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Members Retain Current Officers Saratoga Springs to be Reunion Site for 2019



President's Letter

President Gil Beyer Shipmates, I hope that every one who attended our reunion in Annapolis had as good a time as I did, and that everybody got home safely. We had a broad cross-section of shipmates at this, our 16th Bi-Annual gathering. On one end of the spectrum we had George Hodulik and Bill Gates, Fiske Plank Owners from 1945, to Jay Warren, a Quartermaster, that served near the end of Fiske's service in 1978-79.

We had a nice boat tour of Annapolis harbor on Wednesday the 23rd. On Thursday the 24th we had a morning tour of the Maryland Statehouse followed by a brief tour and lunch at the Naval Academy. My only regret is that for some reason, all of the pictures I took on Thursday were not on the SD card in my camera when I returned home.

At our business meeting on Thursday, it was decided that for the 17th Bi-Annual Reunion we'll be revisiting Saratoga Springs, New York, and that it will be hosted by Past President Bob Mitchell. The usual suspects were retained as Officers and Appointments for 2018-2019. This

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leaves me once again heading up the best team I've ever had the pleasure of working with. Our guest speaker at the banquet on Thursday was Dr. William McBride, Professor of ..*continued on page 5*

IMPORTANT NOTICE
To Shipmates Who Receive
This Newsletter by Mail



If Your Dues are "Due"
 Please send your \$10.00 (or more) to:
Treasurer, James R. Rapson
 244 Park View Avenue
 Warwick, RI 02888

At the 16th Bi-Annual Reunion in Annapolis this past August, the rising cost of printing and distribution of this newsletter and member dues was discussed at length.

It remains at \$10.00 a year. That would normally be enough, but only 14% of our shipmates actually pay it, and that is not likely to change in the future; thus, attending members reluctantly decided that any shipmate unable to pay dues will no longer receive a print copy, but will not be dropped from the roster.

If You Cannot Afford Your Dues:
 Please ask a family member or good friend to send their email address to our Webmaster:
Steve Gilbert: sgilbert@msn.com
 It will be added to the distribution list, and your friend or family member will be able to share it with you.

Don't let this be your last printed copy!
 - Editor



From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

Yet another reunion has come and gone, marked as "successful" in the minds of those who attended, and for those of us who hosted, a chance for some R&R until the frantic activity for 2019 in Saratoga Springs begins.

Since this newsletter (design, layout, graphics, and hardcopy distribution) is now my main "job" with the Association, I am, quite frankly, thrilled about being able to let the creative juices continue to flow. I write this with thanks to the attending members (who voted all of us back into office), and to my peer Officers and Appointments, and to say that you motivate me to showcase the Fiske spirit and to make you proud.

Also, having served as Storekeeper for eleven years, it gave me great pleasure to see 2nd VP Pete Brotschul's enthusiasm as he assumed full control of Ship's Store.

Admittedly, Annapolis had me somewhat frazzled with brain fog and details, and marked a decade plus of activity in reunion preparations. But far and above, my greatest joy is this newsletter; many times I've been asked: "What is an editor and exactly what does an editor do?"

An editor is someone who is a critical reader, and a lover of words. They will prepare a client's manuscript for publication by polishing, refining and enhancing it.

An editor is seen as a gatekeeper between the writer and audience, and they have to take a dual sided point of view in order to keep both parties happy.

I have been involved in many ways over the years in creating and publishing newsletters. As a true "lover of words", what is most exciting about the English language is that there is always a precise word to describe the exact meaning of what the writer intended to say.

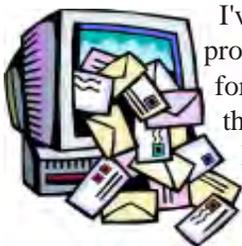
It can also mean that what the writer submits will seldom appear exactly word-for-word, or even in the same sequence. An editor's job is to make the writer look good.

After retiring from IBM, Ralph and I started an S-Corp desktop publishing company named *Kids 'n Crafts, Inc.*, where full-blown creativity was brought to the public with our slogan "You Dream It, We Design It".

I've had a lot of fun designing personalized products for Ship's Store, and printed matter for our reunions, all with the goal to present the Association in a professional manner.

For now, I wish everyone of you fair winds and gentle seas.

- Sandie



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Gilbert E. Beyer,
ETSN/ETR3 1960-1963

Ship's Log Entries... Historian's Report

On July 29th the second edition of our book went to the publisher. This edition has everything the first one had and much more.

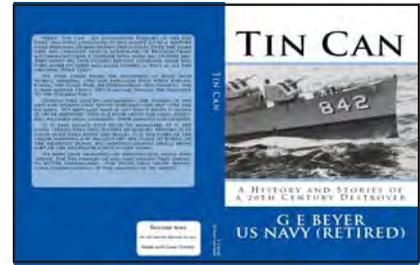
All of the stories submitted after the Gettysburg Reunion were added to this edition as well as such additions to the history that have been unearthed.

The Ship's Store received copies in time for the Annapolis Reunion and they were well received by those shipmates in attendance.

This edition is an attempt to not

only tell about where we went and what we did, but to give life to the men and women that served on the Fiske during her lifetime. Ships take on the character of those that serve on them. We served on a 'Tin Can' that over her thirty-five year life seldom missed an operation or a deployment and definitely had "character".

This book is considered to be a "legacy" by the Naval Order of the United States; once again, I am asking for new stories. If we receive enough new *Fiske Tales* there will be a third edition. As I've said all too often before, 'If you don't write it down it never happened', so keep those cards and letters coming.



My address (both email and snail mail) is below:

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Sandpoint, ID 83864

Feel free to add pictures, but please make sure that you identify them clearly, and note that *I won't keep anything unless given permission.*

- Gil



Tin Can - A History and Stories of a 20th Century Destroyer
100 % of All Profits are Donated to the Fiske Association
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Constitutionally Speaking...



A Special Report by Secretary Kovite

Shipmates,



The Constitution is a remarkable document, the first in human history to place the power of government in the hands of the common people rather than a king. The Preamble is simple and straightforward, leaving no doubt as to what our forefathers intended:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

I will continue to highlight other Articles in the future that make this document a beacon to the world, and one that lives and breathes democracy.

- Jeff

The Preamble to the Constitution

This simple paragraph can be likened to a "Users Manual" for our Federal Government, as the Framers of the Constitution described the structure and the rules under which it functions. Here are the highlights:

1. It was ratified on September 17, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.
2. The Constitution is divided into seven articles, or parts, plus a list of amendments - 27 so far.
3. At the beginning is the "Preamble" which states the reason this historic document was developed in the first place -to replace the Articles of Confederation, our first constitution, under which the national government was weak and states operated like independent countries.
4. The delegates devised a plan for a stronger federal government with three branches- legislative, executive and judicial-along with a system of checks and balances to ensure no single branch would have too much power.
5. The Preamble also states that the goals of the Constitution are to maintain law and order, protect the country from foreign invaders, promote "the general welfare" and in general, provide the "Blessings of Liberty" to all citizens.

2019 - Set Your Sails

For Saratoga



Springs!

Saratoga Springs is also a hub for thoroughbred horse racing, and home to the famous Saratoga Race Course.

The photo below shows how the race course looked in 1937, the same year the classic American romantic comedy "Saratoga", was filmed there.



Saratoga Lake is a popular spot for boating, fishing and rowing, while Yaddo Gardens with its roses and woodland rock garden is another favorite. The region is also famous for its wineries; at any one of three in Saratoga Springs, visitors may tour the vineyards, imbibe, and purchase their favorites.



In coming issues, we will highlight many of these attractions in more detail. The 2019 reunion promises to be one of the best ever. There is something for everyone, and every reason to be excited. Our collective thanks to Bob Mitchell for stepping forward as host! - Editor

NY 2019 Saratoga Springs
 2017 Annapolis MD
 PA GETTYSBURG 2015
 SC CHARLESTON 2013
 2011 MILWAUKEE WI
 2009 ID POST FALLS
 NEWPORT RI 2007
 FL JACKSONVILLE 2005
 2003 WV BERKLEY SPRINGS
 FL JACKSONVILLE 2001
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 1989
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 1991
 1995
 defeated by the Americans.

Chaplain's Corner...



W. Frank Stancil
GMG3
1959-1963

Shipmates,

God loves you! God is there with you always! Just remember to pray and thank God for all that you have and for all that you are. God works for imperfect people as well as for dysfunctional families.

Always go to God in good times and bad times. He is always available to you and me. Remember when trouble comes, walk in close fellowship with God daily, based upon His word.

May God give to you fair winds and smooth sails.

- Frank

October 13 - Happy Anniversary - 2017



President's Message, con't from page 1

History at the US Naval Academy. His presentation was interesting from beginning to end. He talked a bit about the accomplishments of Admiral Fiske and went through the evolution of destroyers up to the Zumwalt Class. It was thoroughly interesting and entertaining and gave me a new perspective to consider.

All in all it was a great reunion. We renewed old friendships and made new ones. The common thread is that we are all family that served on the best damned 'Tin Can' ever. Until the next time may you all have fair winds and a following sea. - Gil

General Meeting Highlights

Members Voted To:

1. Retain Current Slate of Officers and Appointments.
2. Keep financial restraints in place as recommended by Treasurer, James Rapson.
3. Reduce newsletters to three times a year as suggested by Editor, Sandra Siciliano
4. Keep dues to \$10.00 and to not drop any shipmate for lack of ability to pay.
5. To continue charitable donations to Tin Can Sailors and Fisher House.
6. Accept Past President Bob Mitchell's offer to be Host in Saratoga Springs, NY for the 17th Bi-Annual Reunion.



Notes from the Secretary

Jeff Kovite
SOG2 1959-1961

Dear Shipmates,

Our 16th Bi-Annual reunion in Annapolis was another smashing reunion success! The weather was mild, the US Naval Academy and harbor tours were interesting, the banquet was delicious, and the keynote speaker's presentation was both entertaining and informative. Ship's Store was formally turned over to Pete Brotshul by Sandie Siciliano, both of whom worked together to set up the Store and to get the Hospitality Room ready. Did I mention that the O'Callaghan hotel was great, too?

A presentation was made to Shipmate Dick Pettingill at the General Meeting for his gracious and very generous donation of \$1,000, given to assist with reunion expenses at the cocktail party and for charitable donations. You may recall that Dick had to withdraw as the Annapolis Host; and, while his resignation was predicated on serious and extenuating circumstances, he laid a firm foundation for the hotel and tours which the Officers were able to build upon for the myriad of tasks

that remained in order to plan a great event.

In lieu of hiring a professional photographer, the Officers wish to extend a very special "thank you" to Sandi Bires for taking pictures for us.

Following reports from Treasurer, James Rapson, Editor, Sandie Siciliano, and Storekeeper, Pete Brotshul, a long discussion ensued at the General meeting regarding dues, which remain problematic. The decision stands to



Officers hold the Association Banner for a group photo following their election at the General Meeting in Annapolis. (L-R) 2nd Vice President Peter Brotshul, Treasurer James Rapson, 1st Vice President Sandra Siciliano, President Gil Beyer, & Secretary, Jeff Kovite - Photo by Sandi Bires

keep Ship's Store items to a minimum, with an occasional "special". Remember: Ship's Store, dues, and donations are our only means of raising funds to keep the Association viable under the IRS Code 501 © 19 rules as a Not for Profit Corporation. And, to you youngsters who served aboard during the 70's: Why not get active in the Association and join our "Band of Brothers (and one Sister)", in Saratoga? You won't be sorry - we need your help to keep the Association going! Fair winds to all until next time. - Jeff

The Friendly Faces of Fiske Mates!

Plank Owner: George Hodulik - Gerry & Jackie Hodulik - Dave & Deborah Hodulik
 Plank Owner: William Gates, Jr. - Carol (daughter) & Newpher Shirker

Lawrence & Lynn Altero - Ed Baniak, Jr. - Steve Kraynak & Melody Stampien - Sandi Bires & Mary Wallace
 James & Geri Rapson - Sandie & Ralph Siciliano - Gil Beyer & Sherry Casamento - Paul Crone & Barbara Dixon



Above: Group Photo of Attending Shipmates at the 16th Bi-Annual Reunion in Annapolis



Paul & Mary Jane D'Andries - Michael Stracke - John Mankinson - Jay and Tova Warren - Ray & Nell Jewett
 Bill Taylor - Jeffrey Kovite - Steve & Loretta Gilbert - Skip O'Donnell - Dennis Cucinella - Pete Brotschul

John & Providence Degan - Bary Bothun - Michael & Deborah Walsh - Mike Petro
 Donald & Joan Milligan - Dave & Jeanne Smoot - Frank Stancil - Richard & Barbara Huber
 Fred Kropp & Shirley Sparks - Deano Peano - Brian & Suzette Edmunds - Dennis & Cheri Warren
 Frank & Shirley Carbaugh - Gregory & Janice Sutchko - Eldon & Frances Caulk
 Ken & Mary Warren - Frank Annunziata & Jill Goodman - Lloyd & Judy Sanborn

- Photos above courtesy of Carol Shirker, Sandi Bires, Michael Walsh, Bary Bothun, Steve Kraynak & Melody Stampien
 - Photos of Shipmate activities and tours may be found on the website: www.ussfiske.org

What's Up With the Web?



WWW
Webmaster
Steve Gilbert
YN3 1958-1960

Located somewhere in your house is a "router". Some vendors may call it a modem or some other name but this black box with flashing lights is your connection to the WiFi, cable or fiber-optic vendors' equipment. What you may not know is that this device is also protected with a password.

Unfortunately, most of us do not change this password. If you have never changed it, it might even be the word "password" - folks, *this password should be changed because the router is the gateway into your home systems: phone, smartphone, TV, computer, iPad, and any other devices that are automated.* The vendor provided a booklet when your system was set up; locate it or call the help desk and ask how you go about changing the password on your router. - Steve

Editor's Note: Steve's complete and thorough tutorial on password security can be found on page 6 in our August, 2014 newsletter, archived on the website.

Report From the Treasurer...



James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg
1964-1967

The 16th Bi-Annual Reunion in Annapolis, MD has been completed. Our thanks go out to Dick and Chris Pettingill and the Officers of the Association for providing our Shipmates with a great venue and some very interesting tours of the city, harbor and the United States Naval Academy. A "Well Done" to all.



Our energies will now turn to the next two years of maintaining the Association, preparing for revisions in the Ship's Store with VP Pete Brotschul at the helm and the 17th Bi-Annual Reunion in Saratoga Springs, NY. We will be going back to our traditional last week in September and will advise all of the exact dates when the schedule has been formalized. Past President, Robert Mitchell (1995-1996) has graciously volunteered to be our Host again as he was the Host in 1995 in Saratoga Springs. How many of you were there and will plan to participate again - 24 years later?!

I would be remiss if I did not mention here that your annual dues are a very large part of what keeps your Association running. Your dues of \$10.00 per year is a small amount to ensure that we can maintain the services to keep you informed of programs offered, provide items for the Ship's Store and pay for the general bills of the Association. Remember that there are NO paid Officers of the Association and we only incur those bills necessary to maintain the Association. The monthly financial report is available to any shipmate with a simple request via email to the Treasurer. By keeping yourself informed, it keeps us aware of your interest in the well being and future of your Association. Be an active shipmate for the future.

If you don't know if you owe dues, just send me an email - answers are a "mouse click" away. Fair winds and following seas to all shipmates.

- James



Dues & Contributions

Did you know that under IRS rules, a portion of your dues and contributions might be tax deductible?

Support the Fiske!



Speaking of Ship's Store...

Hello Shipmates! Birds of a feather (*or sailors telling sea stories*), describes the special camaraderie we felt in beautiful Annapolis as we enjoyed some sightseeing, shopping, and tours.

Meanwhile, Ship's Store's "Fire Sale" for discontinued items at bargain prices was a great success. Going forward, I'm working on some new items (including lightweight golf shirts), so keep an eye on the website

for details before the end of the year.

If you were not in Annapolis, you missed the roll out of President Gil Beyer's brand new book, "Tin Can" which sold like hot cakes and is now being offered through Ship's Store.

The 2nd Edition features an updated history of our beloved Fiske, *along with your stories, in your words.* The price is only \$15.00, of which 100% is donated back to the Association by Gil. He has done his

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

part to support the Fiske and you can too. Use the order form to get a book for yourself, and, with the upcoming holiday season, maybe a few more as stocking stuffers. What a nice gift - especially if your story is in it!

That's all for now; thank you for a wonderful reunion. The fellowship I saw made me proud to be a member of our Association, and I look forward to serving your needs any way I can.

- Pete



1 **Combination Special:** All Shirts & Caps are \$14.00 ea., or two for \$25.00 if you buy both.

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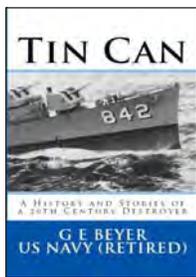


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