyes, i.e. the three mucosal surfaces. (The mucosa is the moist tissue that lines certain parts of the inside of your body and it is more susceptible to viruses than say, your skin.) "Theoretically, you really should protect all of the mucosal surfaces

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### **THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



#### **Chaplain:**

**Hello Shipmates. We've all lived a long time, but I have to say that this is the strangest year I've ever experienced. I don't think in our lifetime we've experienced anything like this virus and pandemic, except maybe the Polio in the late 1940's and early 1950's. I hope like me that you're staying safe and protecting yourself and fellow man. I do believe we all need to pray more for each other.**

**The weather this summer has been very hot here in Florida, but at least we've had a good amount of rain, so things are nice and green. We've been fortunate not to have any hurricanes thus far, thank God.**

**Please let me know if you'd like me to add you or any of your family members to my prayers. You can reach me at [mandcfarrens@gmail.com](mailto:mandcfarrens@gmail.com) or 386-265-1645. If anyone hears of a USS Power Sailor passing away, please do let me know, and sending an obituary is appreciated.**



**Sincerely, Michael K Farrens, Chaplain**

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