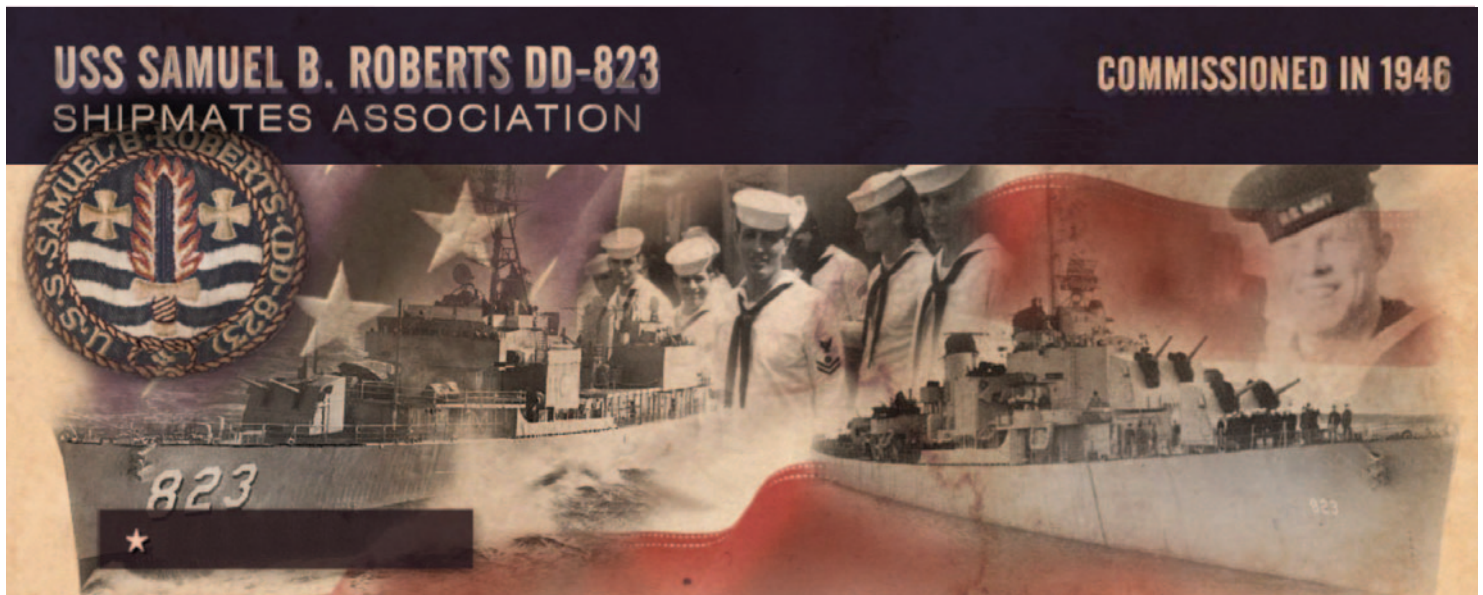


Scuttlebutt

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On the Scope

Greetings fellow shipmates: Why is it as we move forward the sands of the hour glass seem to flow faster? It seems we were just taking on the task of trying to get the “Butt” back up and running and here we are now putting our second edition out to all.

Well, the concept of future reunion has been settled and sadly we will no longer be scheduling any Roberts reunions however all is not lost, be sure and check out the info on our website Samuelbroberts.org plus the article in this issue of the “Butt”, courtesy of Tom Zwemke. In addition, REMEMBER Terry is always looking for items of interest, stories or info in general from YOU, our members. Please, the success of the “Butt” is dependent on you. So, much for the general this’s and that’s. In trying to come up with something of interest for this current issue I really struggled to find something to write about and found myself quickly approaching the dateline asked by Terry to have my contribution in, so for what it is worth here it is. When in port life was pretty much a standard routine, revelry, turn to and generally at 1600

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HOME IS THE SAILOR FROM THE SEA

Roster of deceased shipmates. Paying our respects
Most recent additions are in ***CAPS, Italics, Bold Print and Underlined***
“Sailor Rest Your Oar”

May we ever be mindful 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)
Antenucci, James ('62-'65)
Arduini, Al ('49-'52)
Bader, Robert M. ('53-'55)
Bailey, Donald U. ('46)
Balf, Jim ('64-'66)
Bangert, Bill ('45-'50) *Plank Owner*
Barker, Donald ('49-'52)
Barnhart, Dwayne ('56-'57)
BARNES, DONAL ('65-'70)
Barnett, Sol ('58-'60)
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)
BONNELL, JOHN T. ('64-'66)
Borgo, Frank ('50-'54)
Brazda, Charles ('58-'61)
Bouchard Robert ('54-'56)
Brown, Herbert Lee ('56-'58)
Brown, Robert N. ('57-'60)
Brownlow, P.J. ('52-'54) *Capt.*
Brush, Richard F. ('53-'56)
Budd, Terry ('63-'67)
Butler, John ('59-'61)
Buzz, Ken ('56-'57)
Calvi, John ('61-'62)
Cappelletti, Fred ('47-'50)
Carella, Anthony J. (Unknown)
Carpenter, David G. ('48-'52)
Carter, Franklin "Allie" ('58-'59)
Case, Edward G. ('51-'53)
Ceravolo, Bud ('57-'59)
Chessels, Larry W. ('68-'69)
Cipolla, Mike ('58-'61)
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-'48)
Plank Owner
Cox, Earl ('46-'51) *Capt.*
Craig, Barry ('65-'67)
Craig, Thomas G. ('58-'59)
Cramton, Phil ('54-')

Crawford, Cecil ('47-'54)
Crosby, Ed ('54-'55)
Cummings, Larry ('63-'66)
CUSTER, HARRY G. ('53-'56)
Czapiewski, Ron ('62-'65)
Daniszewski, Anthony ('52-'54)
Davidsen, Art ('68-'70)
Davidson, Dick ('59-'62)
Davis, Chuck ('55-'57)
Dawson, Harold ('56-'58)
DelBarone, Albert ('59-'64)
Delisle, James Jr. ('57-'59)
DeRycke, "Louie" ('53-'55)
DEW, JOSEPH ('62-'66)
Durand, Richard ('66-'68)
Durant, John ('55-'57)
Dzamko, Joe ('59-'61)
Eckland, Philip D. ('52-'53)
Edwards, John. T. ('47-'50)
EDWARDS, TERRY ('65-'67)
Ekberg, Robert ('55-'57)
Eva, Larry K. ('58-'62)
Fedynshyn, Joseph "Fedy" ('49-'52)
Fennessy, Eamon T. (mid 50s)
Fetter, John ('49-'52)
Fisher, Ray *Plank Owner*
Fitzgerald, William ('-')
Flannery, Robert ('51-'54)
Flynn, Robert E., Sr. ('57-'60)
Forth, Delmer ('57-'60)
Fox, Hervey Ray ('52-'56)
Free, Harry C. ('53-'57)
Fretty, Richard ('54)
Gadansky, Bruce ('64-'67)
Garabedian, Varoujan ('54-'55)
Garavano, David P. ('63-'67)
GAW, RONALD ('67-'69)
Gelber, Sam ('52-'54)
Glaser, Wm. R. *Capt.* ('65-'66)
Green, Frank ('53-'57)
Griffin, Gordon ('?'-'?) *Chaplain*
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-'?)
Karl G. Heinze ('54-'56)
Henderson, Bill ('63-'66)
Hendry, Jim ('54-'56)

Hennessey, William V. ('46-'48)
Plank Owner
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*
Jacobson, Darwin (Jake) ('63)
Jones, Floyd T. ('47-'49)
Jones, Samuel ('67-'69) *Capt.*
Jones, William E. ('50-'53)
KALEMBA, TONY ('-')
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)
Knippenberg, Robert E. ('48-'52)
Kopfer, Frank ('58-'50)
Krupinski, Leon ('49-'53)
Kuhn, Joe ('64-'66)
Laird, Jack ('49-'53)
LaFrance, Edgar ('51-'54)
Landahl, John ('60-'63)
Lavertu, Adrian ('65-'67)
Lawrence, Jim ('57-'61)
Lehr, Charles W. ('62-'66)
Lindsay, Edward, Sr. ('66-'70)
Litsch, Frederick ('58-'60)
Littlefield, Charles A. ('59-'60)
Lofler, Ted ('46-'47) *Plank Owner*
Loparco, John ('63-'65)
Loudermilk, L.B. ('54-'55) XO
Lyons, Matthew '50-'52
MACAGNEY, ROBERT ('54-'56)
Malarkey, Ray ('57-'61)
Malloy, Stephen J. ('47-'48)
Manzi, Lester "Butch" ('67-'69)
Marino, Vincent S. ('52-'55)
Matarazzo, John ('63-'65)
Markopoulos, Mike, K. ('56-'57)
McBrien, Adrian ('55-'57)
MCCOY, LEON J. ('52-'55)
McCreary, Frank ('54-'55)
McFarland, Orrin A. ('47-'49)
McGill, Jim ('54-'56)
McGinnis, Larry ('65-'68)

McGirr, Morris ('46)
MCKENZIE WILLIAM E. ('54-'56)
McKinney, Bob ('53-'56)
McLeod, Norman ('50-'52)
McNamara, Charlie ('54-'56)
Meerholz, Marty. ('56-'59)
Merrill, Frank ('55-'59)
Mersurvey, 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)
Norton, James ('64-'66)
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)
Pierce, Ken ('46-'49) *Plank Owner*
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)

Rost, William Jr. ('60-'63)
 Rukin, Herbert J. ('61-'66)
 Salva, Steve ('56-'57)
 Sample, Gene V. Sr. ('49-'53)
 Sarao, Joe ('55-'57)
 Samsel, Robert O. ('49-'53')
 Sarquiz, Joe (55-'57)
 Schadler, Frank ('52-'54)
 Schaefer, Ed ('-')
 Schroeder, Carl ('53-'55)
SCHWAB, ROLLIN ('56-'59)
 Seaver, Llewellyn "Dave" ('53-'57)
 Senk, Ralph ('54-'57)
 Senderovitz, Steve ('61-'64)
 Shannon, Frank ('52-'54)
 Sheehan, Robert ('50-'54)
 Sheehan, Joe ('51-'55)
 Sherry, Peter M. (Unknown)
 Shields, Robert J. ('52-'56)
 Shifton, Joseph ('48-'49)
SIEGEROT, RONALD R. ('53-'56)
 Simmons, Fred S. Jr. '46-'56
Plank Owner
 Skorupski, Stanley S. ('55-'57)
 Smith, Charles F. ('64-'66)
 Smith, Carol ('51-'54)
 Smock, Merrill G. ('56-'58)
 Smoyer, Earl ('51-'53)
 Spratt, Tom ('60-'62)

Spies, Charles J. ('53-'55)
 Stanley, Bob ('50-'54)
 Staszewski, Sigmund ('51-'55)
 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)
 Wellington, Howard W. ('51-'55)
 White, Richard ('54-'56) Capt.
 White, Robert ('46-'50)

Wigglesworth, Carl E. Jr. '66-'69
 Wilcott, Clarke J. ('62-'64)
 Williams, James G. ('48-'52)
 Wingenroth, James ('62-'63)
 Wipperman, Bill (58-'61)
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ZENNI, MARTIN ('52-'54)
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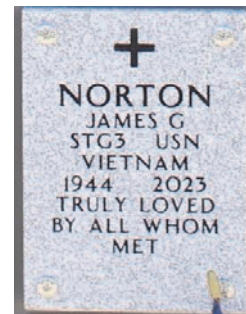


Shipmates, your tour of duty is over, the enlisted have the watch, The Officers have the Conn.

May you have fair winds and following seas forever. The good Lord is with you now and for eternity.



Leon McCoy
 July 23, 1933
 June 12, 2022



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your time became pretty much your own unless you had the duty. You go ashore, hang out, and walk on the Pier or whatever. Once we got underway things changed as A Radar man along with regular chores our days were filled standing watch, sometimes three section and at other time port and starboard, severely restricting your spare time. In addition, since the ship was steaming, the places you had to spend your free time became very limited. So, if the weather was right, the sea was calm one place I always like to go to was the Fantail. In all the time that I spent out there a few instances that recall with that have stayed with me.

The first was hanging out with some of my buddies and just relaxing and enjoying the moment and we decided to have a contest, there were three of us. The challenge was that we would each get a swab and some line and without tying any knots secure our swab and throw it into the wake. Well, I don't remember if we had a winner but I know I did not win.

A second one that comes to mine was when we were in Cuba right after the Cuban Missile crisis. We were steaming I forget to Santo Domingo for some R&R and the Captain was allowing those interested in making a ship to shore telephone call home because of what just happen. Well, we were out on the fantail when one of our crew made his call to his girlfriend. Not exactly sure what went wrong but his part of his conversation was broadcast loud a clear of the MC. Needless to say all his "honey I miss you to" etc., were repeated to him when we met him later. There were other times when we laughed, had serious talks and just shared the moments, through everything I am glad I still have those memories.

Peace, Ken



Here is picture L-R James Karvales, Robert Greisenbeck and myself.

Mail Bouy Watch

One day, for whatever reason, someone in authority decided it was time to set the “Mail Buoy” watch. Selecting a crewman with appropriate knowledge and skill for this responsibility requires careful review of those new to the ship and life at sea.

Fox division was determined to have such a seaman and with the proper coaching from other experienced sailors he would have a sound understanding of how mail was received and distributed while at sea. It was also confirmed that this sailor could easily be trained to use the equipment needed to locate and retrieve the mail buoy so the crew of the SBR would have their mail from home.

The time to get on watch approached and the sailor, confident in his ability to fulfill the task at hand, put on the life jacket and helmet. He then picked up his equipment and headed to the watch station. The equipment consisted of a boat hook, a grappling hook with line and binoculars.

Usually, this watch station is on the bow of the ship, this of course to provide the best visibility and access to the mail buoy. The idea is to spot the mail buoy and point it out to crew on the bridge. The ship would then change course toward the mail buoy and when close enough the mail watch would throw the grappling hook, snag the buoy and pull it onboard with the boat hook. But the weather was not cooperating. The wind and waves made the bow too dangerous a work station. The torpedo deck was selected as the alternate station.

This was still a good station because there is no mail buoy and the whole purpose of the mail buoy watch is to provide amusement for the rest of the crew and visibility for the crew was still just fine. It is not clear to me how the sailor thought he would use the boat hook since the torpedo deck is a full twenty feet above the water line. He may have been satisfied with the extra length of grappling line.

Things went as planned and all the crew had a good laugh while the sailor continued his watch. The executive officer called out to the mail buoy watch and asked him “Have you ever done this before? The reply was ‘No’”. The officer instructed the sailor to take some practice throws with the grappling hook. Just to make sure he was prepared.

The sailor wound up determined to demonstrate his prowess with the grappling device and threw the hook high into the air to achieve the maximum distance. Forward distance was not in the cards. However, vertical height was. Did I mention the wind? The hook, caught by the wind and given the hook was thrown in the wrong direction, rose above the bridge and then passed above the signal bridge to eventually snag the rotating radar antenna causing the radar system to be shut down to remove the grappling line. The mail buoy watch was secured.

I am not sure if the event was recorded in the ships log but I am sure that was the last Mail Buoy watch set on the SBR DD-823.

Bob Hunt

Agent Orange And The Sammy B.

Over the years the subject of Agent Orange was mentioned from time to time at our Reunions. At the 2009 Reunion in Jacksonville, Dave Garavano who was in Vietnam as well told me to check out the VA for benefits to exposure of Agent Orange. Because the Sammy B. was in both blue water and brown water operations, Dave said most likely I was exposed to Agent Orange. He said he was diagnosed with Agent Orange exposure. While up the Saigon River he said the Sammy B. distilled drinking water which contained Agent Orange run off from the rains.

As a BT Dave would know. He stated they could not fully remove the chemical. In January 2010, Dave passed away and is listed on our Honor Roll. In Reunions that followed I heard more discussion about Agent Orange and more Shipmates dealing with it.

Around 2014 I was diagnosed with a heart condition. From the beginning, my heart doctor stated it was most likely caused from exposure to Agent Orange. After ten plus years and one heart operation, I'm now receiving a disability check from the VA. To all my Vietnam Sammy B. Shipmates who have a possible condition that could be caused by Agent Orange get with your VA and get the compensation you deserve.

Tom Zwemke RD2 ('64-'66)



Heading Home from Nam



Christmas Eve 1965, Vietnam

Pulling away from CVN-65 U.S.S. Enterprise.... Call sign "Climax" Christmas Eve, 1965



Tin Can Sailors Reunion *in* **New Orleans**

September 8 – 12, 2024

**Reunion Hotel is Jung Hotel & Residents
1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 7012**

*There will be 3 tours, see meal section for dates, times and price.
See Meal Selections for choices for Monday and Wednesday meals.*

There is a lot of sites to see on your own.

Please enjoy yourselves.

TCS Cancellation/Refund Policy

In order to receive a full refund (registration and tours), cancellations must be received by Tin Can Sailors (either by phone or mail) no later than 5:00 pm, August 9, 2024..

Cancellation received after 5:00 pm, August 9, 2024 but before 5:00 pm Friday, August 16, 2024, may be eligible for a partial refund (registration only). Tours refunds will be made only if your tour ticket(s) are resold. Refunds will not be issued until after the reunion has concluded and accounting has been completed.

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