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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Shipmates & Powerful Ladies..... We have just completed a year where the entire world was at war with an enemy that could not be seen but killer of many. Even though we may be getting closer to an end we should not be complacent. We must continue to wear our masks and keep our distance. Our reunion in South Carolina also known as the Palmetto for the palm trees that are native to the Southern states and can live for 200 to 300 years. Our Charleston reunion is coming up very soon and fortunately today March 13th. Mary Lou and I received our vaccination. I don't know about you but I'm ready to get out & get back together with shipmates, families and friends. We can still make this a successful reunion so I am asking all members if you have received your vaccine and are able to attend I'm sure it will be a great time! Stay safe, stay strong and carry on!

Our first night there at the "Welcome Aboard" dinner
SPORTS THEME attire night. Please wear your favorite team colors, shirts or jerseys. Go team go !!!

President, Ed Chartrand Jr.
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U.S. NAVY.....NO SELF BUT COUNTRY



2020 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

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2019 *23rd REUNION*
ST LOUIS, MO.

Photos of Event:

THE GATEWAY ARCH TOUR





**FROM THE DESK OF THE
SECRETARY
Robert Pulaski**



Shipmates, Family, Friends & Guest Shipmates:

Easter has come & gone and I hope it was a joyous time for family & friends. Now our 25th reunion is next on our schedule. As of now we have a total of 37 paid up to attending which will be our smallest in many years. We are seeing fewer family & friends who are attending. John Pinto has put together a great program for us, and it should be an enjoyable time for all. I have seen a drop in Shipmates names in attendance & you men need to recruit new members. Welcome Aboard. Until May – Please stay healthy, travel safely.

Fair Winds & Calm Seas.
Bob Pulaski

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

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USS POWERFUL LADIES.....

Our reunion is scheduled for May 24th. thru May 28th, 2021 in Charleston, S.C. will be our 24th. reunion. We have been able to make 18 reunions and hope to be there in Charleston. I know we will have a good time with the tours that John & Kay have set up. Also good Southern cuisine and great fun. Still want to do BINGO @ our Welcome Aboard party. If you want to donate a door prize please bring it to our last nights dinner and we will have a raffle with all money going to the USS Power Association. Hope to see all who can make the trip. We have been cold up north as we did not go to Florida for the winter and look forward to warmth and Southern hospitality.

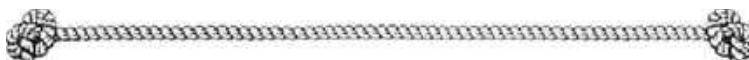
Mary Lou Chartrand, chairwomen

QUOTE..... We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. American proverb





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates & Guest:

We are all dealing with this pandemic the Covid-19 virus in different ways, most have received the vaccine first or second dose and some unfortunately are still waiting. It has been a year of uncertain events in our lives and we will get through this. Soon the weather will warm up the flowers will bloom the snow will disappear and life will go back to normal. Our reunion is coming up very quickly just one month away and now is the time to make your plans. If you decide to attend the reunion you have until the 24th of April to make your room reservation and have your function form & check in to me. I know everyone wants to attend and has different feelings about attending. It is your choice. Kay & I have received the two vaccines and I felt comfortable about going to New York for Easter and seeing family and having my son and family and friend attend the reunion in May. The Town & Country Inn & Suites Hotel is doing everything it can to keep us all safe and follow the CDC guidelines Americans fully vaccinated against Covid-19, freeing them to take some liberties that the unvaccinated should not, including gathering indoors in small groups without precautions while still adhering to masking and distancing in public spaces. Guests will be presented with "Complimentary Breakfast Vouchers" for either one or two persons when they check into the Hotel. They will simply present the Voucher each morning for their complimentary breakfast. We will not be limiting your Guests to certain items on the menu so they can make their own choice of the complete breakfast menu. Staff wear 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. The Welcome Aboard dinner will be held in the Trotter restaurant the theme is **"SPORTS"** so bring your jersey. After the Sword Cutting Ceremony we will move into the hospitality room for Bingo-snacks & drinks. At the Banquet we will not have the American Legion Honor Guard to slow reunion participation and they are only doing Funerals. We will set up and hold our own, and do the best we can and all will be honored. We will be raffling items at the Banquet Dinner and Jim will be selling tickets for share the wealth so bring an item of small or big to raffle off. We will be voting for the Executive Board Member and 2022 & 2023 reunion location. I have been to Jacksonville, FL. on my way back home from New York during Easter. I did a site visit of the Doubletree Riverfront on the river. It is a military friendly hotel and I strongly recommend it for our reunion in 2022. The price is right and it is time to book before the cost of rooms go up. All reunion association are doing their contracts now. Now is the time to stand with the Power association and attend this reunion, we need your vote. Right now we have 13 shipmates attending the Charleston reunion, hopefully we will get a few more and will have a quorum of 15 to hold a vote or we will need to change the ruling under the Constitution. An other option is to contact other shipmates who are due paid up and in good standings to cast their vote by way of Face time, virtual, BY PHONE,—IPAD OR LAPTOP COMPUTER. Any shipmate who cannot attend the reunion and is a due paid up member and has a face book account and can face time, please contact me to set up your vote at the Membership meeting Wednesday May 26-between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Thank you all for participating, it is greatly appreciated.

Article IX. Special Power by the Executive Board members

1. The executive committee shall be empowered to take such action, as they consider desirable in any circumstances not covered by this constitution. Such action is to be reported at the general meeting for ratification.



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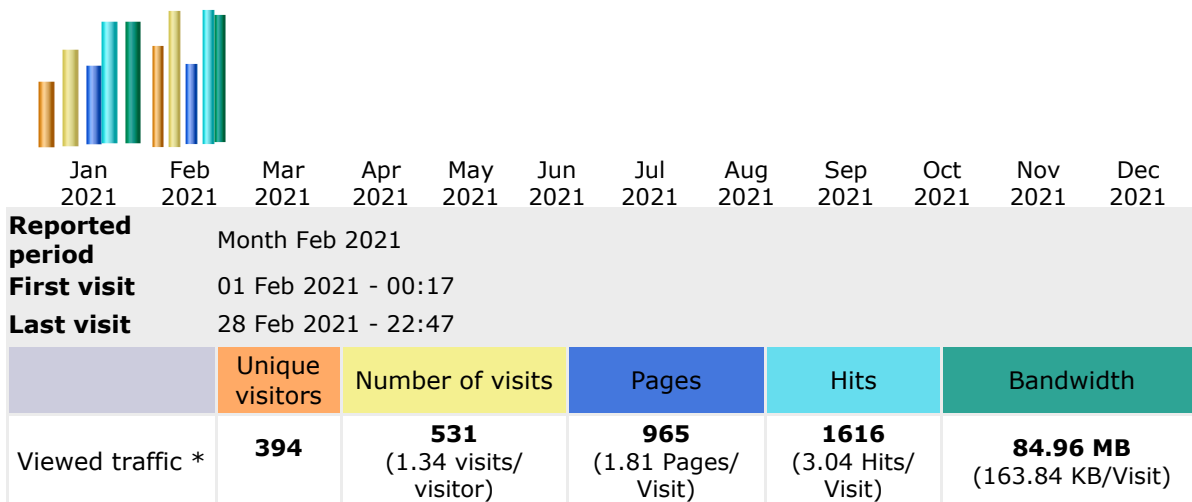


USS Power DD-839 Website
<http://www.usspowerdd839.org>

Webmaster Bill Kirsch

Website Update for APRIL 2021

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.



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 links for [Project Shad 1962-1973](#), [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). You may be eligible for 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, [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; pictures of your time onboard are always welcome. 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.

A note From the Webmaster:

This coming May of 2021, the hosting website contract for USS Powerdd839.org will expire. The Executive committee has decided to extend this Website for another year, and I will stay on as Webmaster until April 2022 in May 2022 USSPowerdd839. org will go dark unless there is another member interested in the Webmaster position; if there is an interest to be the Webmaster, please contact me through the website contact form. Thank You.

Treasurer Report

The balance for the checking account is **\$5,748**. Not much activity for the ships store this past year. will have hats, coins, and shirts at the reunion. Hoping all has a nice spring and makes it to the reunion in May.
 Stay safe and healthy.

Jim

STOREKEEPER & TREASURER REPORT
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LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE ! GO TO:
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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Shipmates,

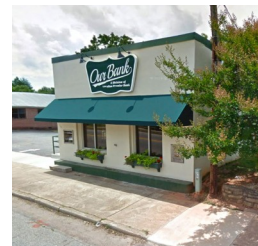
I see the light. The light at the end of the tunnel that is.

We have both, Julia and I had our shots and I would assume most, if not all of you have also. This is not only a good thing physically but also mentally. Here in South Carolina things seem to be quite normal other than the continuing of wearing masks, Speaking of which I think that the Charleston Reunion will be quite nice. John and Kay have great tours on the schedule and it will be great to see all of our shipmates after that depressing hiatus.

All looks well, See you in Charleston, S.C.

John Goricki
SR. V.P.

South Carolina Quiet Living

**JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Dear Shipmates, I hope you are staying safe from this pandemic because I care about your well-being and look forward to seeing you soon at our reunion. Our reunion is right around the corner and my girlfriend Mary and I are really excited to travel to Charleston and visit with you all.

Safe travels!
Michael K. Farrens

We Will Be Honoring Our Fallen Shipmates

Frank H. Batz Deceased April 16, 2010

Paul D. House Deceased July 22, 2012

Martin B. Daenzer Deceased December 14, 2014

Roger K. Wadsworth Deceased August 28, 2019

Harry Bernie Classon Deceased January 27, 2020

John Land Weaver Jr. Deceased February 16, 2020

William Bill Barker Deceased March 14, 2020

U.S.S. Remey DD 688

Ken Denning Deceased March 26, 2020

USS SHANNON DM-25

Bill Giacalone Deceased



Room Block booking cut off date
April 24, 2021

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 ***

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 33 TO DO BUS TOURS ***

Option is to car pool or cancel tour and do on your own

***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 Chicken Picatta <input type="checkbox"/> Veal Parm. <input type="checkbox"/> Filet of Salmon <input type="checkbox"/>	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:

We are less than 2 months away from seeing each other at our Reunion in Charleston SC. I pray that you are well enough to attend, and I look forward to seeing you all. Bill Barker's family is having a Celebration of Life in Gainesville, FL, April 12 at 2pm at Calvary Chapel, at 5510 Southwest 62nd Avenue Gainesville Florida. If you wish to attend please rsvp to his daughter at lauriebarkercopeland@gmail.com. As always, 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.

You can reach me at mandcfarrens@gmail.com ,
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May God bless you all.
Michael K. Farrens, Chaplain

