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President Gil Beyer

President's Letter

Here it is less than six months until we gather in Saratoga Springs, NY. Hopefully you have already made your travel plans and your reservations.

Your Reunion Host, Bob Mitchell, and Coordinator James Rapson, are doing a great job of planning the tours and banquet. I'm personally looking forward to visiting the USS Slater (DE 766) and comparing her to the Fiske.

There'll also be plenty of time to share 'sea stories' in the Hospitality Room. I know that I've spent many enjoyable hours in the Hospitality Rooms over the years. Renewing our bonds with old friends that were onboard when I was and getting to know new shipmates. Old and new stories about our time on the Fiske take me back over the years to a time when we were young and invincible.

As the years go by I truly appreciate my time with all of you. Again, I'm hoping to see some of the shipmates

that joined the Association in the last couple of years. We do share a common bond- we all served on the best 'damned Tin Can' in the Second Fleet. Until we meet again, I wish you all fair winds and following seas.

- Gil

Ship's Store News



With Pete Brotschul,
BT2 1974-1977
2nd Vice President &
Ship's Store Keeper

Hello to all my shipmates, far and wide. As we swing into Spring, I hope everyone is getting excited about our upcoming reunion. And, I am very excited to announce that the Ship's Store is having a clearance sale so we can update our inventory before we all meet in Saratoga Springs.

While supplies last. - all tee shirts, ball caps and Second Edition Fiske Tales books are \$10.00 each - what a savings! *Note that there are limited colors and sizes of tees remaining in stock.* If you purchase one of each it's \$30.00 - that's like getting one free. And, as always, all book proceeds are donated back to our Association by the author, our own president, Gil Beyer.

Please remember to include your phone number on the order form so I can fill your order promptly. This old Boiler Tech wishes you well, and is looking ahead to seeing all of you in beautiful Saratoga Springs, New York. We will have another wonderful reunion and I am truly honored to be a part of it.

- Pete

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From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

Spring! Will it ever break through? If you look at the masthead on page one (this being the March edition), you may be wondering why you are getting it in February:

At the Annapolis reunion, we took a vote to reduce expenses by cutting publication from four to three issues a year: *March, July, and November*. In this reunion year, with just one more issue before Saratoga, a clarion call was sent out to all to get their input in as early as possible.

In true Fiske "can do" fashion, everyone turned to, and thanks to them, your Editor was able to complete this edition fully a month in advance. This allows more time for you to plan for September in Saratoga Springs, and to get your reservation form to Treasurer Rapson, either paid-in-full, or with a deposit. (*The early release was no small feat, since the aftermath of last year's computer crash is still giving me heartburn.*)

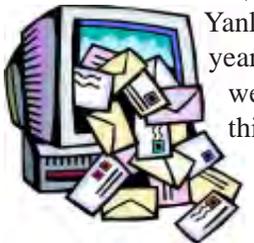
Now, let's revisit the dead horse of returns once again, as it relates to the issue of expense: 1) We extend our thanks and gratitude to generous shipmates who send extra donations to cover those who do not, or cannot pay their dues. 2) From the Editor's soapbox, *if you receive a print copy and don't pay your dues (even if you could), you're on a free ride* - we would only ask that you give it some thought and please try to catch up. 3) Finally, every twenty returns (at fifty cents per mailing) used to equal one shipmate's dues for a year. Now, it gets worse:

The cost for one ounce of mail was raised in January by a nickel. To send a print copy of this newsletter, at fifty five cents a piece, returns are more wasteful than ever.

Not notifying us also means that too many of you are missing information about the reunions. Remember that one of the prime reasons (why we exist as an Association), is to get together every two years to renew our friendships and reminisce about our memories on the Fiske.

This being February, as I've watched television news of the record snowfalls and foul weather that have swept across the nation, you have my empathy. This transplanted Yankee (living in sunny Florida almost forty years), has vivid memories of that kind of weather and it still makes me shudder to think about it. Keep warm, shipmates, and until July, I wish you all fair winds and following seas.

- Sandie



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A Notable Quote

“While men inhabiting different parts of this vast continent cannot be expected to hold the same opinions, they can unite in a common objective and sustain common principles.”

Franklin Pierce

*14th President of the United States
1853-1857*



Notes from the Secretary

*Jeff Kovite
SOG2 1959-1961*

Shipmates,

With Spring on the horizon, let's all turn our attention to the reunion coming up this September in Saratoga.

Someone asked me recently if I ever go to my high school or college reunions. I told him, no, but I look forward every two years to seeing old shipmates and meeting new ones. School pals are one thing, but these are the men that I shared my life with for two years. Together we sailed the best destroyer that ever tasted salt water. We were family.

Unfortunately, four of our shipmates will not be there. You may have known some of them:

John Charles Gabriesheski, a Gunner's mate who was aboard from 1960 to 1963, who died December 21, 2017. Then, Victor McHardy, Boatswain Mate Master Chief, who sailed on 842 from 1977 to 1980, passed on October 22, 2018, and Max Lindsey, ET3, who kept the ship's systems in shape from 1957 to 1959 died on April 28, 2018.

I want to make a special mention of John R. Frazer who sailed on the Fiske from 1960 to 1965.

He was an ET2 then and made a career in the Navy, eventually becoming a master chief.

John was active in the Fiske organization and proudly wore his uniform to the reunions, the gold hash marks - from his wrist to his shoulder - testament that he was a very special sailor.

For those of you who have attended past reunions, you may recall that John was our "official photographer" for many years. He passed last month on January 12, 2019.

In keeping with traditions and mourning their passings, I have added them to the Honor Roll; during the reunion ceremonies in Saratoga Springs, we will toll the Ship's bell in memory of them, never to be forgotten.



- Jeff



17TH BI-ANNUAL REUNION



Holiday Inn

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY
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(Tuesday thru Thursday)

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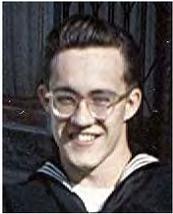
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Steve Gilbert
YN3 1958-1960

What's Up With the Web?



Shipmates, we still need your help! Don't forget to contact me if you make a change to your profile, move, have a new email address or phone number, or to report the passing of a shipmate. Both the Editor and I are getting too many returns that equal wasted funds that the Association needs to keep financially viable.

- Steve



Gilbert E. Beyer,
ETSN/ETR3 1960-1963

Ship's Log Entries

Stories and histories from the viewpoint of the seamen, petty officers, chiefs and junior officers on the ships involved in the overall scheme of winning in Korea, the Cold War, participating in Viet Nam and generally helping in the writing of the history of the late 20th century.

Some of you may know this already. Back in 2015¹, I was invited to join the Naval Order of the United States. This was thanks to a serious naval historian (John Rodgaard, Captain, USN retired), reading our book.

That invitation led me to attend the 2017 NOUS Congress and another in 2018. It seems that our book fills a niche that has been relatively empty until now.

History is usually written in great broad strokes with most of the small details hinted at, but seldom explored. Our book looks at history from a highly personal view - and it is important.

I've said it a hundred times, if you don't write it down, it never happened.

Historian's Report



So please, write those memories down and send them to me. If not for anyone else do it for your families. We're getting old and we must leave our mark, no matter how small we feel it is. Get those stories to me – funny, sad, mundane or heroic – before July and I'll put out a third edition to share with the world. - Gil

Interesting Places to Visit in Saratoga Springs

Saratoga Springs Visitors Center

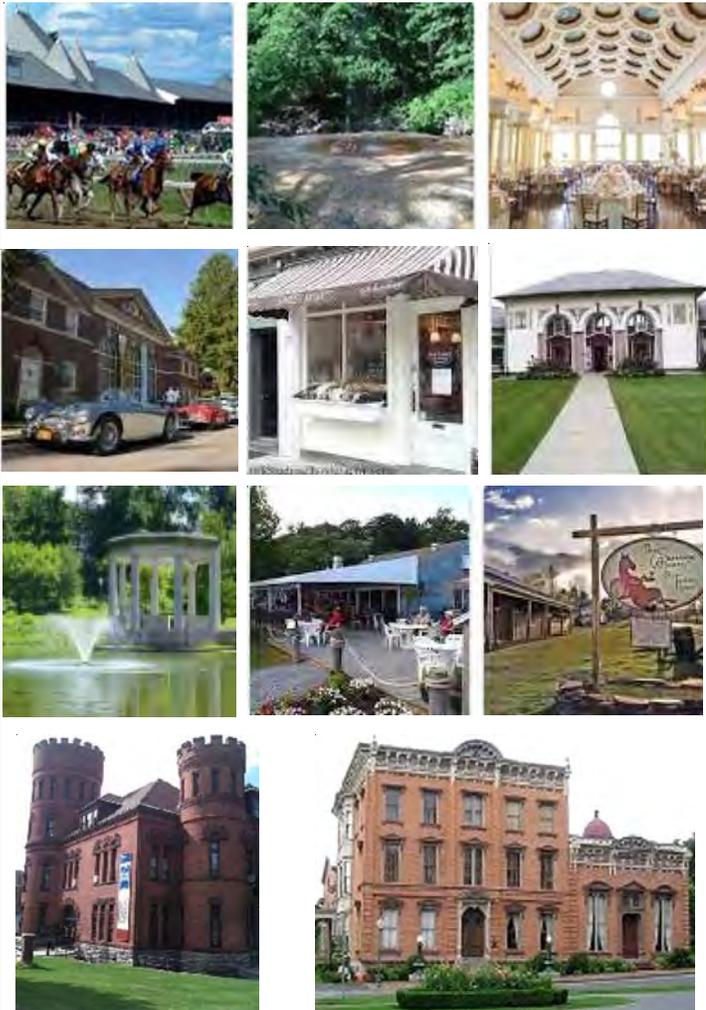
297 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

The Saratoga Springs area has more attractions than we could ever describe here. Listed below are but a few that might tickle your fancy, or find interesting.

Most attractions are within a ten minute walk, some about a 20 minute drive. Car pool with shipmates during your free time and enjoy all that the area offers.

- Saratoga Farmers Market - Saratoga Winery
- Saratoga Spa State Park
- Congress Park and Congress Spring
- Saratoga Springs History Museum
(artifacts and photos dating from 1855 to 1980)
- New York State Military Museum
(artifacts dating from the
Revolutionary War up to Desert Storm)
- Saratoga Race Course - 45 minute tour
- Saratoga Automobile Museum
- National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame
- Sweet Mimi's Cafe and Bakery
& Lake Local - (restaurants)

Editors Note: for complete information on any of the above, and more: Google "Things to do in Saratoga Springs in September", then click on "25 Best Things to Do in Saratoga Springs, New York". Full descriptions, phone numbers and addresses are listed for all. Have Fun!



¹ Read about Gil's induction into NOUS on page 6, March 2018

Constitutionally Speaking

Secretary Kovite Continues His Special Report...

Articles I, II and III describe the Congress, Executive Branch and the Judiciary, respectively, all of which have been covered in previous editions of this newsletter. *Article IV deals with the states - their relationships and duties to each other and to the federal government.*



Article IV - Section I - State Acts and Records

Section I states that "Full Faith and Credit be given in each state to the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of every other state." So, a court judgment in one state is valid in any other state. Congress may pass laws regulating these records and proceedings.

Article IV- Section II - Section II deals with individuals.

- 1** The first paragraph says that a citizen of one state is entitled to all the privileges of the other states. Therefore, driver's license from one state is valid in the other states.
- 2** The second paragraph, called the Extradition Clause, says that when a person is a fugitive from justice in one state that person will be sent back to the state where the crime occurred.
- 3** The third paragraph, referred to as the Fugitive Slave Clause, states that escaped slaves must be returned to where they escaped. The Thirteenth Amendment, passed in 1865, nullified this clause.



Article IV - Section III

Section III describes how new states can be admitted by the Congress. For instance, one state cannot be formed inside another state (sounds logical, but remember they never did this before).

Article IV- Section IV - Guarantees to States

Finally, Section IV promises every state a republican form of government (citizens elect representatives to govern them) and protection from invasion and, if requested by the states, domestic violence.

Our Constitution is a model that brings hopes of democracy to other nations of the world. As your shipmate, and a retired teacher, it is my honor to share insights of this amazing document with you. These articles will continue in future newsletters as space permits.

- Jeff



Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Beware: Caller ID

showing a "local" number does not always mean it is a local caller!

Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with "Yes".

Never give out personal information such as account numbers. If you get an inquiry from someone who says they represent a government agency, or company, hang up and call the phone number on your account.

Consumer Tips to Stop Unwanted Robocalls and Avoid Phone Scams

Use caution if pressured for immediate information. If you have a voice mail account with your phone service, be sure to set a password for it.

Talk to your phone company about call blocking tools they may have and check into apps that you can download to your mobile device to block unwanted calls.

Register your number on the "Do Not Call List" to block unwanted calls. The Do Not Call Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines.

To register by telephone:

Call: 1-888-382-1222.

You must call from the phone number that you want to register.

To register online:

(donotcall.gov), you will have to respond to a confirmation email.

To File a Complaint with the FCC:

Consumer Complaint Center at consumercomplaints.fcc.gov



- Editor



Report From the Treasurer

Welcome again, Shipmates, to the wonderful and interesting world of being an Officer in your Association. As with anything else in our lives, things are constantly in a state of fluid motion, requiring changes to bring you the best Reunion that we can. We hope to offer those things that will excite your interest and give you the reasons to travel once again to meet up with "old" friends and make new ones with Shipmates who may be at their first reunion.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 25, 2019 we will be visiting the Saratoga National Historic Park, the site of several deciding battles with the British near the end of the Revolutionary War. It is a walking and/or motor (your vehicle) tour with stops at various historical places for a narrated/guided tour. You are encouraged to look at their web-site for more detailed information to assist you in your decision to participate in this tour.

On Thursday morning, September 26, 2019 we will be visiting the USS Slater DE-766 in Albany, NY. She is one of the surviving WWII Destroyer Escorts and has been exceptionally well maintained by their Association. They provide guided tours aboard the ship that are about 90 minutes long. Keep in mind that while almost all spaces are open and they have made accommodations for visitors, it is a small ship that will give those who have never been aboard an example of how life was to serve on a Destroyer. You are also encouraged to visit their web site for more detailed information.

Now there are several things to consider for these tours. While there is no fee for the Saratoga Battlefields, we are asking for a \$10.00 donation in order to get a proper head count so that we can let them know in advance.

The monies collected will be given to the Saratoga National Historic Park by the Fiske Association. Likewise,



James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg
1964-1967



for the USS Slater Tour, their Group Rate for Reunion Groups is \$7.00, but we are going to ask you for a \$10.00 donation in order to also get a proper head count. While members of the Tin Can Sailors (Destroyer Veterans) would be at no charge, we feel that a group donation would be very appropriate and the Fiske Association would forward the funds collected.

The last item to consider is how we get to these two tours. Due to the extremely high costs of buses, we are looking to car pool with the vehicles available from our shipmates. On your Reservation Form will be a place to indicate the number of additional passengers you could take if you are going on the tour.

For example: you have four seat sedan and you and your wife are going on the tour then you have two additional seats available. Once we collect that information, we can ensure that all who wish to go on the tours have a place to sit. One thought to keep in mind, if your wife does NOT want to go on the tours but would rather car pool up with other ladies, then your vehicle is "out of service" for the tour because some of the ladies would rather do something else as a group. Think wisely on this subject and let's provide for all of our attendees for whatever and wherever they may want to do and where they may want go at the reunion.

Finally, the Ship's Store Order Form has a place to note your dues payment of \$10.00. It's still the best bargain in town and very important to keeping *your* Association on a firm financial footing.

Until the next newsletter, may you have smooth seas and following winds.

- James



W. Frank Stancil
GMG3
1959-1963

Chaplain's Corner



"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation -- Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

We gain strength, courage and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face, we must do that which we think we cannot.

"I tell you, you can pray for anything and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." Mark 11:24.

May God richly bless you every day in every way!

- Frank



Dues
&
Contributions



As a not-for-profit organization, our only means of income is from dues, contributions, Gil's book, and sales from Ship Store.

Paying your dues will help keep us afloat!



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DD/DDR 842 Association, Inc.

17th Bi-Annual Reunion at Saratoga Springs, New York

Tuesday - Thursday, September 24-26, 2019



17th REUNION RESERVATION FORM

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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

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Years served on board _____ Rank/Rate _____

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Rate \$129.00, + applicable NY taxes - valid one day before and after reunion
Front Desk: 1-518-584-4550 - Mention Group Code UFR

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

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Hospitality Room Fee:	Number _____ @ \$ 15.00 PP	Total \$
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Make your choice and indicate how many below

8 oz Broiled Scrod with Lemon Butter	Number _____ @ \$32.00 PP	Total \$
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BANQUET ONLY

Choose from menu and list total number of meals here:	Number _____ @ \$	PP	Total \$
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TOURS (Transportation for Both Tours is by Car Pooling with Shipmates)

Wednesday, 9/24/19 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Saratoga Battle Field Tour	I can transport shipmates ✓	# of seats _____	Number _____ @ \$10.00 PP	Total \$
Thursday, 9/25/19 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	USS Slater Tour DE-766	I can transport shipmates ✓	# of seats _____	Number _____ @ \$10.00 PP	Total \$

If you have not paid your dues, or wish to make a contribution, please add here: \$

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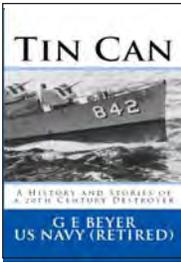


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