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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Shipmates and Powerful Ladies..... Once again, we had another great reunion in Charleston, S.C. A fun time being together with shipmates, families, and friends. As always thanks to John and Kay Pinto for all the hard work and planning that goes into what makes our reunion so great. The service and servers at the restaurant was good as well as the food. Even though the weather was hot and humid, it did not take anything away from the tours. Patriot's Point a Naval and Maritime Museum was very informative. Touring the USS Yorktown took a lot of walking and climbing ladders but well worth it. Standing on the flight deck was awesome and the "Vietnam Experience" was very moving and an eye opening experience. Pete Aguilar and Marvin Gannon performed the cake cutting ceremony. Thanks to all who participated in the two bell ceremony John Pinto, John Goricki, Mike Farrens, Arrie Goodwin and myself. The reading of our departed shipmates and playing of taps at the end is always very moving. A big thank you to our Powerful Ladies for serenading us with their rendition of "Somewhere beyond the Sea." It's not too early to start thinking about our next reunion in 2022 to Jacksonville, Florida.

President, Ed Chartrand
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USS POWER HISTORY



Welcome Aboard,

Naval history is full of significant and interesting events. This brief history of what has transpired in the past and relate them to how these events have shaped the U.S. Navy today. USS Power (DD 839), a Gearing-class destroyer was launched on 30 June 1945 by the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine; and commissioned on 13 September 1945 at Boston. She was the first Navy ship named for First Lieutenant John V. Power, USMC (1918–1944), who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Battle of Kwajalein. USS Power served her country for 32 years and 18 days of active, until decommissioned on 1 October 1977.



Photo # 1



Photo # 2



Photo # 3

Photo: #1-The Power during the Summer of 1954 on a Mediterranean Cruise and she made a port call at Venice, Italy.

Photo: # 2-Mediterranean Sea, August 1967

Photo: # 3-Nelson, NZ, October 7 1969.



Photo # 4



Photo # 5



Photo # 6

Photo: # 4-In Genoa November 7 1971.

Photo: # 5-New York April 1975.

Photo: # 6-Refueling from USS Midway CVB-41-1947

Reported By Mike Farrens

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Besides, on this day:

1815 - In the last naval action of the War of 1812, the sloop of war, USS Peacock, commanded by Capt. Lewis Warrington, comes across the British cruiser HMS Nautilus in the Straits of Sunda. The cruiser's crew informed Capt. Warrington of the Treaty of Ghent. Suspicious, he wants Nautilus to strike colors. Refusing to do so, Peacock broadsides her, killing or wounding 15. Boarding the vessel, Capt. Warrington discovers the treaty is true and releases HMS Nautilus and repairs the Ship.

1942- USS Plunger (SS 179) sinks Japanese freighter No.5 Unkai Maru off the China coast near Shanghai.

1943-In Operation Toenails, Task Force 31, commanded by Rear Adm. Richmond K. Turner, lands the New Georgian Occupation Force, consisting of the U.S. Army's 172nd Infantry, 43rd Division on Rendova Island. Task Force 31 is supported by land-based aircraft and destroyer gunfire. The troops land without opposition.

1945 -USS Baya (SS 318) and USS Capitaine (SS 336) attack the Japanese Makassar to Surabaya convoy MASU 705 and engage escorting submarine (Ch 5) and later sink cargo vessel Bandai Maru.

1951 - A group of stranded Japanese soldiers who refuse to believe World War II ended in 1945, surrender to Lt. Cmdr. James B. Johnson, USS Cocopa (ATF 101) on Anatahan Island in the northern Marianas.

USS POWER DD 839

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USS Power Ladies Auxiliary..... Once again we had a great reunion trip lined up with John & Kay Pinto's guidance. The trip to Charleston was fun informative and a chance to reconnect with shipmates and friends. Good to see all the sports teams from around the country at the Welcome Aboard dinner. One of our tours was the submarine Hunley which was lost for more than a century. It was raised in the year 2000 and Charleston had a ceremony to bury the crew of 7 men. Another good trip was to the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens est. 1676. There was a peacock named Herbert walking around and liked to show off his extended feathers. I got a great picture of the peacock and shipmates.

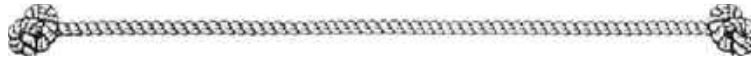
Bingo was held every night with all monies going back to the players. Our 50/ 25/ 25 raffle was divided with half going to the USS Power Assoc. and the other half divided between John Pinto Jr. and Nancy Barras. Nancy was gracious to give her share back to the Assoc. Thank you Nancy. I free room lottery went to Jill Killorin and Janelle Bradley. Thank you to all who donated door prizes. Next's years "Welcome Aboard" dinner theme is Hawaiian. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, hula skirt and coconut bra.

Our Wall of Honor is growing but we still need your photo. Hope to see more shipmates and wives next year in Jacksonville, FL.

Mary Lou Chartrand, Chairwomen
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Welcome Shipmates Guest & Family Members:

I want to thank all who attending the Charleston, South Carolina reunion and for helping out to make it a successful reunion. We all needed to get away from the confinement that has taken over us for 15 months. I hope you all had a great time and went home with no issues. Some had issues with the room service but we worked around it. I did send a letter to the manager of the hotel expressing our feelings of the service paid for and not received being the room price and no service. This is starting to become the norm. In order to keep our association afloat each and everyone has to pitch in and do their part to contact a shipmate, bring a family member or friend to the reunion and make a vacation out of it. If you have any ideas of tours to do or entertainment for our Banquet we invite you to bring it up. We will look at it for future reunions and ladies your input is welcomed also. Our reunion Jacksonville, Florida is set for May 12-16, 2022, all tours and events have been posted on both websites along with the Plan of the Day. We are open to new ideas like pizza party & Movie night suggested by Marylou our entertainment Director. If anyone can duplicate the St. Louis Banquet entertainment I will be glad to set it up. Right now the thinking is to run two or three one night room raffle for \$119.00 each. Let me know what you think. We can have some music to listen to or dance which I can set up. Inflation is taking over and the price of everything is going up and we will have to pay more for us to live. I started booking the reunion locations two years in advance for that reason to get the best price now before the rates go up any higher. I guess you have seen the gas & food prices increase every day and new appliances you have to wait months to get delivered and installed. The country is changing no one wants to work any more and to get something serviced they charge you thru the nose. We can not get discourage get out be safe and be aware of your surroundings. Send me any ideas you may have on the reunion set up and if any changes you would like to see. Should we continue to have reunions each year, should they be held four nights with tours and a Welcome Aboard & Banquet. I will continue to work the best deals for the membership on room rates & tours.

USS Power DD 839 (Reunion in Review)

Reunion held in Charleston SC.

May 24-28, 2021

Town & Country Inn & Suites

Chaired by John Pinto

36 Attended with 15 Shipmates of USS Power in Attendance.

USS Power DD 839 24th Reunion; It was great to see my shipmates able to attend the reunion during these times of restrictions from the COVID-19 Virus. The Town & Country Inn & Suites did the best it could with the conditions and things got better each day. After checking in we got notice of room restrictions, it was not much of a problem for most. We started with our Welcome Aboard in the Trotters restaurant with a plated meal, followed by our Sword Cutting Ceremony. Our shipmates this year first to come aboard in 1960 Pete Aguilar senior. Marvin Cannon last to come aboard in 1972 Junior. We had Bingo in the Hospitality room held by Marylou. Breakfast the next morning was great, then we car pooled to Patriots Point & lunch aboard the USS Yorktown & tour the USS Hunley Museum. The next day we motor coach to Magnolia Gardens & downtown Historic district & had lunch. We returned to the hotel and had our membership meeting with a quorum and voted on our **2022 Jacksonville, Fl. May 12-16, 2022** reunion & 2023 Colorado Springs reunion. Our new Executive Board members voted on President John Goricki & Jr. VP Harry Daub to take effect Jan. 1, 2022. Our Banquet Dinner & Two Bell Ceremony held on Thursday.

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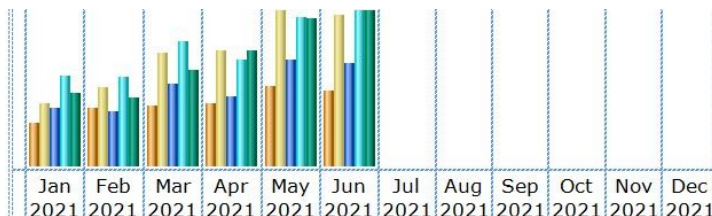
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Webmaster Bill Kirsch

Website Update for August 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.



Reported period Month Jun 2021

First visit 01 Jun 2021 - 01:53

Last visit 30 Jun 2021 - 23:31

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	505	1017 (2.01 visits/visitor)	1852 (1.82 Pages/Visit)	2801 (2.75 Hits/Visit)	193.60 MB (194.93 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 links for [Project Shad 1962-1973](#), [Mesothelioma](#), and [Agent Orange](#); 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 material that may benefit 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 133 members on the public group site. Check out both sites. Remember, you are free to post on the Facebook page any subject matter related to the USS Power at any time; pictures of your time onboard are always welcome.

A note from the Webmaster:

Shipmates, did you know that you do not have to be an Amazon Prime member to use smile.amazon.com? You can help your favored charity as a consumer by using a smile! Amazon donates 0.5 % at no cost to you. Please check it out; go to smile.amazon.com to find out more information. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is listed as well as other well-deserving charities.

Fun fact Jacksonville is the most populous city in Florida and is the largest by area in the contiguous United States as of 2020. Plan your trip to the 2022 25th Power Reunion; there is plenty to see during your off day on Sunday, your free day of the reunion. From Excellent Restaurants and Golf Courses to Museums, Boat Tours to Plantation Houses, all within the vicinity of the Hilton Double Tree Riverfront Hotel. Save the date; the May 12-16, 2022 reunion will be coming up faster than you think. For more information, go to the website usspowerdd839.org and click on the menu tab 2022 Reunion.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer & Storekeeper Report

Checking account BAL is **\$6400.00** at present time. All expenses have been paid for Charleston reunion. A new supply of blue hats is now in stock. May all shipmates have a good summer and try to stay cool.

STOREKEEPER & TREASURER REPORT
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LOT'S OF ITEMS FOR SALE ! Go To: WWW.USSPOWERDD839.ORG
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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Shipmates,

Here we are, halfway through 2021 and we are well on our way to normalcy. I would guess that most of us had a happy and patriotic Fourth of July, as much as we were allowed to. Now that it seems that the Wuhan virus is behind us we can plan on more gatherings, cookouts, trips, cruises, etc. Its a veritable New Dawn and the only reference to the Wuhan virus that I want to hear is how much they must pay for it. Speaking of trips, we all have a great one coming up sooner than we realize. A trip to Jacksonville, Fl., in May 2022. I know we are all looking forward to that. I hope that you all have a nice Summer. See you soon. By the way, lets have a mild and uneventful hurricane season.

John Goricki
Sr. V.P.



A Week in Greece: Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

An American Experience

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Shipmates:



The next reunion will be our 25th! I have missed a few over the years, but have attended most of them, and I am looking forward to seeing you all again next time in Jacksonville, Florida on May 12-16, 2022. I came aboard the USS Power in September 1961 and stayed until September 1963. We had our 1st reunion in Charleston SC, and our 24th just 2 months ago this year. It was great seeing everyone, and we had fun trips to the Gardens and old homes, plus a visit to the Hunley, a Civil War Submarine, which was very interesting. I brought my lady friend Mary, and she made friends with the ladies. I wasn't sure I could make that 6-hour drive, but I did fine and I was grateful. I hope to see you all the next time around!

Sincerely, Michael Farrens,
Jr. Vice President,
USS Power DD 839

Room Block booking cut off date
April 20, 2022

Reunion 2022* Jacksonville, FL.*
Doubletree Riverfront
1201 Riverplace Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL.
1-904-396-8873

May 12-16, 2022
4- Nights
Thurs to Mon.-c/o

***PLEASE FILL OUT FORM & RETURN BY FEB. 12, 2022 ***

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 2022 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

Cane: Walker : Cart : Wheel Chair :

Dietary Issue :

Other : Gluten Free

Vegan

Welcome Aboard: Choice of One

Chicken Parmesan
Pasta Primavera
Tilapia
Vegan/Vegetarian

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Banquet Dinner : Choice of One

Chicken Marsala
Blackened Tilapia
Pork Tenderloin
Roast Sirloin of Beef
Vegetarian/Vegan Option

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Tour One: Mayport Naval Station 9:00 am to 4:30 pm	Lunch included Cost : \$67.00 p.p. X =
Friday : May 13, 2022	
Tour Two: St. Augustine Historic sights 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Lunch on your own Cost : \$50.00 P.P X =
Saturday: May 14, 2022	
Membership Dues 2022 - If not paid add \$20.00	Members ONLY ADD \$20.00 dues
MEMBERS	Registration Fee: Members ADD \$ 15.00
NON Members	Registration Fee: NON Members ADD \$ 25.00
Welcome Aboard	Cost : \$35.00 p. p X =
Banquet Plated Dinner	Cost : \$45.00 p. p X =
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, 2022
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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



CHAPLAIN:

Dear Shipmates: As your Chaplain, please know that I'm here for you, anytime, to talk and pray about anything you're going through. I'm turning 80 this year in October. I have the aging hurdles, but I keep doing water aerobics and I'm working on losing some pounds. I was actually born in Jacksonville in October of 1941, and I plan on going to Jacksonville for our 25th reunion next May 12-16, 2022, and I hope you will plan on being there too, and bring your family! It's always a great time to see friends, old and new. We will do the Two-bell ceremony to honor those who have passed away in the last year. Stay well and let me know if you need prayer.

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

