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What a Reunion it Was



HOME IS THE SAILOR FROM THE SEA

Roster of deceased shipmates. Paying our respects

Most recent additions are in <u>CAPS</u>, <u>Italics</u>, <u>Bold Print and Underlined</u>

"Sailor Rest Your Oar"

May we ever be mindfrul of God's wisdom, forgiveness and love. Please keep our defenders of freedom safe.

Thank you Lord

Aber, Joseph G., Jr. ('49-'51)
Adam, Russell ('50-'52)
Allain, Charles ('50-'54)
Anderson, Marlan ('55-'59)
Arduini, Al ('49-'52)
Bailey, Donald U. ('46)
Balf, Jim ('64-'66)
Bangert, Bill ('45-'50) Plank Owner
Barker, Donald ('49-'52)
Barnhart, Dwayne, ('56-'57)
Baughman, Arden ('55-'57) Capt.
Beck, Wally ('58-'59)
BERLYN, BARNEY ('51-'53)

Bess, James ('47-'50) Blackburn, Robert ('58-'61) Blackmore, Richard (68-'70) Borgo, Frank ('50-'54) Brazda, Charles ('58-'61)

Bouchard Robert ('54-'56) Brown, Robert N. ('57-'60) Brownlow, P.J. ('52-'54) *Capt*.

Budd, Terry ('63-'67) Butler, John '59-'61 Calvi, John ('61-'62)

Cappelletti, Fred ('47-'50) Carella, Anthony J. (Unknown) Carpenter, David G. ('48-'52)

Franklin "Allie" Carter ('58-'59) Case, Edward G. ('51-'53)

Ceravolo, Bud ('57-'59) Chessels, Larry W. ('68-'69)

Clair, John G. ('54-'55)

Clippard, James E. ('48-'49) Clark, Calvin ('51-'54)

Cline, Frederick ('46 -'47)

Coleman, Yuell, Sr. (' -')

Connaire, John ('57-') Coogan, Richard ('69-'70) Capt.

Cooper, Richard ('48-'52)

Corbett, Bobby ('62-'65)

Costello, Joseph ('49-'51) Capt.

Craig, Barry ('65-'67) Craig, Thomas G. ('58-'59)

Craig, Thomas G. ('58-'59) Cramton, Phil ('54-')

Crawford, Cecil ('47-'54)

Crosby, Ed ('54-'55)

Cummings, Larry ('63-'66) Czapiewski, Ron ('62-'65)

Daniszewski, Anthony ('52-'54)

Davidsen, Art ('68-'70) Davidson, Dick ('59-'62)

Davidson, Dick ('59-'62) Davis, Chuck ('55-'57)

DelBarone, Albert ('59-'64) Delisle, James Jr. ('57-'59)

DeRycke,"Louie" ('53-'55)

Durand, Richard ('66-'68)

Durant, John ('55-'57)

Dzamko, Joe ('59-'61)

Eckland, Philip D. ('52-'53) Edwards, John. T. ('47-'50) Ekberg, Robert ('55-'57) Eva, Larry K. ('58-'62) Fedynyshyn, Joseph "Fedy" ('49-'52) Fennessy, Eamon T. (mid 50s)

Fetter, John ('49-'52) Fitzgerald, William (' - ') Flannery, Robert ('51-'54)

Flynn, Robert. E., Sr. (57-'60) Forth, Delmer ('57-'60)

Fox, Hervey Ray ('52-'56) Fretty, Richard ('54)

Garabedian, Varoujan ('54-'55) Garavano, David P. ('63-'67)

Glaser, Wm. P. Cant.

Glaser, Wm. R. Capt. ('65-'66)

Green, Frank ('53-'57)

Griffin, Gordon ('? -'?) Chaplaín Grippo, Frank M. ('48-'52)

Groves, Herman ('50-'53)

Gunn, John ??

Hall, Lewis S.,Sr. ('50-'52) Hamilton, Kenneth ('68-'68) Hardagree, John ('60-'63)

Hartz, Weldon ('53-'54) Hashem, Fred "Lucky"

('46-'49) *Plank Owner* Hazel, Lee ('46-??)

Henderson, Bill ('63-'66) Hendry, Jim ('54-'56)

Hesketts, Robert ('54-'56) Hester, Benny Lee ('54-'57)

Hickman, George C. ('46-'49) Plank Owner

Hilditch, Francis ('51-'53)

Hohler, "Reds" ('53-'56) Hott, Ralph (' -')

Huttman, Louis ('64-'66) Hyatt, Gerald ('46-'48)

IACOVO, FRED P. ('51-'54)

Ingallinese, John ('54-'56) Issa, Leo ('46-'47) Plank Owner

Jones, Floyd T. ('47-'49) Jones, Samuel ('67-'69) *Capt.* Jones, William E. ('50-'53)

Karvalas, James C. ('62-'64) Kelly, Gene T. ('46-'47) Plank Owner

Kennedy, Jim ('56-'59)

Kesselring, Mike ('56-'58) Kirk, Edward J. Plank Owner Klett, Larry ('51-'55)

Kopfer, Frank ('58-'50) Krupinski, Leon ('49-'53) Laird, Jack ('49-'53)

LaFrance, Edgar ('51-'54) Lavertu, Adrian ('65-'67)

Lawrence, Jim ('57-'61) Lehr, Charles W. ('62 -'66) Lindsay, Edward, Sr. ('66-'70) Litsch, Frederick ('58 -'60)

Lofler, Ted ('46-'47) Plank Owner

Loparco, John ('63-'65) Loudermilk, L.B. ('54-'55) *XO*

Lyons, Matthew '50-'52 Malarkey, Ray ('57-'61')

Malarkey, Ray (5/-61')
Malloy, Stephen J. (47-48)

Matarazzo, John ('63-'65) Markopoulos, Mike, K. ('56-'57)

McBrien, Adrian ('55-'57) McCreary, Frank ('54-'55)

McFarland, Orrin A. ('47-'49)

McGill, Jim ('54-'56) McGinnis, Larry ('65-'68)

McGirr, Morris ('46) McKinney, Bob ('53-'56)

McLeod, Norman (50-'52) McNamara, Charlie ('54-'56)

Merrill, Frank ('55-'59) Merservey, Edward ('49-'53)

Miller, Edward ('-')
Miller, Winston Y. ('-')

Moran, Bob ('58-'58) Morgan, Jimmy W. (DE-413-1943)

Morgan, William ('47-'50)

Mostek, Gerald ('46-'48) Muenkel, David ('49-'54)

Murphy, Edward C. ('64-'68) Murphy, Pleasant L ('59-'61) *Capt*.

Murray, Ron ('52-'55)

Murray, William ('62-'64) *Capt*. Napierala, Thomas ('60-'62)

Nelms, Dan ('64-'67) Nichols, Ronald J. ('54-'56)

Obenauer, Pete ('64-'67)
Ogilvie, Roger ('52-'54)

Ogilvie, Robert ('47-'52) Old, Robert ('47-'52)

O'Quinn, Herman ('53-'57) Palloni, Frederick, Jr. (' -')

Palmisano, Mickey ('52-'55) Pandorff, Robert ('50-'53)

Pappano, Anthony "Pappy" ('48-'52)

Park, Edward ('48-'54) Parker, Dewey J. ('48-'52) Parker, Maurice ('-') Paul, Robert ('62-'64) XO Petrylak, Joseph J. ('-') Pfeiffer, Joe ('57-'59)

Phifer, John ('50-'54) Pizzi, Al ('48-'52)

Powers, Ed ('57-'58) Prussack, George W. ('61-'64)

Rankowski, Charles ('64-'65) Capt. Ray, Robert R. ('46-'48) Plank Owner Regina, Joseph ('62)

Reilly, Paul ('55-'59) Rice, Edwin A.. ('-') Robinson, Alden F. (' -')

Robinson, Robert L. ('51-'53) Robinson, Steven C. ('56-'58)

Rosario, Norman ('-')

Ross, Charlie ('62 -'64) Ross, Frederick A. ('50-'54)

Ross, William ('50-'53) Rukin, Herbert J. ('61-'66)

Salva, Steve ('56-'57) Sarao, Joe ('55-'57)

Sarquiz, Joe (55-'57) Schadler, Frank ('52-'54)

Schaefer, Ed (' -') Schroeder, Carl ('53-'55)

Senk, Ralph ('54-'57) Senderovitz, Steve ('61-'64)

Shannon, Frank ('52-'54) Sheehan, Robert ('50-'54) Sheehan, Joe ('51-'55)

Sherry, Peter M. (Unknown) Shifton, Joseph ('48-'49)

Simmons, Fred S. Jr. '46-'56

Plank Owner Smoyer, Earl ('51-'53) Spratt, Tom ('60-'62) Spies, Charles J. ('53-'55)

Stanley, Bob ('50-'54) Stewart, Rod (XO) ('64-'65)

Sullivan, F.M. ('47-'52) Taylor, Lawrence K. ('48-'49) Capt.

Taylor, Thomas B. ('50-'52)

Totman, Deloris ('54-'55)

Turner, Carol Anton ('57-'59) Capt.

Turner, John ('62-'67)

(Past President Shipmates Assoc.) Tyminski, Bill ('51-'55)

Vascotto, Richard ('52-'55) Viertel, Otto ('52-'55) Villane, Jack ('52-'55)

Villanti, Dr. Anthony ('54-'56)

Virilli, Paul ('48-'52) Vogler, Edward Allan ('52-'54)

VonSee, Curtis B. ('57-'59) Vorhees, George ('46 - '50)

Wahl, Harvey G. ('47-'51) Ward, Ray, ('60-'62) *Capt*. Weist, Francis ('51-'55)

Wescott, Lonnie (51-'52) Wheeler, Fred ('58-'59)

Wheeler, Larry ('63-'65) White, Richard ('54-'56) Capt.

White, Robert ('46 - '50) Wigglesworth, Carl E. Jr. '66- '69

Williams, James G. ('48-'52) Wipperman, Bill (58-'61)

Woloszyn, Joseph ('48-'52) Wren, Bobby ('53-'56)

Zerbe, James A. ('53-'56)

From Our Current President

My final thoughts as President of the USS Samuel B Roberts (DD-823) Shipmates Association. You have been a great association and I thank you for your support over these four years, after all we are shipmates. I appreciate your kind words and I know we will all support Ken Giardina as he relieves the watch on January 1, 2020. I also want to thank Terry Haskins who will relieve Jim Norton as association secretary.

First, some special words of thanks – **Mike Cipolla -** a lighthouse of wisdom when needed. Should we do this? What about that? He has been a beacon for me.

Ken Giardina - Vice President and wordsmith – think of the wonderful poems and recitations about our ship and a sailor's life, his reunion coin designs.

Jim Norton - Reunion planner from the day our next venue is voted on – hotels, tours, dinners, cost, paraphernalia, gifts, name tags, bookmarks. Editor of our revered Scuttlebutt – setting deadlines, getting photos, copy and history, working with the printer, mailing. We all look forward to it and it's Jim's baby.

Kevin McKeown – Our treasurer since Gerald Hyatt threw his hands up and relinquished the dollars and cents in 1997 at Virginia Beach! Kevin has kept us close hauled all these years. He's been our own Master of the Mint, a post held by Sir Isaac Newton – you know, the math guy.

Tom Zwemke – Webmaster – If you like what you see online at the SBR website, thank Tom. I also have to thank him for getting me nominated at the 2015 DC reunion and retained in office at the 2017 Newport reunion. A special thanks goes to Tom for his work with the Navy Memorial and the SBR 823 plaque dedication at that Memorial.

Jim Cruce – Our old man of the sea – Emcee at the Memorial plaque dedication and all his invocations and benedictions at our reunion dinners and shipmate's memorials.

Carole Green – Minding the ships store all these many years. Two recent entries in the Scuttlebutt recounted tales of two of our illustrious shipmates coming to the end of their active duty tours, uniforms getting a little grungy, and trying to avoid spending good money on new uniforms before discharge. Carole will get you spiffed and suited up with a new ball cap and SBR polo shirt for your next reunion. Thanks, Carole.

I would also like to thank all the contributors to our quarterly Scuttlebutt during my four years – especially Don Eagle with his Bird Droppings. You may remember me mentioning Don's letters home during my remarks at the Navy Memorial. Also contributing – Mike, Jim, Ken, Tom, Kevin, some each quarter and a few once in awhile. I looked over the Scuttlebutts during my tenure and many other names added their personal touches – Capt. Martin Zenni, Bill Johnson, MMCM James Gangi, Charlie Fanara, Charles Fuller, Paul Chapman, Ed Kirko for a few. Also entries from those who passed – Capt. Ray Ward, Ralph Senk, Jim McGill.

We did have fun at Annapolis/Baltimore/DC. It went well. What great tours of Annapolis and Baltimore. Some shipmates brought family along. Accompanying Bill Gazar Sr. and Linda was their son, Sgt Major Bill Jr. (US Army-how'd that happen) and wife Rae Lynn, Charles Fuller had his son Thomas and grandson Ryan, and Jim Dunn was joined by sister Diane and her husband Tom Andris. Of course we were all glad to see Tony Sardinelli's SBR ship models back at the reunion. There were other new faces and old friends. Charlie Fuller claimed to be the oldest shipmate at the reunion but Jim Cruce - although not the oldest – had him beat by being the earliest shipmate assigned to SBR.

I was happy to have finally made it to the Naval Academy. What fun to see the Brigade march into "Mother Bancroft" for the noon meal. Too bad we couldn't have been there on Saturday to see the Middies beat the Air Force 34-25 but we did see Tecumseh shrouded but painted in anticipation of the game.

The event at the Navy Memorial could not have gone more smoothly thanks to Tom Z's planning and preps. Before my little speech which preceded Tom's great video of the Roberts, I was thinking this is a speaker's dream; friendly audience and great topic. But I followed Radm Frank Thorp, CEO of the Navy Memorial. In a few moments he covered so eloquently the history of the three ships bearing our Samuel B Roberts' name and the crews that manned those ships over the years. I wondered, "Did my speaker's dream just lose some steam?" But I had something to say about our Sammy B, DD-823, and it needed to be said. All engines ahead full!!

Finally at the banquet, we had a great talk by Captain Paul Rinn, CO of the SBR FFG-58 following our meal. We wrapped up with Ken Giardina's beautiful poem, A Sailor's Memories. Thanks again for your attention and for putting up with my meanderings. See y'all in Boston – 2021.

From Our Incoming President

Well shipmate, another year is coming to an end and with inclusion of the Roberts plaque at the Navy Memorial, it is one that will forever insure the legacy of the USS Samuel B Roberts DD-823.

A good time was had by all who attended this year's reunion in the Annapolis area with tours to the Baltimore harbor, Annapolis, and most unforgettable, the ship's dedication service at the US Naval Memorial in Washington D.C. Our appreciation and thanks goes out to all who put that wonderful program together.

In addition, our regular auction and business meeting was held. The auction, while smaller than in past years, was a resounding success. The election of new officers was held with yours truly being elected President (more about that later), Mike Cipolla being elected Vice President, Kevin McKeown, Treasurer, Jim Norton, Historian, Tom Zwemke, Web Manager, and new board member Terry Haskins elected Secretary. Also, as traditionally done, the site of our next 2021 reunion was selected. The destination will be Boston. Let's start giving thought and making it a point to plan on going.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jim Antenucci for his having served as our President over the last four years. I would also like to express my appreciation to all those who have put their trust in me to serve as the next President of the Association. I hope to do the job in a manner which meets the standards of this Association. During the course of the business meeting, under new business, some subjects were brought up that I feel should be presented to you, the membership, and I plan on mentioning them in the next issue of the "Butt" and will be seeking your input.

One item of importance that I would like to put to everyone at this time is the following. That while our reunion was a resounding success, attendance was sadly less than in the past. The attendance and our shrinking membership due to our aging was discussed at the meeting. As a result of this discussion, a few suggestions and ideas were put forth at the meeting and tabled for future discussion. While this issue of the "Butt" is not the right time to open this topic to the membership, I ask you to think about the overall problem of declining membership and be ready to voice your opinions when the topic is up for discussion.

One final note! There are still some 2019 reunion Challenge coins, which were received with much satisfaction, remaining for sale. If you wish to get one, the cost per coin is \$7.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. It should be brought to your attention that the cost of producing these coins was paid not out of general funds but from monies generated by the reunions. If you are interested, email me at giarkc@ptd.net and I will supply you the necessary information.

In ending this little note, it is hard to think that the holidays will soon be upon us. I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Ken

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Echoes

Boston has been selected as the venue for our 2021 reunion. It is an historic city both in terms of its importance to the country and to the navy. Costs may prohibit us from staying in the city but, if not, we will be close. Since Boston is in New England and a new location we can anticipate a good turnout.

I request that each of you who may consider attending email me with suggestions on activities, tours, and anything else you would like to be included in a Sammy B reunion. I also ask that you give thought to attending. We would love to see you there. Mark it on your calendar – Boston 2021. Send ideas to <u>jijo1944@comcast.net</u>



Bird Droppings Don Eagle

As I look out my window, the trees bow down as a gust of wind passes by. Welcome to California. Autumn 2019.

Normally, I write about ship-related memories, stories about Navy days, or saluting guys who were so much a part of SBR history. Today I'd like to depart from that and tell you what it's like out here on the left coast.

Heavy, gusty winds that approach 80 mph are combining with tinder-dry fields of grass to make it easy for fires to get started and to wipe out thousands of acres of California land. Combine that with the problems that our local electric company – PG&E is having with faulty equipment, power lines that snap and ignite brush fires, and a normal season of no rain until November. Last year we lost the entire town of Paradise, the previous year Santa Rosa was the victim of the worst fire in California history. In all, 85 people died in the Paradise fire. They are just now getting back into rebuilt homes in Santa Rosa.

Last night my son called from Santa Rosa, asking if they could come over to Sacramento in case of evacuation orders. They weren't in any immediate danger, but had taken the precaution of packaging up all their important papers in case they had to evacuate immediately. They would rather stay home as the highways were a mess, and with electricity turned off, traffic lights were not working, no TV, and you sit around in candlelight for a few days. Schools are closed because so many people have had to evacuate, and businesses are closed because of the lack of electricity. And of course there's the loss of income all the way around. It's not a good situation.

I know that the rest of the country has it's problems too, with hurricanes, tornadoes, heavy snowfalls, flooding, and the list goes on. But can you imagine what it would be like to have to evacuate your home and not know if it (or even your whole neighborhood) would still be there when you came back.

Where's all this going? Well, there'; s not anything you can do about it except grouse over past mismanagement of our power grid, the ineptitude of people responsible for management of public lands, and the acceptance of the vagaries of Mother Nature herself.

And now that I've gotten all that off my chest, I'd like to congratulate all of those who had a hand in making the recent reunion such a success. They did a bang-up job.

And it seems the announcements of members passing away seems to be getting ever more frequent. The latest note I got was about John Durant. I remember John's auction contributions at previous reunions, and how they just stood out as really special and well done. John was a personality larger than life, and his presence at future reunions will be sorely missed. This should also serve as a reminder to get in touch with some of your old shipmates, whom you haven't seen in years, even though you may find it difficult to get to any of the reunions. Our Association officers maintain a list of active shipmates, so if you want to find out about or get in touch with a long lost buddy, they may be able to help. Kevin McKeown keeps a list for dues purposes, Jim Norton has a list of Scuttlebutt recipients.

With that I guess it's time to think back on Christmases you spent in the Navy, and especially on board the SBR. Of the Christmas tree on the mess deck, of the snowfall in Boston, patrolling eastern harbors on Christmas eve, of getting to some kind of church service, of both the loneliness and the camaraderie you may have experienced. I especially remember the special Christmas menu that the mess cooks would prepare – from the nuts to the cigarettes, and everything in between. It was a special time. It was a special place, and we were part of it.

May your holidays be filled with good friends, good times, good memories, and the love of not only the season but always.



Don

Annapolis 2019







Dan Sarno



Larry Edwards & Tom Zwemke











John White

Bob Hunt

Ken Giardina & Kathy Reese

Norton regaling the membership







Mary McKeown – Joan & Jim Norton

Annapolis 2019



Our Guide – Francis Scott Key



Midshipmen Marching to Mess



Tom Grzybowski & Bus Driver Terri



Two Presidents



Bill Gazar Sr. & Jr.



Murph



Phil & Gerry Piccola



Capt. Paul Rinn



Jim & Pat Antenucci – Virginia & Jim Cruce

Onion Peelings

Hello fellow shipmates. I am sorry I missed the reunion in Annapolis/Baltimore/Washington, DC. Unfortunately we had a health breakdown that took priority. We managed to get half way to the venue but wound up having to turn around and head back home. Good news is that Linda, my wife, is making great strides in getting healthy again. Linda would like to thank everyone for their concern and well wishes. Next time we see you she can personally thank you.

I understand the dedication of the 823 was a memorable occasion and wish I could have been there. Thanks to Jim, Jim, Kevin, Ken and Tom for all they do for the Association. And of course all the support from the ladies who make the reunions special. Thank you Captain Paul Rinn for honoring us with your presence in representing the FFG58. What an honor for the Sammy B to be enshrined in the Navy Memorial.

Congratulations to our new president Ken Giardina and secretary Terry Haskins. Appreciation to Jim A. and Ken G. for their contributions to the Association during this time.

This Scuttlebutt will probably miss Thanksgiving day but will be on time for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Linda and I want to thank everyone yet again. Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Mike



From our Webmaster - Tom Zwemke



Murphy Demonstrating Newest Technology for Gazar Family

Annapolis 2019







Charlie & Kathy Titterton – Phil & Gerry Piccola Rae Lynn & Bill Gazar Jr. - Bill & Linda Gazar Don Isherwood, Bob Hunt, Dan Sarno, Alex Blair



Misters Sells, Peters, Weinthal, Grzybowski



Charlie Fuller, Ryan Fuller, Thomas Fuller



Betty & Tony Sardanelli



Terry & Linda Haskins/Vicky & Phil Semenhuk



Elleen Keplinger - Margaret & Bob Craven



Jim & Virginia Cruce/Jim Dunn/Diana & Tom Andris



Colonel Chris Quale - Kevin McKeown



Kevin & Admiral Bull Halsey

Business Meeting USS Samuel B Roberts (DD-823) Shipmate's Association

President Jim Antenucci called the meeting to order at 9PM on October 2, 2019.

Officers in attendance:

Jim Antenucci President

Mike Cipolla Vice President (Not Present) Ken Giardina Vice President/Secretary

Kevin McKeown
Jim Norton
Tom Zwemke
Jim Cruce
Treasurer
Historian
Web Master
Chaplain

We have a quorum.

Two orders of business:

New officers

2021 reunion location

Jim Antenucci announced he was not running for reelection. Kevin McKeown nominated Ken Giardina for President. Seconded by Tom Zwemke. Voted in unanimously. Mike Cipolla voted in as Vice President, Terry Haskins volunteered for Secretary, Kevin McKeown remains as Treasurer, Jim Norton as Historian, Jim Cruce as Chaplain, and Tom Zwemke as Web Master.

Venue nominations for 2021 reunion; US West Coast, Jacksonville, FL, Savannah, GA, Virginia Beach, VA, Boston, MA, Newport, RI, Charleston, SC Round Two; Boston, Newport, Charleston Boston to be site of next reunion with 12 votes.

Auction proceeds \$601. Amended on October 7 via Kevin McKeown email to \$621. A review and consolidation of membership lists to be undertaken in first quarter. Dress for Memorial is business casual. Send reunion pictures to Jim Norton., Tom Zwemke outlined what to expect at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC Meeting called to a close by Jim Antenucci. Second by Ken Giardina.

Terry Haskins - Sec'y







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Dues

2020 Association dues of \$15 due on January 1, 2020. Dues are used to fund our communications efforts (Scuttlebutt and website). Remit to Kevin McKeown 47 Long Beach Drive Sound Beach, NY 11789













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