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DD-839
★ GEARING CLASS DESTROYER ★

30TH REUNION
PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE
★ MAY 24 - 28, 2027 ★

SPRING HILL SUITES
120 Christmas Tree Lane Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
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★ HONORING OUR SERVICE, OUR SHIP
AND THE BONDS THAT LAST A LIFETIME. ★
ONCE A SHIPMATE ★ ALWAYS A SHIPMATE



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2024 USS POWER DD 839 OFFICERS

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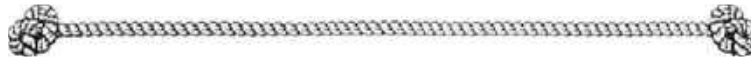
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The reunion will be held from May 24 – 28 2027 at the Spring Hill Suites Pigeon Forge, TN. To RSVP and for more information please contact John Pinto jpinto839@gmail.com

Dear Shipmates and Friends

It is time once again to come together, reconnect, and celebrate the friendships and memories that make our group so special. We warmly invite every member to attend our next reunion and help make this gathering a meaningful and memorable occasion. Whether you have attended every reunion or have not been able to join us for some time, your presence matters. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new members, share stories, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen the bonds that keep us connected. Please make plans to attend our reunion that will not be complete without you. Please mark your calendar, spread the word to fellow members, and let us know if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there and making new memories together.

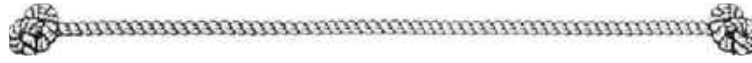
Sincerely,

President
Harry Daub



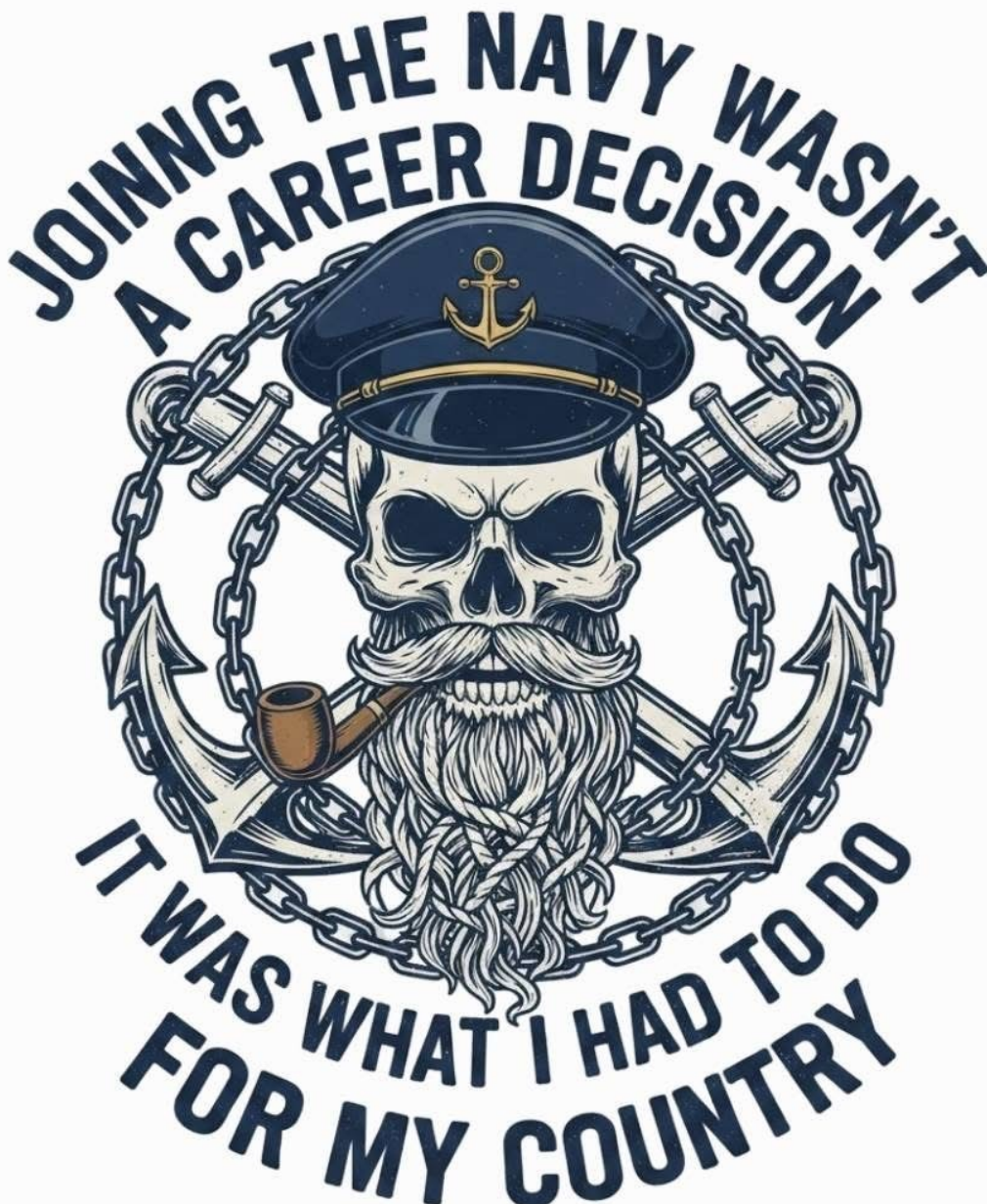


JR. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



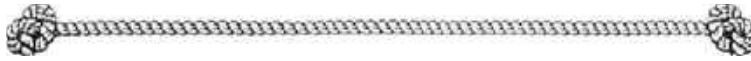
We are having less and less people attend each year. I want to reach out to my friends that were on the ship from 72/75 to make sure you attend this next years reunion. It will be in Tennessee, hope to see everyone there.

Marv Cannon Wild Turkey
Jr. Vice President





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



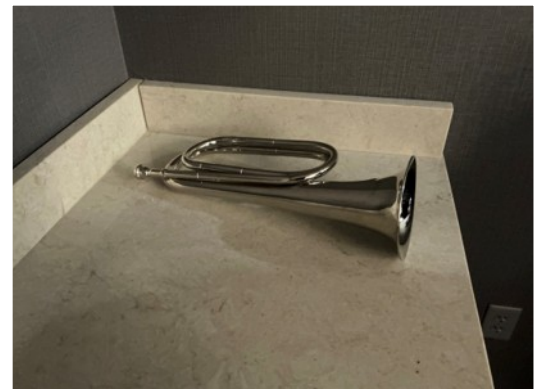
Welcome Shipmates, Guest & Family Members.

Our reunion in Rhode Island was a small one with 17 total shipmates and guest attending. We did not have a quorum. We could not vote at the membership meeting. We held a general meeting with the ladies auxiliary in attendance and they were involved in the discussion. We will be holding elections at the 2027 reunion Pigeon Forge, TN. On Wednesday May 26, 2027 at our membership meeting. We will need 10 shipmates to change the quorum to 50+1 of present shipmates, which will be six shipmates present. Then we will be voting on Executive board members. The nominating committee John Pinto, Ed Chartrand & Harry Daub will look for shipmates in good standing; dues paid and attend reunions to step forward. Any member from the floor can be a candidate. Elected Officers open Senior VP & Junior VP & President. Secretary, Treasurer, & Chairman are willing to stay in position. If you have not paid your 2026, dues you can send in \$30.00 for paid up 2026 & 2027 up to December 2027. With paid up dues we might be able to go back to mail out newsletter again in December. Check the Power website www.usspowerdd839.com and print out the New Membership Form & with your check send it to my address on bottom of form. I am working on the 2027 reunion and gathering ideas for tours and functions in Pigeon Forge, there is a lot to do and some of the shows and tour you might have to be done on your own. We will leave one day for you to do that so do your research. It is easy to get around although traffic can be a problem, leaving early & keeping of main roads helps. The trolley is a good way to get around and not too expensive. I will update the website soon. The hotel does not have a restaurant so we will be catering in for our Welcome Aboard & I am working on which dinner show to do for our Banquet. We will hold our Sword Cutting ceremony & Two Bell Ceremony in the hospitality room. Any questions or recommendations on tours or anything you can email me at jpinto839@gmail.com We have a new Bell donated to the Association by Tom Turner and I will bring it to the reunion. Ed Chartrand get ready to bring the Bugle. Keep in mind all your shipmate that have passed on and the ones that are hit with sickness. Keep them in your prayers.



Have a Great Summer
Stay well & be safe
See you in
Pigeon Forge, TN.

John & Kay Pinto



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NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

ADDRESS UPDATE

Shipmates Name:

Address:

Phone #

E-mail :

Spouse; Name

Guest Attending

Time Served Aboard: From month day year

Rate While Aboard

Pay Grade

Will you be attending the Reunion Yes No

Will you be staying at the Host Hotel Yes No

How will you be traveling to the Reunion

FREE USS POWER CAP FOR NEW SIGN UPS WITH A REUNION BOOKING

Car Plane Train

Do you have any Dietary issues Yes No

Do you have any Handicap Issues Yes No

Dietary Issue:

Cane: Walker: Motorized Cart: Wheel Chair:

Other: Gluten Free Vegan

2027 Shipmates Reunion
SPRINGHILL SUITES
120 CHRISTMAS TREE LANE
PIGEON FORGE, TN. 37863
MAY 24-28, 2027

If you have not paid your 2026, dues you can send in \$30.00 for paid up 2026 & 2027 up to December 2027.

Dues are \$20.00 per year
Newsletter April August & December
EMAIL OUT & POSTED ON WEBSITE

Make out Check to USS POWER DD 839 ASSOC.

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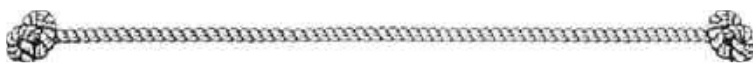
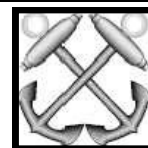
DUES R DUE

First of each year

Dec 31 to Dec 31



USS POWERFUL LADIES REPORT



USS POWERFUL LADIES & USS POWER SHIPMATES..... Even though we had a small group for the Warwick reunion it was intimate and we really liked that we had our own for breakfast just for the Power group. We had to saddle up our buckaroos for our "Welcome Aboard" dinner and cake cutting ceremony. We thought the hotel that Eric Barnes choose was very accommodating, good food and friendly staff. We had some great tours to Battleship Cove on Mt. Hope Bay which is the world's largest collection of historic Naval ships plus the P.T. Boat Museum. We saw the Battleship USS Massachusetts who went through 35 battles in World War II and never lost a man in combat. Also saw the attack Submarine Lionfish. The P.T. 59 pound for pound these fleet wooden water craft were the most- heavily armed surface combatants of World War II. We saw a Vietnam Helicopter UH-1 "Huey" Iroquois and AH-1 Huey Cobra. We also saw and boarded the destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. We had a good time in our Hospitality room playing Bingo and a dice game for 3 nights along with our pizza party. Had a great seafood lunch at Harry's Place thanks to John & Kay Pinto. At our 2 bell ceremony we had a solemn ceremony for our departed shipmates and especially Ed Saker, Arrie Goodwin and Al Gerace. Ed Chartrand was our bugler playing Taps. After a great dinner Mike Farrens serenaded us with his wonderful voice singing Greenfields and What do you do with a drunken Sailor? Support your local

Am. Legions and V.F.W'S. Happy Birthday to the United States and the U.S. Navy
Chairwomen Mary Lou Chartrand
edandlou27@sbcglobal.net

Dates To Remember

Aug. 4 - U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

Sept. 11 - Patriot Day

Sept. 18 - National POW/ Mia Recognition Day

Sept. 18 - U.S. Air Force birthday

Sept. 27 - Gold Star Mother's Day

Oct. 13 -U.S. Navy birthday

Nov. 10 - U.S. Marine Corps birthday

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the beauty of summer - for golden mornings, gentle rain, green fields, and evenings filled with peace. Help us slow down, notice Your goodness, and cherish time with those we love.

Refresh our hearts as You renew the earth. Give rest to the weary, comfort to the lonely, and hope to anyone facing a difficult season. Guide our steps, protect us in our travels, and teach us to share Your kindness wherever we go.

May this summer be filled with gratitude, joy, and a deeper awareness of Your presence.

In unity, we offer this prayer: Amen.

M. Dean Seals, Chaplin
USS Power DD-839 Association