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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies.....

Has anyone ever faced more strange and struggling times as these but hang in there? There is hope and faith in vaccines on the horizon. Happy belated Veteran's Day to all shipmates. Our Vet's Day was different than usual as was probably everywhere in the great USA. No big ceremony at our courthouse for my VFW color guard and at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery where I volunteer we have been ordered to stand down for the second time due to the covid virus. With Christmas and New Years right around the corner I wish everyone "Happy Holidays." Hopefully the virus will be fading away by May so we will be able to meet in Charleston for our 24th.reunion. Keep the faith and stay safe.

Ed Chartrand, President edandlou27@sbcglobal.net

QUOTE

"some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to"
source unknown

2020 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

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Below please find an outline of the preventative actions taken by the Hotel in the various departments

(Town & Country Inn & Suites

Reunion May 24-28, 2021)
USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.

POSTED OCTOBER 19, 2020

General

Masks are currently required in ALL public areas in the city of Charleston. This includes Outdoor areas and in the hallways of the Hotel.

Guestrooms

All guestrooms are cleaned with a hospital-grade quaternary cleaner that destroys bacteria, H1N1 influenza as well as 10 other bacterial, tuberculocidal and viricidal issues. This product is sprayed on all hand surfaces (telephones, tv remote controls, air conditioner controls, etc.) and allowed to sit for 5-10 minutes to ensure that surface is clean, sanitized and deodorized. Sheets & towels are washed at 130 degrees with level-23 detergent and bleach. All are then rinsed with liquid alkali to bring the pH back to safety for human contact. Vacuum bags are changed frequently.

Trotters Restaurant & Banquet Rooms/Hospitality Rooms

Limited seating with tables at minimum 6' distance from each other. Banquet tables should all be 72" rounds with no more than 6 persons per table. Where applicable, menus are to be paper and disposed of after each use. Buffet is no longer available in Restaurant (a la carte dining only for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) though buffet setting can be accommodated in a private banquet room. Staff wears gloves and masks and all table items sanitized after use. In both areas, once Guests are at their seat and either eating or drinking their masks can then be removed.

Outdoor Pool

Only stipulation herein regards capacity, which is currently 10 persons in that area.

I hope this helps. These are the requirements as of today – and they have changed at least four times in as many months. I will have a note on my calendar to update you with changes and modifications after the 1st of April.

South Carolina Cases

Updated Dec 1 at 9:08 AM local

Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered
217,487	4,381	-
+1,358	+28	

Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered
Charleston		
19,992	294	-

United States cases

Updated Dec 1 at 9:08 AM local

Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered
13,617,362	271,296	6,594,109
+110,596	+776	+29,546



We will get through this together!
Meanwhile, please help your
Neighbors in this time of
Great need!



FROM THE DESK OF THE

SECRETARY

Robert Pulaski

Shipmates & Family :



Our reunion had to be cancelled due to the Covid -19 Virus. Then the bottom fell out throughout the U.S. with closings, lockdowns & death. Hopefully you all survived. Soon the Holidays will be here, family and friends, parties, dinners, Santa with gifts for all. A very joyous time of the year of course it's also another year coming for dues. If you can. Please send in that \$20.00 (NO INCREASE IN 24 YEARS) and that is one payment you will not have to think about when all the other ones come in after the 1st of the year.

And so to All a Very Merry & Healthy & Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Pulaski SECTY.

USS POWER DD 839 *POWERFUL* LADIES* AUXILIARY*

CHAIRWOMAN

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SECRETARY

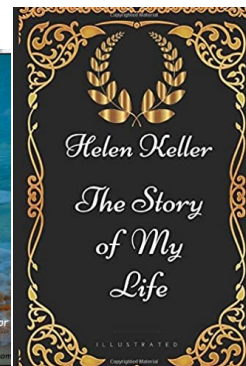
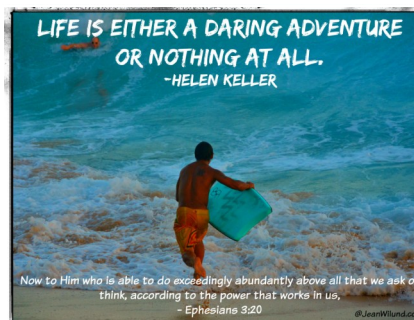
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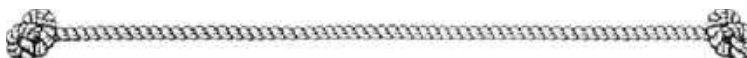
USS Powerful Ladies.....

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2021. We can't wait to leave 2020 behind us. Hope all are able to make the Charleston reunion in May. Our theme for the 1st. night "Welcome Aboard" is sports so if you can wear your favorite team's shirt or colors please do. Depending on covid we will again sell raffle tickets for the door prizes that you have purchased or made. Please remember that this is optional. Also depending on covid we plan on doing bingo again with all money going back to players. Don't forget to bring your spouse's photo of them in uniform for our Wall of Honor to put up in the hospitality room. Please add his name, rank and years in the Navy. You can mail them to me if you are not coming to the reunion. We are going to sing to our guys "Somewhere beyond the Sea" so please start practicing. Stay safe and stay strong. Please have compassion for others as we are all in this storm together but some are in a row boat and others are cruising on a yacht.

Mary Lou Chartrand, chairwomen
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QUOTE... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing- Helen Keller





I hope this finds you all in good health and no signs of this awful virus. Some of our shipmates have come down with the virus showing a very mild case which is a good sign. We are all looking for the vaccine to come out, which is scheduled sometime in April of 2021. I think by then it should be safe and I will be getting it. I think everyone needs to get out and enjoy their family and friends and I hope your Thanksgiving with family and friends was enjoyable. I will update you via our website of any new information on the reunion and Covid -19 in Charleston, SC. and any changes with Hotel before reunion date. There is a Function form page 7 in this newsletter to be filled out and sent back with you check. So please fill it out and send it in on time. Because of these unusual times if you have to cancel we will refund your money back. I understand it is a burden to fly in some cases with prices and restrictions put on you by the airline industry. It is easy for some to drive to the reunion location. We can only hope for a break and that by May we will see a change in the life style we have been living in for the past 9 months. Our reunion date is 5 months away and many changes can happen with only good things to look forward to. You can call me or e-mail me with any concerns you might have. Call anytime after the 1st of the year, leave a message and I will get back to you. I will be driving to New York to be with family during Christmas. Check out the website for any new information and updates on covid-19 in Charleston, hotel, tours , banquet dinner, travel restrictions, hospitality room ,motor coach. I will post starting in January -February -March and April newsletter. Hopefully by February we should have a better idea if we will have a reunion or not or even enough to hold a reunion. I will at that time check with the hotel what our options are with the number of guest that are booked. I will be inviting my family to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you all and touring Charleston with all its history and restaurants. We have lost many shipmates the last couple of years and many being sick and unable to attend. They will all be honored and mentioned at our Banquet Two Bell Ceremony. We also have elections to be held for the new upcoming Executive board members to be voted on. 2022 reunion location will also have to be brought up and voted on.

**You can contact me :
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Have a Safe Joy full Christmas & Happy New Year
John Pinto

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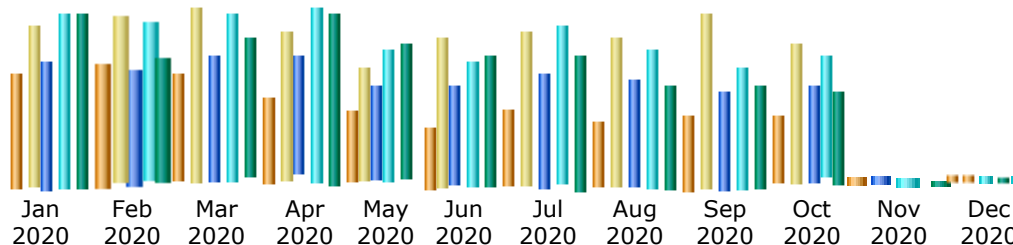
**TOUGH TIMES
NEVER LAST, BUT
TOUGH PEOPLE
DO.**

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

Webmaster Bill Kirsch

Website Update for December 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 Oct 2020

First visit

01 Oct 2020 - 00:11

Last visit

31 Oct 2020 - 22:55

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	374	799 (2.13 visits/visitor)	1742 (2.18 Pages/Visit)	2171 (2.71 Hits/Visit)	116.18 MB (148.89 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 is viewed or downloaded by someone.

Our website has links for [Project Shad 1962-1973](#), also [Mesothelioma](#) and [Agent Orange](#) dropdowns. If you are a Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran (Power West Pac Viet Nam cruise from August 1968 to July 1969). The Veterans Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-23, enacted 01 July 2019), in this law you may qualify for a presumption of service connection if you have a disease that is recognized as being associated with herbicide exposure. Agent Orange tab has information to reference that may be beneficial to you in your claim with the VA. Also, note 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](#). Currently, there are 131 members on the public group site. Check out both sites. Remember, you are free to post on the Facebook page your subject matter related 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 (reunion dates May 24th thru May 28th). The reunion will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites 2008 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 29407. Reservation Desk telephone number at Town & Country is 843-571-1000.

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LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE ! Go To:
WWW.USSPOWERDD839.ORG
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Hoping all are well and avoiding the virus. It sure is a mess.

Balance in our account is \$5,258 at present time. Asking all to send in their yearly dues on time. Hats and coins would make a nice holiday gift shipmates. Hoping all have a great holiday and a great New Year 2021. And hopefully we will be able to have our reunion in 2021. Stay well & safe, Jim

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Hi shipmates,

Well here we are on the cusp of yet another new beginning. I am not wont to speak of political matters but the matters that lie before us as a country, are no longer merely political. They are They are indeed real and clear and positive change does seem to be the order of the day. I am looking forward to our next reunion in Charleston SC., and I do believe we will begin to feel some change, both in our country and association. I think we will have a resurgence in both. In Particular, I am hoping for a great improvement in the status of the military both in the perceived public status and the real and tangible status of military viability. I cringe when anyone says we have the strongest military in the world. Not when it is being depleted both in policy and in sheer numbers, not to mention having to beg, borrow, or steal spare parts, Now however, the horizon looks bright. I think too that the horizon will be brighter for the USS Power Association. I am going to seek a commitment from all attendees to garner at least one new commitment for the reunion. Apart from the above I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I am hopeful for a truly prosperous New Year for our country and ourselves.

YEA U.S.A. and the USS Power Association

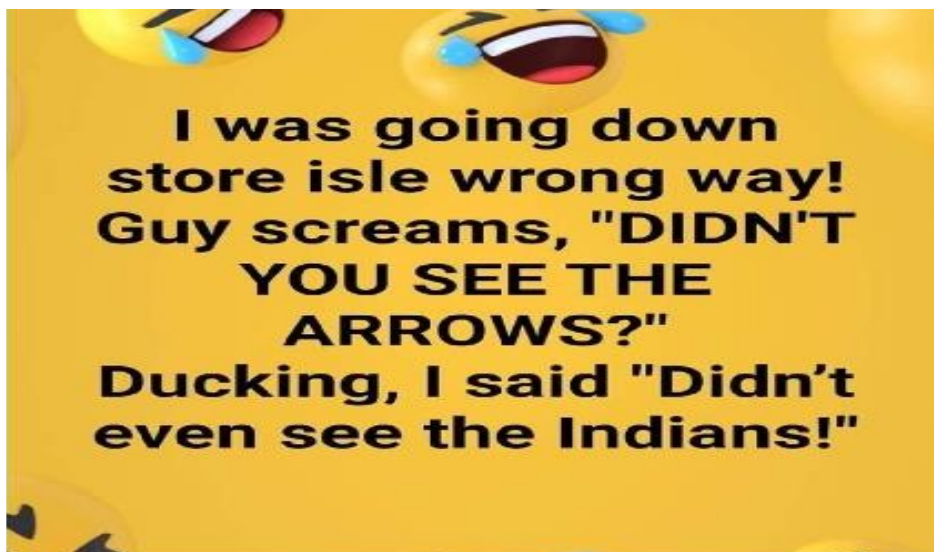
Senior Vice Pres.
John Goricki

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Dear Shipmates,

I hope you are staying safe from this pandemic and taking precautions like wearing masks and hand-washing often. I care about your well-being and look forward to a day when we can see each other again. Our reunion is 6 months away, I hope we can have it, but whenever it is safe to have it, I look forward to seeing you then. I know I'm ready to have some good times with you and your families. I plan to bring my lady friend Mary, and any of my family members who want to come. Please stay healthy.

Michael K. Farrens



Reunion 2021* Charleston,SC..*
Town & Country Inn & Suites
2008 Savannah Hwy.
Charleston, SC. 29407
1-843-571-1000

May 24-28, 2021
4- Nights
Mon to Fri.-c/o

***PLEASE FILL OUT FORM & RETURN BY * 05 February 2021 ***

Shipmates Name :	Address:
Spouse ;	Address:
Guest :	Phone #
Guest :	E-mail :
Time Served Aboard : Date From	Rate While Aboard :
Time Served Aboard : Date To	

Will you be attending the 2020 Reunion Yes No	Will you be staying at the Host Hotel Yes No
How will you be traveling to the Reunion	
Car Plane Train	Do you have any Dietary issues Yes No
Do you have any Accessibility Issues Yes No	Dietary Issue :
Cane: Walker : Cart : Wheel Chair :	Other : Gluten Free Vegan
Taxis / Airport Shuttles -\$15.00 p.p. minimum shared ride	CHS Airport 15 minutes from Hotel

***TOUR TWO OPTIONS * MUST HAVE 35 TO DO BUS TOURS ***

***TOUR ONE** *Patriots Point –Lunch aboard the USS YORKTOWN & tour USS HUNLEY
 We will be car pooling to keep the cost down-We need approx.10 volunteer Drivers \$6-parking

Tour One: Adults under 62 & children over 12	Cost : \$ 57.00 p.p. X =
Tour One : Seniors 62 & over	Cost : \$ 53.00 p.p. X =
With Tin Can Sailor Membership 2021 Card	Cost : \$ 33.00 p.p. X =
Tour Two: Magnolia Plantation- Historic City Market	Lunch on your own Cost : \$ 54.00 p.p. X =
Membership Dues 2021 - If not paid add \$20.00	Members ONLY ADD \$20
Due paid up members	Registration Fee: Members ADD \$ 15.00
NON Members	Registration Fee: NON Members ADD \$ 25.00
Welcome Aboard Buffet:	Cost : \$ 32.00 p. p X =

Banquet Plated Dinner : Choose One: Below

Cost : \$ 40.00 p. p X =

Breast of Chicken Francaise ☐

Broiled Filet of Flounder ☐

Total :

EACH HOTEL ROOM BOOKED WILL PAY A Members \$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE
EACH HOTEL ROOM BOOKED WILL PAY A Non Members \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE

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BY JAN. 1, 2021
FOR YEAR 2021

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Chaplain:

It's been an unbelievable year for most of us, dealing with the pandemic, not having a reunion, and losing too many of our shipmates. I hope if you know any deceased or sick shipmates that you'll reach out to me or John Pinto with some details, so we can call and/or pray for them and their families. I've been having some breathing problems, but I keep at it and still feel strong. Swimming and water aerobics at the YMCA most weekdays really helps. I also have a small garden I tend, and I grow herbs and pineapple. I pray we have a 2021 Reunion in Charleston, and that all of you can attend. Don't forget to send in your 2021 annual dues to John Pinto. You can reach me at mandcfarrens@gmail.com, or write me at 4 Ocean Side Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176.

May God bless you all.
Michael K. Farrens, Chaplain



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