

USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

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Date On Board: 1950

1952



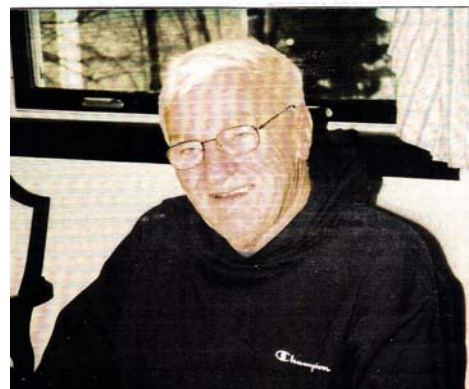
Memories & Comments

Loved the Navy but I can not remember much. Good luck with the project-sounds good!

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1956 --- 1957



Memories & Comments

I was in during a great time (no war) on a great ship with a great crew. My job kept me on the bridge so I got to see all the great ports we visited. The best thing was it made a man out of a boy and I have always been thankful for the Navy experience.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Jan 63 --- Dec 63

Memories & Comments

Things that come to mind are the Thresher accident in April 1963 where we sortied to help find the stricken sub. My first heavy weather on the way to Bermuda when we skirted Hurricane Arlene in August '63. Our Mideast deployment in the fall of '63 when we met John Wayne in Barcelona. Our trip through the Suez Canal and being awakened by the radioman on watch in Karachi, Pakistan when President Kennedy was killed. Liberty in Naples where we were able to visit Pompeii and Sorrento. The trip home was a rough one as we encountered heavy seas all the way from Gibraltar and it took 13 days. Looking back I enjoyed my tour on the Roberts and often think of the great guys I served with.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1955 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



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SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1962 --- 1965

Rate:
LT(jg)

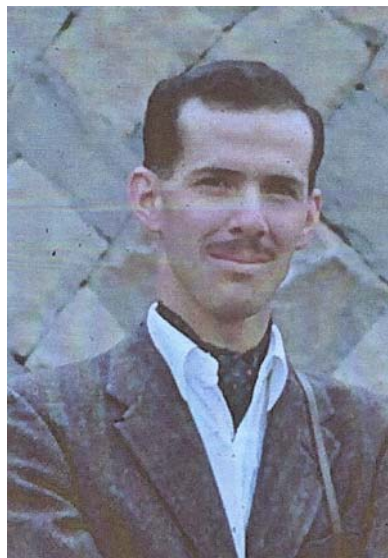


Memories & Comments

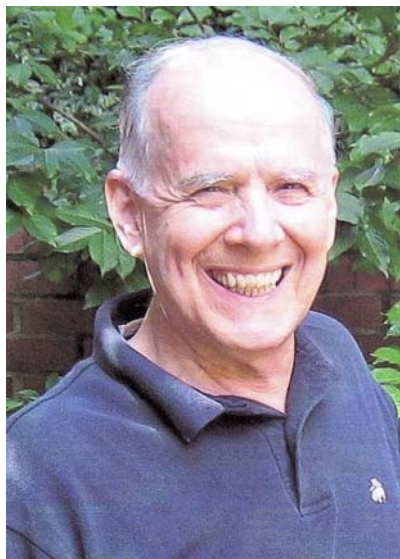
Assigned to SBR for almost 3 and 1/2 yrs. America's Cup Race, Cuban Missile Crisis, midshipman cruise-summer '63 with portcalls in New York City, Bermuda and Sydney Nova Scotia, photographer for appendicitis operation at sea during training exercise, ASW Med deployment in Fall '63, Karachi Pakistan when President Kennedy was assassinated, Suez Canal transits, major storm enroute Newport in December '63, spring '64 assigned as navigator under Capt. Murray , fall of '64 second ASW med deployment with Capt. Rankowski, mishap in Marseilles. Gitmo training to prepare for Westpac deployment with Desron 24, departure in late '65 for Vietnam with portcalls in Balboa CZ, Pearl Harbor, Midway, Yoko, Sasebo, Buckner Bay, Subic, coastal ops off Vietnam entering the Saigon River at Vung Tau for NGFS and later in the Mekong Delta. Finally for me a Gulf of Tonkin transfer to CVN 65, and then enroute R.I..

Good years with lots of adventure and I was worried about not seeing the world when I reported aboard. What I learned from the SBR Assoc. was that my years were not unique. The SBR steamed many, many nautical miles and had at least two circumnavigations with wild storms for many members in the 25 years of service to the Nation.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: July 1953 --- June 1955

Rate:
Lt. (jg)



Memories & Comments

Thanks to all who volunteer to publish the newsletter and to assemble the muster pages. I enjoy reading about the history of the Roberts and the men who served.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: June 58 --- Jan. 60



Memories & Comments

Sharing travel adventures with fellow crew members. Getting to know the sea in all of her changes, beauty, and fury. Learning new responsibilities and building character. Developing a feeling and respect for the S.B. Roberts. Making friends with the "BOYS" who became men and who remain with me even now.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1959 --- 1960



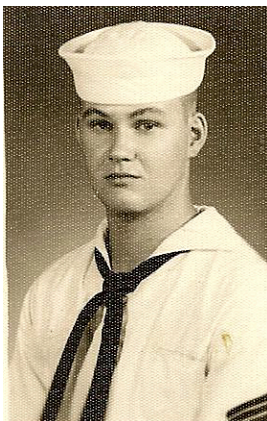
Memories & Comments

I enlisted 10 April 1958 and after "boot camp" I went to SK "A" school in San Diego for 12 weeks and then to NAS Glynco, Brunswick, Ga..My supervisor had left the Roberts about a year earlier. After a years stay there, I proceed to the Roberts. My fondest memories are visiting foreign countries, especially Greece (Athens) and Spain (Barcelona). Seems as if I stayed in trouble while on the ship, but it was still a wonderful experience.

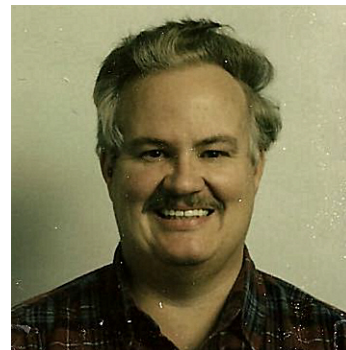
I am now active in the Fleet Reserve Association (Branch 99) here in Virginia Beach. I do not plan to do much traveling as I've been everywhere I ever wanted (27 countries) except for Rhodes, Greece. I am married (second) and have 3 wonderful children and 3 wonderful grandchildren; all of whom make Virginia Beach their home. My son is also in the Navy (5 years) and is currently in Greece.

I've had a wonderful life and many great experiences (The first was the Roberts).

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Jan-58 --- Dec-59



Memories & Comments

Served with the best gang of Fox division guys. Had the best tour of duty. A Med cruise, Gitmo, Great Lakes and the best Officers. Now with the best Shipmates Association. Proud to be a part of submitting three pictures. The first shows it was inevitable that I would become a sailor.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1956 --- 1957



Memories & Comments

Crossing the Equator (twice)

Every time I see the movie Mr. Roberts, it reminds me of the times when our crew came back from liberty. They weren't quite that bad but they were funny.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Former Home Town: Seabrook, NH



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Date On Board: 1954

1956

Memories & Comments

Getting busted from BT2 to FN for having food and coffee in Fireroom on the 8 to 12 watch by Winkley BT1. I changed my rate to Shipfitter and left the ship in June of 1956 as a DC3. On the world cruise when we arrived in Japan we took the boiler apart for cleaning, just as we were done, they said put it back together because we had to get underway because of a typhoon, so back into the steamdrum we went. That's how I spent my time preparing for a typhoon about 12 hours in the steamdrum.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1960

1963

Memories & Comments

I came aboard the Samuel B. Roberts in 1960, in Greece, upon the ship's return from the Red Sea. After a number of months I transferred to the Harlan R. Dickson DD-708 while the Roberts was in FRAM. Rejoining in late 1961, I was ASW officer until June 1963. After two years in the active reserves, I returned to active duty, a move that led to a full and satisfying career until 1985 when I retired. The Navy, starting with the Sammy B., has been very good to me and our family. In 1963 I married a Navy Nurse, Mary Jo, who I met at gunnery school in Newport. She actually visited the Sammy B. one evening. Since then our Navy career has taken us to numerous places. During that time we raised four daughters and now have three grandchildren. It was a great run for which I give thanks. My memories of the Roberts, the officers and crew are all positive. I still recall clearly the Med cruise. Gitmo, the storms at sea, the cruise to Qubec and transiting the St. Lawrence River as well as being in Argentia, Newfoundland during the Cuban Missile crisis. Some may recall the the Roberts was the second ship on the scene during the tragic loss of the Thresher SSN 593, in April 1963. Each year, the Portsmouth Naval shipyard holds a memorial and each time it brings back those memories. All the best to everyone.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Mar-56 --- May-58



Memories & Comments

My fifteen + minutes of fame, swam back to the ship with John Durant, while ship was anchored at Monaco, made EM2 and lost it before I could sew the crow on, because of celebrating making it!!!

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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TM3

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Date On Board: 1959 --- 1961



Memories & Comments

The cruise through the St. Lawrence Seaway, I still have my "Order of the Great Lakes & Lockmasters" card. The Med. Cruise in 1960 hitting all those great ports, the guys trying to get me drunk in order to get a tattoo, it didn't work. I was highlined onto the Sammy B. from a tanker which was out of Philadelphia PA. I remember we highlined Lt.Jg. R.P. Day dipping him into the ocean a few times and most of the time remembering him banging his head . We were in a bad storm in the Atlantic when it ripped us up and one of our shipmates was washed over and died. Another time we had a ships party on an island nothing but birds, no trees or other humans. Then there was our fueling when the tanker lost steering, we cut the lines and our A** out of there covered in fuel. The tanker slammed into the carrier. As I am jotting this down I keep recalling my time on the Sammy B. and I will say it was mostly great . Could jot down more but I do not want to bore anyone. I want to thank all of my shipmates and the Sammy B. for all of the great memories.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Former Home Town: Rochester, NY

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Date On Board: Jan 54

Mar 56

Rate:
LT(jg)



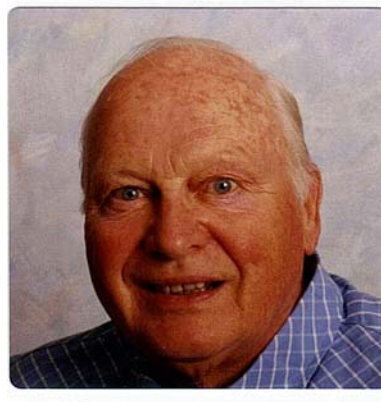
Memories & Comments

Very short or none I'm now eighty years old.

Then



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USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1959 --- 1961

Rate:
LT(jg)



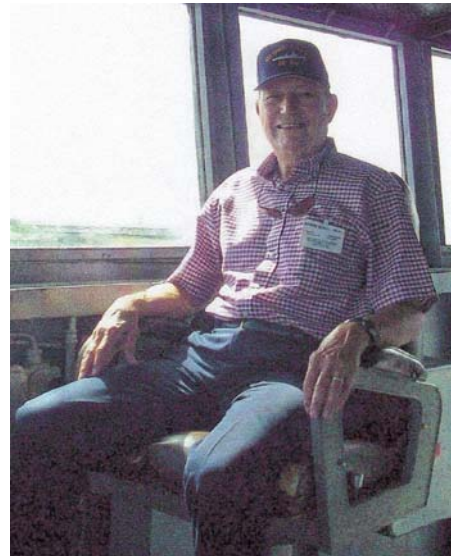
Memories & Comments

I served as MPA and then DCA in Engineering. Participated in the Island Seas Cruise and the 1960 Med Cruise. Lots of fond memories. Hope the "Muster is a big success".

Then



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USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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EN3

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Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1951 --- 1953



Memories & Comments

Deceased April 7, 2010

Ed was a member of our Association from the beginning and attended the first reunion in 1996 in Charleston, S.C. and a few others. He was 79 years old.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1952 --- 1956

Rate:
MML2



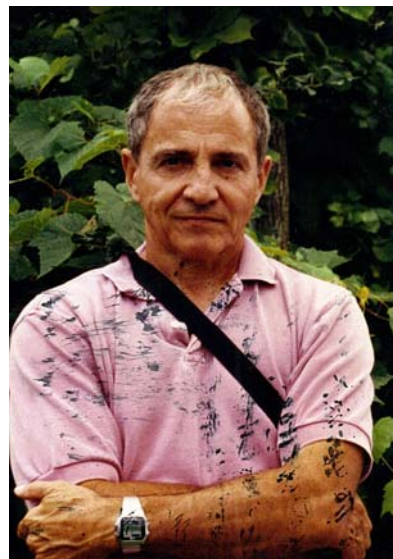
Memories & Comments

None

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Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1958 --- 1961



Memories & Comments

The best years of my life in the Navy and aboard the Roberts.

Then



Now



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SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1961 --- 1962



Memories & Comments

My time aboard the 823 was fairly short but an enjoyable one. I was in "A" gang and my battle station was the forward diesel as was my sea detail. I had a lot of good friends on there one of which was my best buddy, Jim Snyder. I took him home a couple of times just to get him ashore. He was from Davenport Iowa as it turns out my wife was from Davenport also. I've seen several other mates in the Scuttlebutt that I was buds with also. The only cruise I made was the middy cruise down the St. Lawrence River. We got paid with 2 dollar bills at that time. We were in Quebec City in a gin mill and I bought a round of beer and paid with 2 dollar bills. The girl brought me the change for a 20. Being the good guy I am we stayed till we drank up the 20. Bet you thought I gave it back. Another time we were doing some OPS off Cape Hatteras and were swapping some crews with a sub. I was the engineer of the Motor Whale boat and I think Lackey BM3 was the boatswain, we had a heck of a time very rough waters. Another time they couldn't get Motor Whale boat started and the Captain was in the boat. They got me, I went to Sick Bay and got the Corpman to bring a syringe full of alcohol. I told him to shoot it into the intake and we got it started. Nuff of this stuff. Would like to make a reunion sometime Hopefully in Buffalo.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1954 --- 1956



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: June '63 --- June '65



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



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SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1959 --- 1964



Memories & Comments

Arrived onboard the Roberts in July 1959 as a 1st Class Boilerman, served onboard for 5 years making Chief and retiring in 1964. You asked for memories well this one I will never forget. While making a midshipman cruise to the Med, I formed an 8 piece band made up from crew members and midshipmen. The band played in all the major visit made by the Roberts, including the carrier Essex and various oil tankers as we refueled at sea. While making a short stay in Ethiopia our XO suggested that the band go ashore and find some place that the band could set up and entertain the local population. We reluctantly abided by his suggestions and played. What we played did not matter when you could see how hep these people were to our kind of music. The people came down from the hills in droves with all kinds of boom boxes and recording equipment, much to our surprise After about an hour of playing to an appreciative audience the band returned to the ship and we left Ethiopia. The mayor of Massowa (not sure of the spelling) after a few days at sea sent the Roberts a nice thank you for the entertainment.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1954 --- 1955



Memories & Comments

Deceased January 23, 2011

Louie's first participation with the Roberts Association was at our last reunion in Jacksonville FL. On the first night when he arrived he was extremely disappointed because he did not meet anyone that he knew and was sure he was not going to have an enjoyable time. Well by the time the night of the auction came he was having a ball. He went wild bidding and made us all laugh. So even though he never responded to the muster book I just could not let him be not included. Thanks for the memory.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: 1969 --- 1970



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Dec 55 --- Dec 57

Rate:
FP2



Memories & Comments

Great time, great shipmates

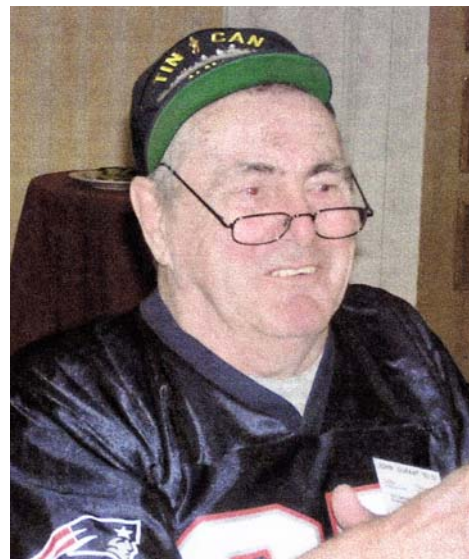
No good conduct medal, but its' worth all the memories I have!!

I'd do it again.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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YN3

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Date On Board: 1957 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

Little did I know when I stepped aboard the Sammy B. in 1957 that I was embarking on a lifetime venture. At the time, the Navy line was "join the Navy and see the world." Well, within a month of coming aboard, we were underway to Rio, then stopped in Trinidad, Haiti, and Cuba. Subsequent cruises to England, Denmark, the Med and the middle east. Along the way friendships were forged, skills honed, and a deep appreciation and love for the sea developed. After coming aboard as a seaman, I became a Yeoman striker, and ultimately was a YNT3. I am particularly proud of the fact that the original ship's log which I prepared is still in existence today in the National Archives in College Park MD. After I discharged, I completed my education and went on to a career in advertising, married, and raised my family in rural California. My wife Barbara and I have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

I became aware of the SBR shipmate's Association and attended my first reunion in Newport, meeting old friends and developing new ones. From the Newport reunion, I teamed up with Frank Green to introduce and co-author the "scuttlebutt". I have been honored to have served as President for six years, and continue to be actively involved.

Then

Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Aug 1965 --- Jan 1967



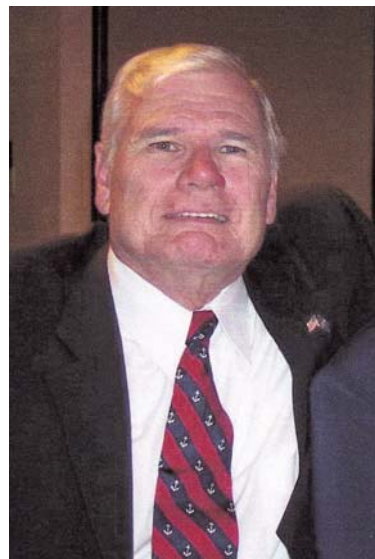
Memories & Comments

My time on the Roberts was an adventure affectionately remembered.

Then



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USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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TESN

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Date On Board: Apr 1952 --- Dec 1955



Memories & Comments

To speak of memories would fill a journal. I remember when we were deployed on the first NATO exercise-on a clear day-I was up on the bridge and counted something like 80 war ships from horizon to horizon. There were ships from many NATO nations. We had a race with a French frigate, the Montcalm. I remember this and PJ Bronlow out raced them. We were doing flank speed. I recall one time we left Newport in haste without a full crew and chased a Russian Sub for a week or so, if my memory is correct. The Captain was RH White (I believe). The middle cruise to Rio, with Capt. Brownlow, went to Brazil and Columbia and is where I became a "Shellback". The time we went to Korea we were operating in the dead of night and were starboard side aft of the carrier. An A3D attack bomber flipped off the carrier and Red Hohler and two other men were lowered into the sea. They went out in the dark and found the three men and brought them back to the Roberts. The next day we returned them to their carrier. We went alongside, their band was playing and they sent us over bonafide, legitimate cans of ice cream. Red Hohler was a friend of mine, was really sad to read he has passed. These are some of my memories as a sailor on the SB Roberts.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Date On Board: Nov-57 --- Nov-59

Rate:
LT(jg)



Memories & Comments

I served on DE's and DD's as an enlisted man, QM3. The best years in the Navy were serving aboard the Sammy B. Best crew I ever served with.

Then



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USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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DK3

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Date On Board: 1952 --- 1956



Memories & Comments

The around the world cruise in 54-55, Asia, Cuba, so many amazing sights making for great memories.

Then



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USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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RD2

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Date On Board: 1953 --- 1955



Memories & Comments

I remember the world cruise.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: David Garavano

Rate:
BT2

Address: 5399 Jessamine Lane

City: Orlando

State: FL

Zip: 32829

Home: 407-376-1652

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: dgaravano@fl.rr.com

Date On Board: 1963 --- 1967



Memories & Comments

Deceased January 2010

The passing of Dave in January was truly a shock to us all. Dave was a proud member of our Association and he will be missed very much. He attended our reunions faithfully and was always full of stories and really enjoyed bidding in our auctions. As a tribute to his memory I have included his rightful page in this book.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Jim Gaulden

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City: Independence

State: MO

Zip: 64057

Home: 816-795-0141

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: marthajimgaulden@aol.com

Date On Board: 1966

1969

Rate:
MR2



Memories & Comments

At the time it wasn't too much fun not knowing what to expect at the young age of nineteen. Now, I realize what a great opportunity it was to travel and all of the new things I learned how to do (making ashtrays from 5" shell castings). Most of all the new friends I made along the way. I still keep in contact with John Mitton MM3, Bob Cummins IC3 and Jim Dunn SF3. I have enjoyed meeting new friends from the Association that served aboard the Roberts. What a great bunch of Guys and how lucky it was for me to serve the Navy in this way. Red Skies at night means Sailors Delight. Good luck to all!

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Kenneth Giardina

Rate:
RD2

Address: RR3 Box 3187A

City: Saylorsburg

State: PA Zip: 18353

Home: 610-381-3714

Cell:

Former Home Town: Brooklyn, NY

E-Mail Address: Giarkc@ptd.net

Date On Board: Nov-60 --- Apr-63



Memories & Comments

So many memories I do not know where to begin, my time in the Navy was a special time in my life. I grew up as a boy in Brooklyn but became a man in the Navy. What stands out I guess is traveling, making friends and meeting so many people from all across the USA. I will always remember steaming in rough seas, being in the Cuban blockade operation and getting discharged as the ship got underway to participate in the rescue operation of the USS Thresher SSN-593. My fondness memories are meeting my buddies John Calvi and Steve Senderovitz. I will also never forget being the first US Navy ship to pull into Santo Domingo after the revolution. It made me realize how great this country is. It is amazing that some 45 years later I still recall my Navy days as if they were yesterday.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Fred G. Grampp

Rate:
ME2

Address: 370 Landistore Rd.

City: Boyertown

State: PA

Zip: 19512

Home: 610-845-7491

Cell:

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: July 1954 --- July 1955



Memories & Comments

Highlights were: going through the Panama and Suez Canals, sailing in the Pacific where my dad passed 10 years earlier on the DD-508. The liberty party coming back from Beer Hallon Midway Island (think Mr. Roberts the movie). All the exotic ports of call, Typhoon Hilda, crossing the Equator and becoming a "Shellback", going on liberty with Bernard Allain (Chuck Allains brother). Prince Edward Islands' finest and Mike Seaver. Seeing the seedier side of ports of call and going native to meet the people of the counties we visited, not always successful.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Frank Green

Rate:
SM2

Address: 65 Quinton Alloway Rd.

City: Salem

State: NJ

Zip: 08079

Home: 856-935-4392

Cell:

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address: fwgreen823@comcast.net

Date On Board: Mar-54 --- Aug.-57



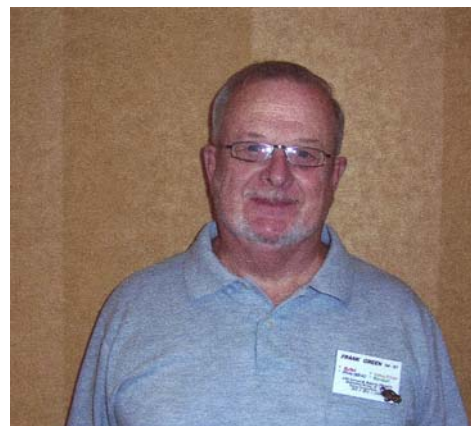
Memories & Comments

If only I could do it again, the exact same way with the identical young body, all aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts DD823 of course. Part of my soul rests with DD823 on the ocean floor off Puerto Rico. It was good, I'm proud to have done my small part with the USN.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Bob Griesenbeck

Rate:
RDSN

Address: 2523 E.46th St.

City: Davenport

State: Iowa Zip: 52807

Home: 563-355-8190

Cell:

Former Home Town: Smoke Rise, NJ

E-Mail Address: r.griesenbeck@mchsi.com

Date On Board: Jan 62 --- Jul 63



Memories & Comments

Remember arriving in "Philly"- early FRAM- test cruises- seasick off Cape Hatteras- SPS 40 air search- Gitmo- San Juan Puerto Rico- The Dominican Republic- Argentina Newfoundland- New Port Rhode Island- the USS YOYO- chasing the USSR Okhot Sky during the Cuban blockade.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Terry Haskins

Address: 7948 NW 49th Way

City: Gainesville

Home: 352-395-6757

Former Home Town: Venice, FL

E-Mail Address: haskuf21@cox.net

State: FL Zip: 32653

Cell: 941-586-8691

Date On Board: 1966 --- 1969

Rate:
RD2



Memories & Comments

Just remember the good times and the life experiences. Would do it again.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Karl G. Heinze

Address: 105-321N. Ave E

City: Cranford

State: NJ

Zip: 07016

Home: 908-276-7229

Cell:

Former Home Town: Hoboken, NJ

E-Mail Address: kgheinze@aol.com

Date On Board: Nov 1953 --- Sept 1955

Rate:
LT (jg)



Memories & Comments

World Cruise memorable forever and life long friendships

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: AL Hennessey

Address: 1832 Staple Inn Drive

City: Virginia Beach

State: VA

Zip: 23456

Home:

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: hennessey1580@verizon.net

Date On Board: 1959 --- 1961

Rate:
Captain



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: William (Bill) Hennessy

Rate:
S-1

Address: 1580 Scholar PL.

City: Toms River

State: NJ

Zip: 08755-0877

Home: 732-505-0619

Cell:

Former Home Town: Bayonne, NJ

E-Mail Address: hennessy1580@verizon.net

Date On Board: Sept 46 --- Feb 48



Memories & Comments

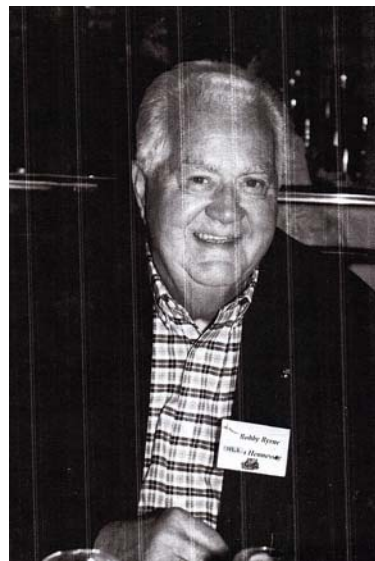
PLANK OWNER

2 tattoos, one with Samuel B. Roberts name done in Orange Texas October 1946, can hardly read them now. I was 142 pounds then, now 64 years later I'm 210. Many life experiences were taught to this 17 year old and many are still used. I am proud to be a Plank Owner.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Benny Lee Hester

Rate:
FT2

Address: 489 Deer Trail Road

City: East Bend

State: NC

Zip: 27018

Home: 336-699-4569

Cell:

Former Home Town: Winston-Salem, NC.

E-Mail Address: lhester1@triad.rr.com

Date On Board: 1954

1957



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Chuck Kaczmarek

Rate:
SN

Address: 112 Hill Crest RD

City: Ren Frew

State: PA

Zip: 16053

Home: 724-586-9304

Cell:

Former Home Town: Pittsburg, PA

E-Mail Address: kacz2027@zoominternet.net

Date On Board: 1960

1961



Memories & Comments

Most of my time was spent on the Roberts down in Philadelphia when we were in FRAM. Shared a lot of good times with the guys. I had a PA drivers license so I spent a lot of time picking up supplies. I am still looking for a friend from the Roberts, James Comer, anyone with some information call me. I was discharged in September 1961.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Gene T. Kelly

Rate:
SN

Address: 809 Buck Tri. SE

City: Albuquerque

State: NM Zip: 87213

Home:

Cell: 505-550-5992

Former Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

E-Mail Address: Katie4428@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1946 --- 1947



Memories & Comments

Plank Owner

August 14, 1928-January 6, 2010

He talked of the first Sammy B. DE-413 in the battle of Leyte in October of 1944 and knew all the details. There after being succeeded by DD-823 in 1946 and was proud to be a Plank Owner. Conversations were started with strangers when they saw Gene's "Tin Can Sailor" hat that he proudly placed on his head each time he went out the door. The reunion in Charleston, SC the year of 1996 was a happy time and he felt blessed that he was able to attend. Gene enjoyed the conversations with the young sailors who showed great respect and interest as he captured their attention reminiscing of his time spent on the Sammy B. His three sons, never tired of the stories around the dinner table or if seen something on TV he would say "I was there"! and more stories would flow. Our home is filled with memorabilia that was sent home to his Mom and Dad from each port the Roberts pulled into. No matter where we lived, the large flag pole would be in the front of the house and he took great pride in making sure it was flying high and taken down at sundown. The Navy certainly made his life rich with memories.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Frank Kopfer

Address: 35 Sawgrass Court

Rate:
ET2



City: Hamburg

State: NY

Zip: 14075

Home: 716-648-2253

Cell:

Former Home Town: Buffalo, NY

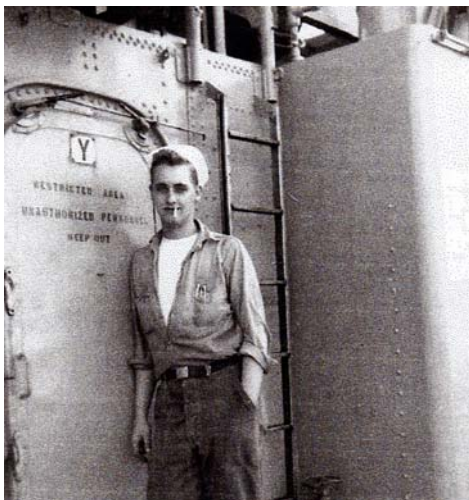
E-Mail Address: fkopfer@roadrunner.com

Date On Board: 1958 --- 1961

Memories & Comments

I have many fond memories of my three years on the Roberts but one stands out. In April of 1960 we visited the port of Villefranche France for an extended stay. Three of us decided to go to Paris for three days which happened to coincide with my 21st birthday. A couple of officers (great guys) lent us white shirts and uniform trousers so we would not stick out. The third person was our Chief Yeoman so he had his own "civies". We had a great time and what can I say other than "April in Paris celebrating my 21st birthday",
Enough said!

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Richard Krzeminski Sr.

Rate:
QMSN

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City: Lansing

State: MI

Zip: 48910

Home: 1-517-484-3958

Cell: 1-734-787-9535

Former Home Town: Hamtramck MI

E-Mail Address: ninefingers34@yahoo.com

Date On Board: 1952. --- 1955



Memories & Comments

The first ship I was on was the USS Yosemite AD-19. When she would go down to Keywest once a year, at times a destroyer would come along side. I was amazed as to how the men were able to stand or walk without falling off. When I was informed that I was being transferred to a destroyer I was, to say the least, upset. But once onboard, it was without question, the best time of my life. The destroyer I was transferred to was the USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823. (NAYO)

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Edgar La France

Rate:
RD2

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Apt 304

City: Neptune City

State: NJ

Zip: 07753

Home: 732-775-1792

Cell:

Former Home Town: Clifton, NJ



E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: Sept-51 --- July-55

Memories & Comments

Around the world cruise and crossing the Equator twice. Once as a Polywag 2nd as a Shellback. Son born Dec. 54 while in Japan, we had a great party.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Robert W. Lee

Rate:
BT3

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City: Marrero

State: LA

Zip: 70072

Home: 504-340-3844

Cell:

Former Home Town: Lake Charles, LA

E-Mail Address: mariel80@cox.net

Date On Board: 1964 --- 1966



Memories & Comments

I was on the Roberts for two years and look back with good memories. I was on the USS Roberts, when the ship was in dry dock in Boston MA, where I met my future wife. I went on the Cuban Cruise and the 1965-66 Vietnam cruise and have a VCR taping of events while crossing the Equator. In late 1966 after reenlisting, I was sent to Boiler Maint. School in Philly. After that in early 1967, I was transferred to San Diego and boarded the USS Bridget, which went immediately on another Vietnam cruise. I returned to Boston in 1967 and got married to my wife, Marie. In January of 1970 I went on shore duty in Beeville, TX. In September of 1972, I was discharged from the Navy and moved to the New Orleans area, where I have lived since that time. I have a daughter, Stefanie, born in 1970 and a son, Robert, born in 1979. I now have a grandson, Reed, born in 1998.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Mike Lubbers

Rate:
CS2

Address: 19802 Markward Crossing

City: Estero

State: FL

Zip: 33928

Home: 239-948-1380

Cell:

Former Home Town: Webster City, IA

E-Mail Address: mlubbers1@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1967 --- 1971



Memories & Comments

Hot racking it for the first month

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Bill Mackay

Address: 73 Thames Street

City: Newport

State: RI

Zip: 02840

Home: 401-849-2369

Cell:

Former Home Town: Montclair, NJ

E-Mail Address: bill.mackay@marinesaftey.com

Date On Board: Feb '63 --- Jun '65

Rate:

LT



Memories & Comments

I have served on six ships over a 28 year period. Two things separated the Roberts from the others: the Roberts crew had an exceptional level of professional pride and there was a high degree of cohesiveness throughout the ship that was enviously recognized by other Newport based ships. It was a total team effort. I attribute this to Captain Bill Murray, who took a strong interest in the development of the entire crew. He was a teacher by training and a teacher by natural instinct. His lessons permeated the ship long after his departure and served me well throughout my career. He had a strong influence on my way of doing business. Jean Murray was always available to help when needed; they were a great team. The wardroom was a tight knit group, many have stayed in touch over the past 45 years; most stayed affiliated with the Navy in one form or another. Roberts was a career highlight.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Raymond Malarkey

Rate:
TM3

Address: 15 Dana Court

City: Albrightsville

State: PA

Zip: 18210

Home: 570-722-5756

Cell:

Former Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

E-Mail Address: malarkey61@gmail.com

Date On Board: 1957 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

All Good

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Leon J. McCoy

Rate:
SN

Address: 6 Jan Court

City: Elmwood Park

State: NJ

Zip: 07407-2725

Home: 201-797-8809

Cell: 201-286-0714

Former Home Town: Totowa Boro, NJ

E-Mail Address: ljmccoy@joimail.com

Date On Board: 1952 --- 1955



Memories & Comments

Founder and past president of the USS Samuel B. Roberts DD823 Shipmates Association.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Orrin A. McFarland

Address: 866 Totoket Rd.

Rate:
EM2



City: Northford

State: CT

Zip: 06472

Home: 203-484-0206

Cell:

Former Home Town: Gayville, SD

E-Mail Address: none

Date On Board: Dec 1947 --- April 1949

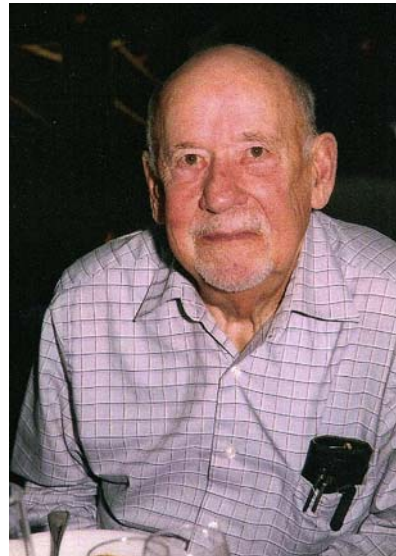
Memories & Comments

Enlisted October 16, 1945 in Omaha Nebraska. Went to boot camp in San Diego Ca. October 22, 1945 to January 4, 1946. Then went to the Great Lakes for Electricians School. Served onboard the USS Peregrine (AM373), the USS Jeffers (DMS-27), before coming onboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823) in December of '47. In April of '49 I was then transferred to the USS Yosemite (AD-19), then to the Navy Training Center before being discharged in in September of 1949.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: James F. McGill

Address: 47 Crystal Hill Terrace

City: Westwood

State: MA

Zip: 02090

Home: 781-769-0275

Cell:

Former Home Town: Pittsfield, MA

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1954 --- 1958

Rate:
LT.

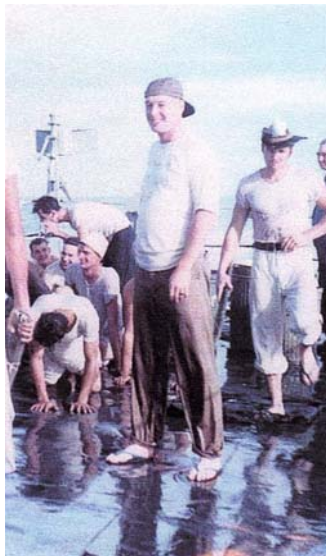


Memories & Comments

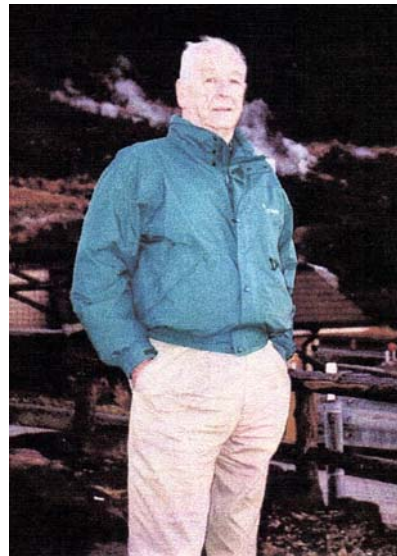
Deceased November 2007

Until his dying day he cherished all those comrades with whom he served on the old Sammy B. Many are the tales he told of those unforgettable days aboard. He compiled those memories with humor in a self published book.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Tom McGuire

Address: 29 Windsor Rd.

Rate:
YN3

City: Clifton

State: NJ

Zip: 07012-2010

Home: 973-778-4229

Cell:

Former Home Town: Newark, NJ

E-Mail Address: jtmac629@aol.com

Date On Board: 1962 --- 1964



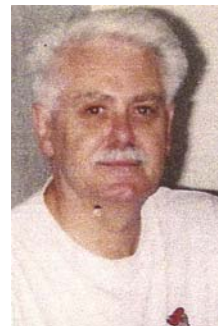
Memories & Comments

I served from 1962 through 1964 - as a YNSN then as a YN3 in the ships office and engineering Department.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: William E. McKenzie

Rate:
MM3

Address: 1216 Maple Street

City: Reedsburg

State: WI

Zip: 53959

Home: 608-524-2019

Cell:

Former Home Town: Denzer, WI

E-Mail Address: afb thatsme@hotmail.com

Date On Board: 1954 --- 1956



Memories & Comments

I waited 50+ years to see or hear of anything of the DD-823 or of the men onboard from my time of service during 1954-56. Then I read my Legion paper, read Frank Green's call for the 2010 reunion. Knowing-serving at the same time as me and I knew it had finally happened...what a jump start in an old man's life. I called Frank, got my papers and paid my dues. Because of physical disabilities I could not join the crew in Florida. I so much enjoyed the "Scuttlebutt". Thank you all for your hard work and exciting stories. I was there for the "Heist" of the slush fund, Hilda's hell ride and the 4x4 run up to Iceland. I miss all the guys in the AFT. Engine room. Since I signed up I have made three contacts...very exciting and rewarding! Hi to all who read this, if you can.

I have been married for 51 years with four children, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. William E. McKenzie (458-28-59)

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Kevin J. McKeown

Address: 47 Long Beach Drive

City: Sound Beach

State: NY

Zip: 11789

Home: 631-821-7446

Cell:

Former Home Town: Bronx, NY

E-Mail Address: navymac@aol.com

Date On Board: Apr '63 --- Apr '66

Rate:
BT1



Memories & Comments

Joined the Navy in 1958 and served on four ships (2 DE's & 2 DD's) during my 10 year stint and opted out in 1968 to pursue a career in civilian life.

Of all my duty stations, the 3 years on the "Sammy B" was the most challenging and rewarding and prepared me to cope with the stress of civilian life.

My time on board as a BT confined to the After Fireroom, operating the huge high pressure steam boilers, producing power to keep the ship's turbines and auxiliaries functioning was most gratifying. A few times we had to disregard the book when the Captain needed to get more turns of the screws to make a commitment or to rescue a downed pilot off the coast of Vietnam, but I had confidence in the decisions of our Chief Engineer, Lt. Gee and Chief Murphy that we would be safe while operating the boilers under adverse conditions.

Our time in Vietnam was very challenging since the "Sammy B" made all our commitments and then some. The officers and crew were all committed to the success of our operations and I was very proud to have served on the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823). I have made many friends which continue to this day, thanks to the reunions of the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823) Shipmates Association.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Marty Meerholz

Rate:
RD3

Address: 28 Palisades Drive

City: Toms River

State: NJ

Zip: 08753

Home: 732-279-9866

Cell:

Former Home Town: Fairlawn, NJ

E-Mail Address: maryjack28@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1957 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

Remember Barcelona, Spain in 1958 with my buddies Mike Occhipinti and Frank Merrill.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Robert Micklus

Address: 75N. Richards Ave

City: Somerville

State: NJ

Zip: 08876

Home:

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: mick.823@verizon.net

Date On Board: 1952 --- 1955

Rate:
RD2



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Lloyd Mondy

Rate:
SH3

Address: 2303 Channon Dr.

City: Poplar Bluff

State: MO

Zip: 63901

Home: 573-718-0764

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: 11mondy@mycitycable.com

Date On Board: 1954

1956



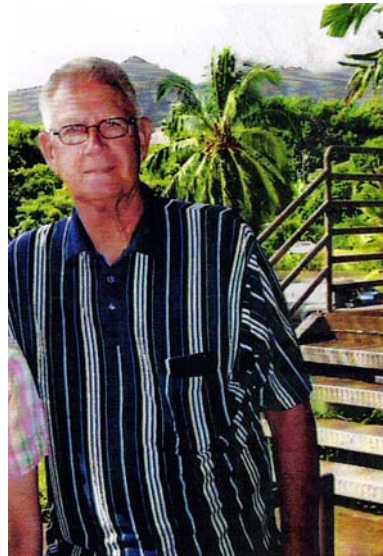
Memories & Comments

I worked in the laundry for about 6 months and the last 18 months I ran the ships store. I saw and met and talked with everyone on the ship at least twice each month (payday). I wasn't the average sailor, I didn't drink, so I wasn't on liberty like most. I did enjoy the camaraderie with everyone especially the all night games after the movie was over on the mess deck. Many times I was awakened at 2:00 AM to get a new deck of cards for the Gin Rummy game going on.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Brian Murphy

Address: P.O. Box 782

Rate:
BMSN

City: Wolfeboro

State: NH

Zip: 03894

Home: 603-569-5402

Cell:

Former Home Town: Lowell, MA

E-Mail Address: wolfemurph@metrocast.net

Date On Board: 1958 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

I came aboard the "Sammy" after a year of scraping, redleading and painting at FLAGRULANTRESFLT, the "Mothball Fleet", in Green Cove Springs, Florida. My forebears were sea Captains, and my family is Navy, so I was anxious to go to sea. And, oh, how I loved it except for the stack gas. I enjoyed it when the seas were rough, and I would "ride the bow" every chance I got. I remember well when the two rogue waves struck us as we entered N.Y. harbor, and I was sent to after-steering. And it still saddens me to think of the loss of Fred Wheeler on the Operation Inland Seas Cruise, but I became a man aboard the Roberts, and I shall remember her, and the men I served with aboard her, fondly, and until the day I rest my oar for the final time.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: James E. Myers

Rate:
Seamen

Address: 1535 E. Fairfield RD

City: High Point

State: NC

Zip: 27263

Home: 336-431-1598

Cell:

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: July 1943 ---



Memories & Comments

I'm proud to be a member of the USS Samuel B. Roberts DE-413

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Jim Norton

Rate:
STG3

Address: 26 Long Pond Dr.

City: Milton

State: VT

Zip: 05468

Home: 802-893-8045

Cell:

Former Home Town: Troy, NY

E-Mail Address: jjjo1944@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1964 --- 1966



Memories & Comments

A very important and formative part of my life was spent aboard the Roberts. Went everywhere, did everything. An education that no amount of money could have duplicated. Friends made remain friends today.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Anthony Pappano

Rate:
CS3

Address: 6 Mario Drive

City: Hamilton SQ.

State: NJ

Zip: 08690

Home: 609-587-8068

Cell:

Former Home Town: Trenton, NJ

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1948 --- 1952



Memories & Comments

Deceased 2010

Visiting the many countries, playing baseball in Cuba Guantanamo Bay and getting drunk in Germany.

Sadly Anthony passed away on November 15, 2010

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Dewey J. Parker

Rate:
QM3

Address: 724 E. Pekin Road

City: Lebanon

State: OH

Zip: 45036-9474



Home: 513-932-4132

Cell:

Former Home Town: Franklin, OH

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: 1948 --- 1952

Memories & Comments

July 20, 1930-July 1, 2010

He was a veteran of the Korean War serving onboard the Roberts as a Quartermaster
Third Class

A former shipmate wrote "he was a shipmate and wonderful friend and a fellow signalman.
He was also a kind and decent person. I shall miss him immensely."

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Robert F. Paul

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City: Mashpee

State: MA

Zip: 02649

Home: 508-477-4305

Cell:

Former Home Town: Newport, RI

E-Mail Address: ironduke99@aol.com

Date On Board: Jan. 1963 --- Dec. 1964

Rate:
CDR



Memories & Comments

Deceased January 1, 2011

Commander Paul had a Navy Career with 27 years of service. During his distinguished career he served on an aircraft carrier, USS Kearsarge (CV33); four cruisers, USS Macon (CA132), USS Canberra (CAG2), USS Newport News (CA148), USS Boston (CAG 1) and four destroyers including USS Dahlgren (DD187), USS Bearss (DD 654), USS Power (DD 839) and the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD 823) as the XO.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Earl (Bill) Peters

Rate:
SK3

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City: Lockport

State: NY

Zip: 14094

Home: 716-433-6047

Cell:

Former Home Town: same

E-Mail Address: pbill823@yahoo.com

Date On Board: 1959 --- 1963



Memories & Comments

Always remember the Med Cruise in 1960.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Ronald David Pittle

Rate:
ET2

Address: 1250 S Washington Street Unit 311

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22314

Home: 571-257-8003

Cell:

Former Home Town: Silver Spring, MD

E-Mail Address: rdauidp311@comcast.net

Date On Board: Jun 57 --- Sept. 59



Memories & Comments

First off, the Navy straightened me out. I had way too much fun in high school, and consequently, I was headed for big trouble at an early age. I wandered into the Post Office one day and the next thing I know, I am getting all my hair cut off at boot camp in Bainbridge MD. After finishing ET school, I was ordered to Newport to find the saggin' Sammy B. I stayed on the Roberts until the end of my hitch in 59'. I worked in a great ET gang alongside Neil Schradder, Gerry Howe, John Lockwood and Frank Kopfer under the leadership of Von See ET1 and Carter, ET2. Learned a lot about electronics and about the world. Our ET shop was located just aft of the ship's office. Also learned to drink a lot of bad- tasting coffee and to never throw away anything 'cause you just might need it at sea. A lot happened in interesting places during those 26 months: the Med, Gibraltar, Naples, the North Atlantic, Gitmo, Caracas, Souda Bay (Crete). the Suez Canal, the Boston yards and many other neat places. At the end of my 3-year-2-month-13 day hitch, I was more than ready to muster out of the Navy. Yet, somehow over the next 51+ years, I recalled my experiences on the Roberts with a smile and great satisfaction for time well spent.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Albert P. Pizzi

Rate:
TMSN

Address: 29 Stratton Dr.

City: Hudson

State: MA

Zip: 01749

Home: 978-562-7047

Cell:

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address: none

Date On Board: 1948 --- 1952



Memories & Comments

I remember when we stripped the shipped. We removed our 40MM guns and replaced them with 3"-50's. We were on our way to Korea when one of our destroyers collided with another ship. We were detached from the convoy and towed the destroyer from the convoy. After that we cruised back to Newport. I also remember being extended for a year, by President Truman.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Charles T. Quigley

Address: 36647 N. Edgewood Dr.

City: Gurnee

State: IL

Zip: 60031

Home: 847-356-1373

Cell: 847-372-4127

Former Home Town: Bristol, RI

E-Mail Address: [jqc1938@comcast.net](mailto:jcq1938@comcast.net)

Date On Board: Nov. 58 --- Oct. 60

Rate:
SCFCT



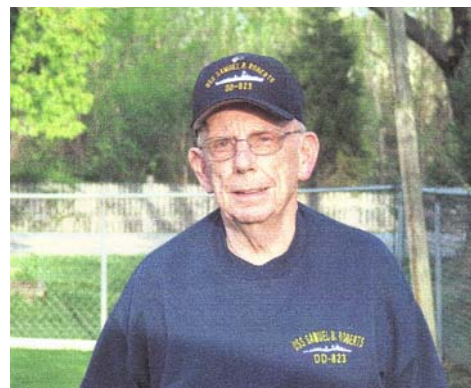
Memories & Comments

I went aboard the Sammy B. a seaman in Nov. of '58 and left a PN3 in October '60 when we returned from a fantastic Med Cruise (except for the time in the Red Sea). The years 1959 and 1960 were good years for the Roberts. We made an excellent St. Lawrence Seaway cruise (operation Inland Seas) with Mid-Shipmen from the Academy in the spring and summer of '59. We also as I said made an outstanding Med Cruise in 1960. Good ship, good crew and we did turn to. I retired from the Navy in August 1977 as a Senior Chief Fire Control Technician, Master Chief slectee.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Robert R. Ray

Rate:
EM3

Address: 11622 Ventura Blvd.

City: Machesney Park

State: IL

Zip: 6115

Home: 815-877-9969

Cell:

Former Home Town: Windom, MN

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: Dec. 1946 --- Nov. 1948



Memories & Comments

PLANK OWNER

I shall always remember our meeting with Captain Dawson. He called everyone to the fantail. He stated he wanted a fighting crew but when the "Sammy B." took on the "Philippine Sea" crew at the "Blue Moon Tap" in Newport, that wasn't good odds for a winning fight.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Edwin A. Rice

Rate:
GM1

Address: Deceased

City: Bow

State: NH

Zip:

Home:

Cell:

Former Home Town: Charlestown, NH

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1950's ---



Memories & Comments

Deceased February-2,2007

My dad served on the USS Samuel B. Roberts sometime in the 50's. He was a Navy man always and forever, even after he retired as a GM1. He use to tell me many stories of his time aboard, that was his favorite duty and he loved the Tin Can Navy. I am watching a show on the History channel about the Sammy B. ,and thought of him. I would take it as a great honor if you would be sure that my dad gets listed on the rolls of your shipmates. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Beryl and five children Robert, Edwin, Pamela Ryan, Beth Lafreniere and Tracie Allen. We all loved him. Fair winds and following seas dad, then and now.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Fred Ross

Address: 96 Bleecker St.

Rate:
RD2

City: Green Island

State: NY

Zip: 12183-1561

Home: 518-273-5987

Cell:

Former Home Town: Maplewood, NY

E-Mail Address: damascus1928@yahoo.com

Date On Board: 1950

1952



Memories & Comments

It was a long time ago- but it seems like yesterday.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Gene V. Sample, Sr.

Rate:
RM3

Address: 439 White Pine Blvd.

City: Lansing

State: MI

Zip: 48917

Home: 517-622-2009

Cell:

Former Home Town: same

E-Mail Address: msample2@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1949 --- 1953



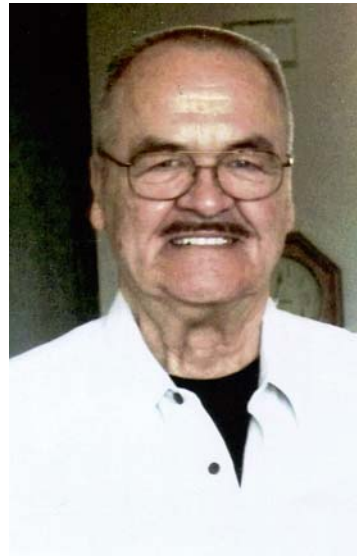
Memories & Comments

The Navy picture was taken across the passageway from C.I.C. in 1950. I was 18 years old. The recent photo 60 years later at 78 years old. Good luck on the membership muster book project. I don't know if there's many of us old salts left- 60 years is a long time ago.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Robert Samsel

Rate:
RD3

Address: 608 E. 5th Street; P.O. Box 306

City: Nescopeck

State: PA

Zip: 18635

Home: 570-752-5484

Cell:

Former Home Town: Beach Haven, PA

E-Mail Address: rosmas@evenlink.com

Date On Board: 1950 --- 1953



Memories & Comments

I was a naive 17 year old, a small town boy when I boarded the USS Samuel B. Roberts in the Boston Navy Yard. It was a dismal start on the ship with the Navy yard look even in the crews quarters. Then there were the stories from older shipmates about life on the ship. I remember learning very early on about securing the soap when taking a shower. Some three years later I remember leaving the ship for the last time as a young man of 21. Looking back at this point in my life some sixty one years later, I think I was a better man for my experience serving on the "Sammy B.". It was great seeing friends that I had served with at our first and following reunions. I was pleased to see and hear about their achievements over time, from sales executive. to politicians, inspectors, prison guards, teachers etc. Yes I have always been proud of my service to my country and for the opportunity to serve with my shipmates.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Dan Sarno

Address: 194 Lewis Robert Lane

City: Williamsburg

State: VA

Zip: 23185

Home: 757-220-2541

Cell:

Former Home Town: Boston, MA

E-Mail Address: dasarno@hotmail.com

Date On Board: 1966 --- 1968

Rate:
LT.(jg)



Memories & Comments

I was the CIC Officer

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Rollin L. Schwab

Rate:
RM3

Address: 9054 SW 95th Ave

City: Ocala

State: FL

Zip: 34481-6511

Home: 352-291-9473

Cell:

Former Home Town: Clifton Park, NY

E-Mail Address: rls2882@aol.com

Date On Board: 1956 --- 1958



Memories & Comments

An interesting time in my life. I learned a lot.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: LLewellyn (Dave) Seaver

Address: 434 Gunnison Gorge Dr.

Rate:
Lt.(jg)



City: Wildwood

State: MO

Zip: 63011

Home: 636-458-2640

Cell:

Former Home Town: Needham, MA

E-Mail Address: sh_seaver@sbcglobal.net

Date On Board: 1954 --- 1957

Memories & Comments

The world cruise 54-55. Several months in Japan (Yokusa-Saseho-Saka), Hong Kong. Trip to Iceland-Reunion with fellow shipmates (Fennessy, Svalesse, Skorupski and Heinz). Meeting President Magsaisai(?) in the Phillipines. Crossing the Equator (had to do it twice as I lost my "Shellback" card) Running aground in Aden- Detained in the Suez Canal- Party aboard an Indian Navy ship. Jailed in Panama City when cab driver tried to "stiff" us and we refused to pay, etc....

Then

Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Stephen Senderovitz

Rate:
RD2

Address: 66 Beechwood RD.

City: Belvidere

State: NJ

Zip: 07823

Home: 908-453-2264

Cell: 973-479-5605

Former Home Town: Berwick, PA

E-Mail Address: stevesend@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1961

1964



Memories & Comments

I remember arriving on the SBR-just out of Radar School, not knowing what to expect as a real sailor. The SBR turned out to be a great ship and a great crew. Memories of our anti-submarine training exercises, trips to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland still rejuvenate me. I remember my last day aboard and leaving my shipmates, some who were like brothers to me. Thoughts of liberty in Newport and elsewhere (not to talk about here) occasionally pop in my mind and give me a good chuckle. Life was good! coincidentally, the SBR numbers were 823 - my birthday is 823 - I Knew I was on the right ship.

Thanks to the SBR Scuttlebutt, I have been able to reconnect with a few of my close friends. To those of you that take the time, and; make the effort to keep us all connected via the Scuttlebutt- I THANK YOU

Steve

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Ralph Senk

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City: Broad Brook

State: CT

Zip: 06016

Home: 860-623-0234

Cell:

Former Home Town: Tolland, CT

E-Mail Address: none

Date On Board: 1954 --- 1957

Rate:
EM1



Memories & Comments

Served with a lot of great guys and met many more at our reunions. We have a great Association and the Scuttlebutt is something I always look forward to. I want to thank all of the officers past and present for their commitment to the Sammy B. Association.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Joseph J. Sheehan

Rate:
GM3

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City: Georgetown

State: MA Zip: 01833

Home: 978-352-6329

Cell: 978-764-7090

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address: carols10@verizon.net

Date On Board: July 51 --- July 55



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Carol L. Smith

Rate:
CS3

Address: 402 Garfield Rd.

City: Alta Vista

State: KS

Zip: 66834

Home: 785-499-6346

Cell:

Former Home Town: Same

E-Mail Address: none

Date On Board: Sep 1953 --- Dec 1955



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Jim Snyder

Rate:
BM3

Address: 1524 Sandhill Road

City: Lebanon

State: PA

Zip: 17046

Home: 717-813-1421

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: jck2827@comcast.net

Date On Board: 1967 --- 1969



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Florence M. (Spike) Sullivan

Address: 109 Adams Drive

Deceased

City: Portsmouth

State: RI

Zip: 02871

Home: 401-847-1429

Cell:

Former Home Town: Lawrence, MA

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1947 --- 1954

Rate:
CMDR



Memories & Comments

Deceased April 8, 2005

Spike enjoyed twenty years in the Navy. I met him when he was a Quartermaster and he ended his career as a Commander. He had command of two ships the USS Somersworth-PCER-849 and the William Rush (DD-714). He settled down in Portsmouth, RI and passed away in 2005.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Russ Taylor

Rate:
GMG2

Address: 169 Lake Place S.

City: Danbury

State: CT

Zip: 06810

Home: 203-743-4915

Cell:

Former Home Town: Jackson, MI

E-Mail Address: Russ_carol_taylor@yahoo.com

Date On Board: 1966

1969



Memories & Comments

Dependents Day Cruise to Boston 1968

I met my wife of 42 years Carol in Bermuda in 1967 while serving aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts DD 823. She was vacationing while I was enjoying Cinderella liberty at the Horse and Carriage. We married the next year (1968). The marriage has produced two beautiful daughters, Dawn and Lynn. I mustered out of the Navy in 1969, while serving on the USS Samuel B. Roberts. I was hired by the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 1970. I retired from the Bureau in 1994. I have been doing security work the past 15 years. Presently I am a security supervisor at a local school.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Michael Testa

Address: 217 Seaside Dr.

City: Jamestown

State: RI

Zip: 02835

Home: 401-423-8918

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: jtown@cox.net

Date On Board: 1963 --- 1966

Rate:
LT(jg)



Memories & Comments

My memories of my time on the ship are still fresh on my mind. Hard to believe just three years of your life could stick in your memories so vividly. Coming right out of college I had a lot of growing up to do and a lot of it happened on the old Sammy B.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Otto H. Viertel

Address: 3807 W Shangrila RD.

Rate:
MM2



City: Phoenix

State: AZ

Zip: 85029

Home: 602-938-8333

Cell:

Former Home Town: Canton, OH

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: Feb-52 --- Oct.-55

Memories & Comments

Went to Cuba in 1952. Made the World Cruise in 1954, and passed thru the Panama Canal in '54. My picture is old like me now 78 years old. Thanks for informing me of your planned muster book.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Raymond Ward

Address: 4800 Fillmore Ave; Apt. 1454

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22311

Home: 703-932-5052

Cell:

Former Home Town: China ME

E-Mail Address: raymondward@mac.com

Date On Board: 1961

1962

Rate:
CAPT/CO



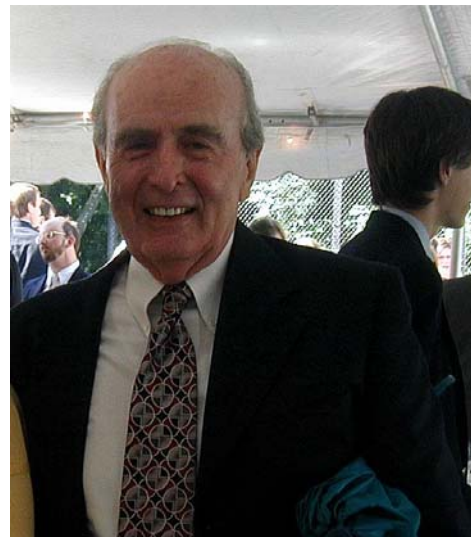
Memories & Comments

Coming from OIC at NAVRADFAC Londonerry, N.I. I picked up the ship in Karachi, and relieved Russ Vollerson as XO. We left the MIDEAST Force and then rejoined the 6th Fleet. Back to Newport where together with most of DESRON 10 we were slated for FRAM. Our FRAM was done in Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. I relieved Cdr. P.L.Murphy as CO and Lcdr Hennessy became the XO. We had an outstanding FRAM. After a little time in Newport we headed to GITMO for REFTRA. The Enterprise was there for shakedown and we pulled the night Plane Guard duty. Four boilers were required to meet their acceleration and this really stretched the engineers who could look forward to reftra drills the following day(s). We did get to Montaego Bay Jamaica and Santo Domingo for Easter. We invited Mr. & Mrs. Roberts to join us in Newport for a family cruise to show their upgraded ship. We were involved in an ASW group that called on Halifax and then up to Qubec City where I was relieved by Cdr. Bill Murray. I reported to the Naval War College, then went to CINCPAC where I was SEAsia Comm Requirements Officer. Back to Newport as CO of the Roan DD-853, later to the Bryce Canyon AD36 and two Destroyer squadrons in Hawaii. My final tour was OP 940 & I retired on 1 July 1976.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Larry Weisenstein

Rate:
PNSN

Address: 86 Silverside Rd.

City: Lakewood

State: NJ

Zip: 08701

Home: 732-255-7101

Cell:

Former Home Town: same

E-Mail Address: lrwise@optonline.net

Date On Board: 1957 --- 1959



Memories & Comments

It was over 53 years ago but it seems like yesterday. You never forget your old shipmates. I will never forget ,The Rogue Wave Incident. Proud to have served on the "The Sammy B."

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Howard Wellington

Address: 7599 Mapleway Drive

Rate:
RD2

City: Olmstead Falls

State: OH

Zip: 44134

Home: 440-235-1168

Cell:

Former Home Town: Dunstable, MA

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: Apr. '52 --- Sept. '55



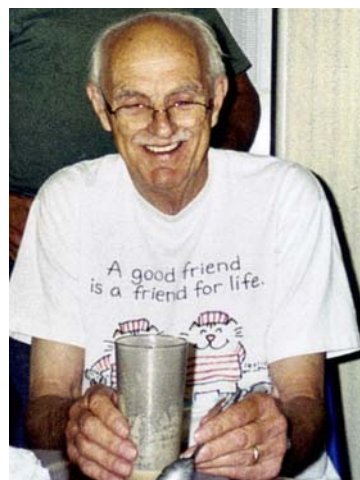
Memories & Comments

What I remember most is when visiting Hong Kong a group of women came onboard to paint. They did this just for the privilege of going thru the garbage after chow.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: John D. White II

Address: 2041 Kensington St.

City: Arlington

State: VA

Zip: 22205-3209

Home: 703-534-9756

Cell: 703-517-5487

Former Home Town: Pueblo, CO

E-Mail Address: jdwhiteii@verizon.net

Date On Board: 1963

1965

Rate:
LT (jg)



Memories & Comments

Made the Med cruise in 1963-64 and the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Jerry Whitehurst

Rate:
STG2

Address: 12581 Highway 26

City: Riverton

State: WY

Zip: 82501

Home: 307-851-0755

Cell:

Former Home Town: Vermont



E-Mail Address: candjwhitehurst@yahoo.com

Date On Board: 1963

1967

Memories & Comments

Until Jim Norton found me 3-4 years ago and told me the 823 was at the bottom of the ocean, the full extent of my attachment to the beautiful greyhound was something like a gray ghost that appeared in times of quiet reflection.

With the revelation that not only the DE-413 but also the 823 were both at the bottom of the ocean, came the realization that the years 1963-1967 were only a small chapter in the history of the SBR. I have taken a great interest in reading all that was in print from 413's sinking to 58's mine hit in the Gulf. Now, the future is with the FG 58.

I could go on reminiscing, but will stop here and give special thanks to Captain Ward for his dedication to all the crew, past and present. Thanks also to the men and women who have given so much time to organizing, and leading us down memory lane.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Clarke J. Wilcott

Rate:
CSC

Address: 913 W. Strowbridge St.

City: Wausau

State: WI

Zip: 54401-2720

Home: 715-675-4113

Cell:

Former Home Town: same

E-Mail Address: None

Date On Board: 1965 --- 1967



Memories & Comments

The hilight of my career was making Chief on our deployment to Vietnam.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: James G. Williams

Rate:
GM3

Address: 627 Jack St.

City: Greensburg

State: PA

Zip: 15601

Home: 724-834-4876

Cell:

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address:

Date On Board: 1948 --- 1952



Memories & Comments

None

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Edmund P. Willis.

Address: 505 E. Braddock Road, Apt. 408

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Zip: 22314-2164

Home: 703-683-8885

Cell:

Former Home Town: Pembine, WI

E-Mail Address: willis885@verizon.net

Date On Board: Jul 55 --- Dec 56

Rate:
Capt



Memories & Comments

I reported aboard Roberts in July, 1955 fresh out of the NROTC program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I requested "Destroyers, Atlantic," for small ship experience. I filled the billet of Division Officer for R Division and Damage Control Assistant. Within days the ship left port to take station near Iceland when President Eisenhower flew to Geneva to meet with Chairman Khrushchev. Next I got orders to the Damage Control school in Philadelphia while the ship was in the Boston Naval Shipyard. That prepared me for refresher training at GITMO. With that behind us we left for the Mediterranean to serve as plane guard for a Sixth Fleet carrier. We enjoyed liberty in Piraeus, Greece and Monaco before transiting the Suez Canal to join the Mideast Force at Bahrain. On the way we had a brief encounter with a sister ship that smashed our whaleboat. R Division boat-building skills restored the whaleboat. As a watch stander I qualified as Officer of the Deck Underway and late in 1956 I was promoted to LTJG. Soon after I got orders to report to Fleet Air Defense School in San Diego preliminary to duty aboard USS Rochester (CA-124). I departed Roberts at Bahrain and flew back to the U.S. via Beirut and Paris.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: John F. Wright

Rate:
ET3

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City: Leonardtown

State: MD

Zip: 20650

Home: 301-475-5985

Cell:

Former Home Town: Jersey City, NJ

E-Mail Address: wae794w@md.metrocast.net

Date On Board: Dec 1961 --- July 1963



Memories & Comments

The Samuel B. Roberts (DD823) was the first of many ships in my Naval Career. Just out of ET"A" school, I reported aboard at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard while she was undergoing FRAM. Refresher training at GITMO was my first underway period, it seemed for six weeks we were at GQ. Also during that trip we visited Santo Domingo and San Juan. Sometime during the winter of 62-63 we went to Argentina, Newfoundland (brrrrr- it was cold). While my time aboard was relatively short (1 1/2 years), it was fun and a valuable learning experience.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Jack Yusen

Rate:
SN

Address: 1805 134th Ave S.E. #5

City: Bellevue

State: WA Zip: 98005

Home: 425-746-1144

Cell: 425-985-0906

Former Home Town: Queens NYC

E-Mail Address: none

Date On Board: April 1944 ---



Memories & Comments

Thank you for your invite to join with your shipmates of the DD-823. There is no higher honor than to be on a ship with the name of the USS Samuel B. Roberts. I was the president for 10 years of the DE-413 and President of TA774 III World War II. President Mike Cipolla thank you for your kind words.

Then



Now



USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS DD-823

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

Name: Thomas Zwemke

Rate:
RD2

Address: 18600 Willow Creek

City: Goddard

State: KS Zip: 67052

Home:

Cell: 316-208-5635

Former Home Town:

E-Mail Address: tzwemke@gmail.com

Date On Board: 1964 --- 1966



Memories & Comments

After graduating from RDA school in February 1964 I went aboard the Roberts as a RDSA. I soon made RDSN followed by RD3 and left the Navy as a RD2. My 27 months aboard the the Sammy were the most important of my life. All my success in life I owe to my time aboard the Sammy. Circled the globe twice, Vietnam tour and memories that are priceless.

In 1991 I became friends with the DE-413 Shipmates Association and attended their reunion in Newport RI. Several other DD-823 shipmates attended as well. From that reunion the start of the DD-823 Association began headed up by Leon McCoy and has grown ever since. I personally give a lot of credit to the DE-413 Association for the support they provided in getting things started.

Then



Now

