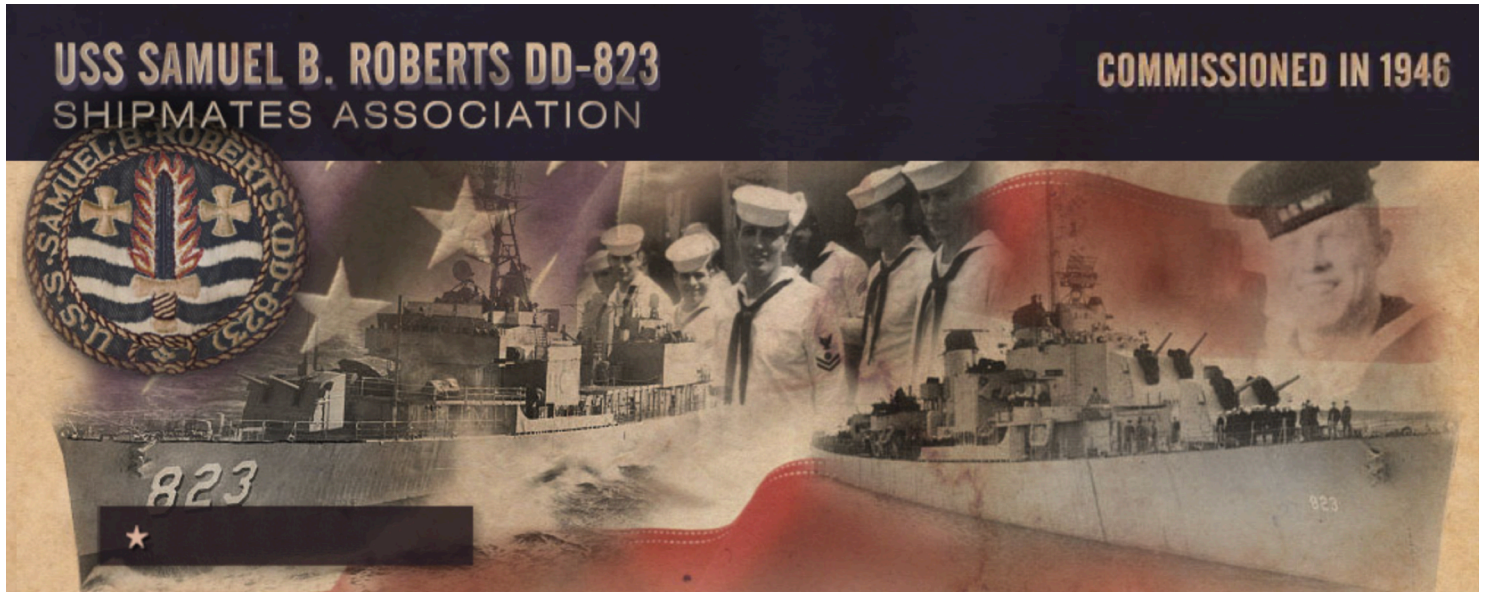


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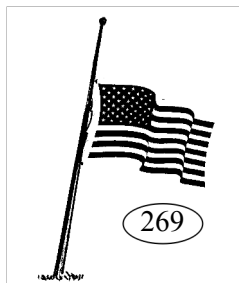
## On the Scope

Greetings shipmates, well it is hard to believe that another year has come and gone and 2023 is coming to an end. By the time this goes to press the year might have already passed and we are into 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the most joyous holiday and only the best in 2024.

As many of you might be aware, 2023 presented a great deal of challenges for us with the passing of some of our most active and contributing member. The passing of Jim Norton, our "Scuttlebutt" mentor, Jim Antenucci, Mike Cipolla, past Presidents and Leon McCoy our first President, has left us with voids so very hard to fill. In addition we came to realize that "Father Time" has crept into our lives and our annual reunion faced a great deal of effort to get off the ground and be a success.

For those of you not aware of our current situation and to refresh those who are, here is where we stand. As we began preparing for the 2023 reunion in Charleston we looked forward to another grand reunion of all our shipmates with great expectations, however it became evident early on that we were not getting the responses from our members as we had in the past. Based on some of the responses we soon realized that many of us were no longer able to travel due to problems of health, age, etc. and that the future of our Association was at a critical turning point. It became quite evident that future reunions were probably not going to happen, where would we go from here. While it was the opinion of the board that our Association

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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)  
**BARNETT, SOL ('58-'60)**  
**BASS, KEN ('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, 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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
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  
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.  
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)  
Meerholz, Marty. ('56-'59)  
Merrill, Frank ('55-'59)  
Mersurvey, Edward ('49-'53)  
Miller, Edward ('-'-')  
Miller, Winston Y. ('-'-')

**MOLLOY, LEON ('52-'55)**  
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)  
**SEAFAR, 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)  
Simmons, Fred S. Jr. '46-'56  
*Planck 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)  
Woloszyn, Joseph ('48-'52)  
Wren, Bobby ('53-'56)  
Zerbe, James A. ('53-'56)



Shipmates, your tour of duty is over, the enlisted men 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. Thank you for your service and keeping America free.



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should continue in some form, it was decided that the fate would be left in the hands of our members at the business meeting during the reunion.

Well I am happy to report that while we will be in the ship yard for an over hauling we have not been sent to the mothball fleet. The results of the meeting are as follows:

While reunions will no longer be scheduled event every two years, the association will continue to conduct business on a reduced agenda. Election was held and the following shipmates have been elected as follows:

President: Ken Giardina giarkc@ptd.net

Vice President: Bob Hunt (Welcome Bob) bobhunt@processwins.com

Treasurer: Kevin McKeown navymac@aol.com

Secretary: Terry Haskins haskuf21@cox.net

Historian: Tom Zwemke tzwemke@gmail.com

Web Master: Tom Zwemke

Chaplain: Jim Cruce: Virgina.cruce@taylor.kq2.fl.us

In addition Terry Haskins has graciously volunteered to put together issues of the "Butt" however the periods of the issues will be modified until a learning period is achieved and that a regular issue routine will be established. It was also decided that the Roberts Association should join the Tin Can Sailors Association. Plus as individuals you should also consider joining the Tin Can Sailors Association. The Tin Can Sailors Association has reunions on a regular basis and any member of our Association that wishes to attend a reunion will represent the Roberts. A letter from the Tin Can Sailors Association is attached. So shipmates to summarize, our Association will continue to be an active entity and its continued success will greatly depend on YOUR!! continued support and contribution. The people who have been making regular contribution have been sadly reduced and we are going to need greater participation from our members. The costs of running this Association will still be the same so membership and dues are still very important. In addition making sure that we have the correct current information like address, email address, phone number is important so please update us of any changes and make sure we have your correct information on file. You would be surprised how many copies of the "Butt" get returned with a note undeliverable. Each return carries a price of printing and postage. So let's hear from you and we should be out of the yard and back on the seas once again.

Ken



## What is a Veteran?

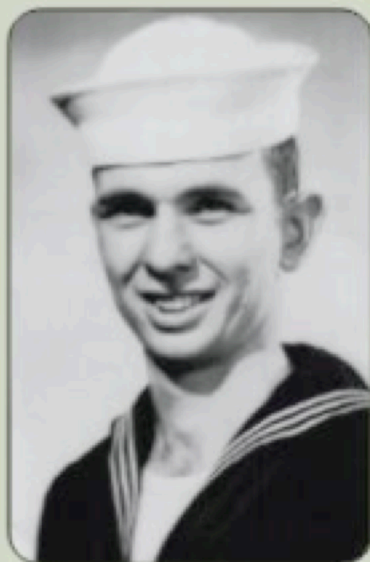
What is a Veteran? A Veteran - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his or her life.

### A Sailors Brief History

I joined the navy on Oct 1, 1964 and did my boot training at the great lakes facility. At the end, I was designated the STG rate and was sent to Key West FLA for Sonar man training. During that period I was offered (in exchange for two more year's active duty) advanced electronics training and maintenance training for the AN-SQS-23C sonar system. I was given orders to report to Newport, RI Jan 22, 1966 and wait for the Samuel B. Roberts to return to port. While waiting, Mar 4, 1966 I was assigned to the USS Coates DE-685 to help sail the reserve ship from Newport, RI to its home port New Haven, CT. Mar 28, 1966 I returned to Newport and on April 11, 1966 I reported aboard the Samuel B. Roberts DD-823 for duty. This would now be my home till Jun1, 1970, the end of my navy enlistment. It has been 53 years since I departed the Sammy B. and I still have not told all my sea stories. The shipmate stories being told at the reunions have triggered my memory of stories I had long forgotten. The first sea story that has never left me and has served me well throughout my civilian work life goes like this: My tasks aboard the ship would include operating and maintenance of the sonar system. Bruce Gadansky was the lead technician and his first question to me was "How do you turn on the sonar system?" I thought to myself, what a strange question. I replied, you turn the power switch from OFF to ON. Bruce replied NO. Never do that. Bruce then explained that there is a power panel in the equipment room that has circuit breakers to turn the system on in stages. You must also call the engine room to get permission to turn on the motor generators because of the power surge that they cause when spinning up. This is not taught in sonar school. This lesson learned (and there were many more) was that even if you are well trained and experienced, you may not know everything when you go into a new environment. I have had a very exciting life full of challenges that had to be overcome. I can tie most of my successes back to my days abroad the Roberts and the shipmates that taught me lessons about how to get along with people and how to solve problems.

God bless all the shipmates of the Samuel B. Roberts DD-823

Bob Hunt



Leon J. McCoy  
July 23, 1933 – June 12, 2022

A Veteran's Last Farewell  
By Raymond C. Gugal

With hushed and metered steps  
The small procession strode.  
They bore a casket humbly carved  
A comrade, to his last abode.

The Nation's Flag was soft unfurled  
And draped across the bier.  
For this was not a common grave  
A veteran would be buried here.

Around the grave the mourners stood;  
A quiet stillness filled the air.  
The Chaplain stood and bowed his head,  
And offered a quiet prayer.  
"Lord, bless our faithful Comrade here  
And lead him to his rest.  
He served his land in time of war,  
He served and passed the test.

What battles won or battles lost  
We do not keep score.  
His youth, his courage, he gave of all  
He was a Veteran- nothing more.

This man was precious to his country,  
A son who heard the call.  
He served to keep his Nation free;  
He fought to save us all.

And so we come to pay respects  
To honor a Veteran son.  
In praising him we praise them all  
Who fought with sword and gun.

Farewell, loyal son; we leave you here  
Our debt to you is vast.  
To you and every Veteran  
Our gratitude will last.

The Chaplain paused and closed his book,  
And thus he ended prayer.  
The Honor Guard retrieved the flag,  
And folded it with care.  
READY! AIM! FIRE!

Three times the last command rang out.  
Three time shots broke the lull  
A muffled bugle sounded TAPS,  
The Veteran's last farewell.  
Sleep here brave son:  
Your Nation welcomes you home.  
You earned your place in Paradise,  
Now rest where heroes roam.



USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823  
1952 -1955

Founder and first President of the  
USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823  
Shipmates Association



# **TIN CAN SAILORS, INC.**

## **DESVETS**

### **The National Association of Destroyers Veterans**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2023**

**Ken Giardina. President**

**USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823 Shipmates Assoc.**

**Dear Ken,**

**I am pleased that the shipmates of the USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823 Shipmates Association have chosen to join us at the Tin Can Sailors National Reunion in New Orleans next year. We look forward to welcoming you aboard. You will be joining several ship groups that come with us each year.**

**We will be at the famous Jung Hotel and Residences, which is walking distance from the French Quarter but without the crowds that sometimes gather there. The Canal Street streetcar stop is just outside the hotel's front door.**

**Plans are not complete, but we intend to visit the National WW11 Museum, the Higgins Boat works, and other places of interest. A dinner cruise on a paddle-wheeler on the Mississippi River, tours of the city, famous plantations, and many historic sites are a few of several options.**

**It is possible that the USS Kidd (DD-661), usually in Baton Rouge, may remain in New Orleans after dry docking next year until 2025 when the spring rains raise the river level enough for the ship to be towed to her cradle in Baton Rouge. I have spoken with the executive director who will try to make the ship available for us to visit while there. Dry dock availability timing will dictate access.**

**I believe that the Samuel B. Roberts DD-823 shipmates will enjoy New Orleans and we will do our best to make you feel at home. Welcome aboard.**

**Sincerely**

**Terry Miller**

# U.S.S. Samuel B. Roberts DD 823

## Shipmates Association

### 2023 Treasurers Report

Ending Balance (12/31/2022).....\$5,382.29

Deposits (01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023).....\$1,582.00

\$6,964.29

Disbursements (01/01/2023-12/31/2023).....\$2,136.20

Ending Balance (12/31/2023)..... \$4,828.09

#### Deposits:

Dues..... \$675.00

Donations..... \$455.00

Reunion Auction Income..... \$452.00

Total..... \$1,582.00

#### 2023 Disbursements/Expenditures

Scuttlebutt, Letters, Labels, Envelopes, Printing & Postage..... \$1,046.30

Reunion Hotel Deposit..... \$500.00

Gratuities for Reunion Tour Drivers and Guides..... \$475.00

Reunion Balance due “A Complete Reunion Co.”..... \$114.90

Total..... \$2,136.20

Receipts on File

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McKeown, Treasurer

\*\* Open Bar Expense of \$180.00 at Reunion Banquet

Was donated and paid by an anonymous Shipmate.

**Annual Dues:** They will be \$15 this year. Please make checks out to the USS Samuel B Roberts (DD823) Shipmates Assoc. To Kevin McKeown, 47 Long Beach Drive, Sound Beach, NY 11789-18



## **Business Meeting**

### **USS Samuel B Roberts (DD823) Shipmates Association**

**October 26, 2023**

#### **Terry Haskins – Secretary**

- In absents of our President Ken Giardina, Kevin McKeown, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.
- 15 members present with 7 spouses and guests. Officers in attendance Secretary- Terry Haskins, Treasurer- Kevin McKeown, Chaplin- Jim Cruce, Webmaster- Tom Zwemke.
- \* We have a Quorum
- \* Terry Haskins read the minutes from the 2019 business meeting. Tom Grzybowski made a motion to accept the minutes as read, second by Julian Lusco. Motion Passed.

#### **\* 7 Orders of Business**

1. Election of Officers, per Tom Zwemke and Kevin McKeown, Ken Giardina accepted President, Terry Haskins and Kevin McKeown accepted Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Need to fill Vice President and Historian. Robert (BOB) Hunt volunteered for Vice President and Kevin McKeown asked Tom Zwemke to be Historian, he accepted. Julian Lusco made a motion to close the nominations of officers and Tom Zwemke second. Motion passed on newly elected officers for 2023-2025.

2. Kevin McKeown brought up that we are an ageing association, only 16 shipmates came this year out of 150, a little more than 10%. We are Older, some not in the best of health, hard to get around and expense. It's hard to do our self and A Complete Reunion was expensive. Lots of discussion from members Julian Lusco, Tom Grzybowski, John White and many others. Pros and cons about staying by our self or go with Tin Can Sailors. Kevin McKeown asked for a show of hands to stay as we are 4, show of hands to go with Tin Can Sailors, 10. Tom Zwemke said he would look into joining Tin Can Sailors. Julian Lusco made a motion to go with Tin Can Sailors, second by Tom Zwemke, 14 in favor, motion passed.

**3. Tom Zwemke is donating the Oscar flag (Man Overboard) off the Samuel B Roberts to the USS Joseph Kennedy DD 850 to put it in their museum. The Kennedy is berthed in Fall River, Mass.**

**4. Jim Norton did a great job on the Scuttlebutt newsletter. Need someone to volunteer to keep the membership informed. Motion made by Julian Lusco to have Terry Haskins to do the letter, second by John White. Motion passed.**

**5. Treasures report. As of 10/26/2023 there is \$4,790.99 in the checking account. Kevin discussed our finances, it cost about \$460 to do the newsletter (letters, labels, envelopes, printing, and postage) . Julian Lusco made a motion to keep the dues at \$15, second by Tom Zwemke. Motion passed. If the association decides to disband, the board will decide what to do with the money in the treasury. Ken and Kevin are on the checking account.**

**6. Want to thank Julian Lusco on being auctioneer and Joanna Edwards and Martha Gaulden for tabulating and taking care of the monies. The auction raised \$452 for the Association treasury.**

**7. Gratuity for bus drivers and Barb from A Complete Reunion. Bus driver Jay \$50, one day, Lisa \$125, 2 day driver and tour guide, Barb, \$300. Julian Lusco made a motion on that amount, second by Jim Dunn, motion passed.**

**A motion to adjourn made by Jim Gaulden, second by Julian Lusco. Meeting adjourned at 11:34.**

**Terry Haskins, Sec'y**

### **Thursday Night Banquet**

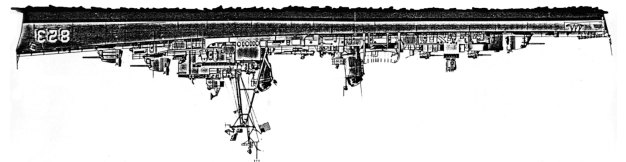
**The banquet was MC'D by Tom Zwemke. Terry Haskins led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Kevin Mckeown read the names of our departed shipmates, 16. Jim Cruce led us in prayer. We had a great meal. John White was our guest speaker, sea stories from Ensign to Captain. Open Mike. Terry Haskins said it was "No Higher Honor" than serving with the shipmates from the Roberts. That spirit lives with me to this day. Terry wanted to give a special Thank You to Ken Giardina, Kevin Mckeown and Tom Zwemke for all the hard work on getting the reunion together at the last minute.**

## **Snipes Lament**

**Now each of us from time to time has gazed upon the sea, and watched the warship pulling out to keep this country free. Most of us have read a book or heard a lusty tale about men who sail these ships through lighting, wind and hail. But there's a place within each ship that legend fail to teach.**

**It's down below the water line, that takes a living toll. A hot metal living hell that sailors call " THE HOLE" It houses the engines run by steam that makes the shafts go around. A place of fire and noise and heat, that beats your spirits down. Where boilers, like a hellish heart with blood of angry steam, are molded gods without remorse, like nightmares in a dream. Whose threat that from the fires roar is like a living doubt, that any minute would the scorn escape and crush you though out. Where turbines scream like tortured souls, alone and lost in hell, as ordered from above some where they answer every bell. The men who keep the fires lit and make the engines run, when the ships converge to have a war upon an angry sea, the men below just grimly smile at what their fate might be. They're locked in below men foredoomed who hear no battle cry, its well assumed that if they're hit, the men below will die. Every day is a war down there when the gauges all run red, for a hundred pounds of superheated steam will kill you mighty dead. I've seen the sweat soaked heroes fight in the superheated air to keep the ship alive, though no one knows they're there. Thus they'll fight for ages on, till warships sail no more amid the boilers mighty heat and the turbines hellish roar. So when you see a ship pull out to meet a warlike foe, remember faintly if you can.**

**“THE MEN WHO SAIL BELOW”**



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