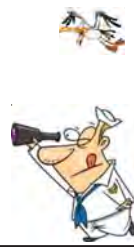




USS FISKE



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Shape Up and Ship Out!

All Hands Report to Charleston!



President Gil Beyer

President's Report

Our reunion weekend is just over a month away, and our hotel reservations have been confirmed!

I've purchased a new GPS unit for the car and we've been in contact with AAA to have them orchestrate our cross-country odyssey. Sherry and I are planning a 5 to 6-week excursion across this great country and hope to kill a whole flock of birds with one shot. We'll be working on our 'Bucket List' of National Parks and Monuments as well as seeing family along the way.

We're looking forward to spending time with old friends – and meeting new friends – during our stay in Charleston. I've looked over the list of attendees to date and am cautiously optimistic that we'll have a great turnout. Those of you that are still undecided, make your choice now, and take a few minutes and think back to camaraderie and adventures you had while you were onboard the FISKE.

I remember with great pleasure trying to 'net' jellyfish while we were in the Red Sea doing interdiction patrols at 5 knots day after day. The many hours we spent turning used parts and fittings into 'Kludge Makers' (called this because of the noise they made when thrown overboard). I've found that there is nothing quite as inventive as a group of exceedingly bored young men far from home.

I hope to see many of these young men in Charleston – even if we are all wearing our 'old man' skins and only our eyes show the joy of simply being alive.

- Gil

Reunion Report From Jeff Kovite, Secretary and Reunion Host

Charleston in September is too good to miss. What a wonderful time we will have visiting great ships and beautiful plantations, and wandering an historic city. It's been a long haul since Milwaukee: choosing among many fine hotels, searching for just the right tours, deciding on the banquet menu and a thousand other details in order to make the 14th a reunion to remember. It's been hard work, but we have a great reunion committee who turned to and got the job done.

As the reunion host, I owe Gil and James a hearty "thank you" for their help; being able to consult with them made each decision a lot easier. And hats off to Sandie, our Newsletter Editor and Ship Storekeeper, for all the time and effort she has put into the project. Well done, and BZ to all!

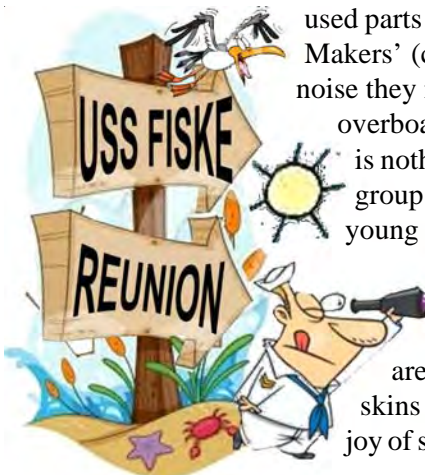
With that, if you haven't sent your registration form in yet, or made the hotel reservation, I urge you to do that now. You'll find the registration form on the back page of this newsletter.

There are so many things to see and do in Charleston you might want to consider extending your visit. The hotel will give you the reunion rate if you extend your stay a few days

By the way, on the tour to Patriots Point, make sure to bring your Tin Can Sailors membership card to avoid the \$15 entrance fee.

See y'all in Charleston!

- Jeff



From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

Well - here we are - about six weeks away from our reunion! I've been thinking that some of you might be a little weary of hearing about this bi-annual event, but in retrospect, that is what our Association is all about.

Every two years, we get together as shipmates - across several decades - from plank holders and deck hands to officers and enlisted, with a common goal to sustain the legacy of that glorious tin can we were all honored to have served upon. We share, with pride, the history and personal stories of the FISKE in our attempt to keep the memories alive for all who follow us.

Since it's impossible for every shipmate to attend the reunions, we try to do the next best thing through this newsletter and the website. This issue is also the two-year mark for me as your editor. I hope that our attempt to bring news of your shipmates and friends to you, along with pictures and a few interesting articles have helped to keep you informed and entertained.

As this issue is necessarily brief, please enjoy fair winds, following seas, and good health - we'll bring more news to you in November!

- Sandie



Notes from the Secretary

Jeff Kovite - SOG2 1959-1961

Shipmates, I'm happy to report that since my last report to you, we haven't been notified that any shipmate has been called to those "Pearly Gates." Let's hope our luck continues.

However, I can share that we have new shipmates on our roster. A hearty Fiske welcome to: Robert Peebles RM2, 1973-74; Earl Leach ET2, 1950-53; John A. Hart Sr. RD2, 1960-62; Stanley Peterson MM3, 1952-53; Carl Bailey GMG3, 1966-68; Woodrow Bond MM1, 1972-75.

I am looking forward to the reunion as I hope you are, too. Let's make this a festive occasion! If you still have your old uniform and can actually stuff yourself in it, wear it for the banquet. Mine is long gone, but I am going to drag the tux out of the back closet and wear that. Until then, I wish you safe travels, fair winds, and calm seas,

- Jeff

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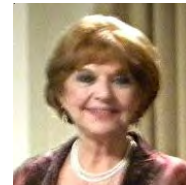
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As I sit quietly in my stateroom (home office) I can hear the Editor on the 1MC calling for all contributors to "Lay up to the Quarterdeck" with their articles for the newsletter. Although I know that she will cut me some slack if I'm a little late, I'd better get busy and complete my assigned tasks.

With space being somewhat limited in this newsletter, I will keep my remarks to my usual areas of expertise – mainly, DUES are due and we greatly appreciate your contributions. No organization can continue its work without the support of the membership.

The Treasurer's Report



James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg
1964-1967



Alone, a \$10.00 per year amount may seem small and insignificant, but together they help us accomplish our goals. Please send your payment in and if you have any questions as to if or how much you owe, please email me.

The other area is the reservations for the upcoming Reunion in Charlestown, SC. As you are booking your hotel directly, the amount that you are sending to the Association is only for the activities of the Reunion. We have also given you the option to split

your payment if you wish, as long as it is paid in full prior to you arriving at the Reunion. I have attended Reunions since 2001 and I am continually impressed by the friendships that both Geri and I have made and renewed. Please make every effort to join us and start or renew your own.

- James

Ship's Store



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Fiske Challenge Coins



USS FISKE

14th Bi-Annual Reunion at Charleston, SC
SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2013



REUNION RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Name of Spouse or Guest(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Years served on board _____ Rank/Rate _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY TO AVOID ERRORS! DEPOSITS ON GRAND TOTAL ACCEPTED!

Hospitality Room Fee:	Number _____ @ \$15.00 PP	Total \$
Contingency Fee to support Reunion:	Number _____ @ \$ 8.00 PP	Total \$

BANQUET MENU MEAL OPTIONS:	Make your choice and indicate how many below	
Sliced Sirloin with Burgundy Mushroom Ragout	Number _____ @ \$35.00 PP	Total \$
Baked Tilapia with Lemon Buerre Blanc	Number _____ @ \$35.00 PP	Total \$
Onion Crusted Chicken with Dijon Cream Sauce	Number _____ @ \$35.00 PP	Total \$
Vegetarian: Pasta Primavera with Fresh Garden Vegetables	Number _____ @ \$35.00 PP	Total \$
Specify any special dietary needs:		

BANQUET ONLY	Choose from menu and list total number of meals here:	
	Number _____ @ \$45.00 PP	Total \$

FRIDAY 9/27: Patriots Point & Optional Citadel Tour: Bus Departs 09:00 - Returns approx. 17:00		
Bus (\$25.00 PP) Admission: \$15.00 ea without TCS card. Hot lunch at CPO mess, or grab a casual snack at the concession stand. <i>(Those not continuing to the Citadel will be bussed back early)</i>	Number _____ @ \$25.00 PP	Total \$

SATURDAY 9/28: Magnolia Plantation Tour: Bus Departs 09:00 - Returns approx. 15:00		
Fee Includes admission and bus transportation.	Number _____ @ \$55.00 PP	Total \$

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USS FISKE (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc	TOTAL:	\$
	Add dues or optional contribution here:	\$
	Grand Total:	\$
	Amount (or deposit) enclosed with form:	\$
Pay in full by 30 Aug - Balance:		\$

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