

USS FISKE

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SARATOGA ON THE HORIZON!

Reservation Accounts Are Now Open for Deposits

See Page 7



President's Letter

President Gil Beyer

Here it is, less than a year until we gather in Saratoga Springs for our biennial reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, meetings new ones and reaffirming our common bond. We gather to tell - and retell - our stories, remember shipmates that have passed on, and honor all those that served onboard the "Best Damned Tin Can Ever".

The dates have been set (September 24 through the 26th, 2019); reservations are being accepted by the hotel - Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs (518-584-4550) for Group Code - UFR.

Check over the reservation form in this newsletter and make your choices. Our Treasurer, James Rapson, is also accepting down payments for those shipmates that want to get ahead of the curve on the expenses incurred for the reunion. I know I feel better getting my ducks in a row well before arriving in town.



As promised, Fiske News is continuing to elaborate on the beauty and history of Saratoga Springs.

Throughout this newsletter, multiple references are made to next year's reunion in that beautiful city. But missing, and of particular note, is the fact that it is being held mid-week (albeit the last week) in September, purely for the purpose of making it easier on our collective pocketbooks.

Prices are much higher over the last weekend in September because there are many local events, fairs, and other happenings that draw tourists and a bevy of visitors from all over the country, thus making the demand for accommodations higher.

Besides the special events, there is the opportunity to see the fall foliage (maybe for the first time in a long time) which beckons, like a beacon in the sea, along with the chance to visit family and friends before the long cold Northeast winter sets in and the snowbirds fly south once more.

Many will say "I loved living up north, but I don't miss the weather", so, use the reservation form on page 7 to sign up, check out the weather report for Saratoga Springs on page 4 - then - look forward to taking a wonderful and refreshing breath of the clean air in sunny Saratoga Springs next September.



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So, get ready, check on your travel plans and make whatever reservations you'll need. I'll remind all of you again in the next newsletter. Until then, I wish all of you an easy winter, good health and Happy Holidays.

- Gil

- Editor

From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

It's hard to believe how fast time flies. Wow! I must agree with President Beyer's comment in his Ship's Log about the roll of toilet paper going faster as one gets to the end. And here we are - at the end of another year - soon to welcome 2019 and getting ready to rock on at our next reunion in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Believe me, it's splattered all over this newsletter, so there's no excuse if anyone doesn't know "where and when". I do believe that Treasurer Rapson's additional task of keeping pre-payment records is admirable. As an Officer of three other organizations, he is spread thin, but continues to keep us in good financial shape, while working diligently in the background to advise and counsel us.

That said, let's recognize our wonderful Webmaster, Steve Gilbert. Steve is not only "technical", he is talented. He is an unsung hero who keeps the website up to date, who forwards emails from shipmates when they move, when they change contact information, and sadly, notifies us when a crew member has passed, or new members join.

I'm sure that many of you haven't given much thought to all he does for us. In this newsletter, he pointed out that after sending an email blast to *hundreds* of shipmates, too many bounce back as "invalid". I second his plea for timely updates. He is right - it only takes a minute - if you enjoy receiving this newsletter, please notify him of any changes.

Echoing Steve, returns create the same problem for those who get the news by "snail mail". Undelivered, they are returned marked "moved, forward time expired, not at this address or deceased". *It costs the Association money in wasted postage and envelopes*, not to mention that a crew member never gets his news unless we find him.

As another worker bee, I can only typeset Officer's and Appointment's input, create custom graphics, and do the layout (how the pages are arranged for aesthetics), when everything is received - before the editing even begins. It's a big job, but thankfully, everyone turns to and it gets released in time.

Finally, due to a major computer system crash, I was not able to retrieve the original file for page 5 to edit and correct typos. With apologies, the only choice was to publish the unedited "first draft". Until the spring edition, I wish you a warm winter with fair winds and following seas.

- Sandie

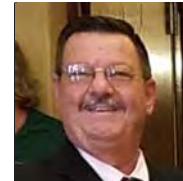


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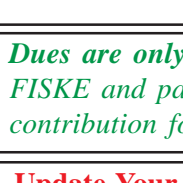
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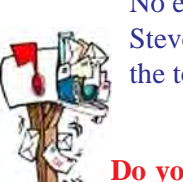
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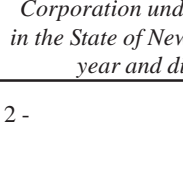
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A Notable

Quote



"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States
and the longest serving
March 4, 1933 - April 12, 1945



17TH BI-ANNUAL REUNION



Holiday Inn

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 24 - 26, 2019
(Tuesday thru Thursday)



Notes from the Secretary

Jeff Kovite
SOG2 1959-1961

Shipmates,

First, we'd like to give a hearty "welcome aboard" to Robert J. Mackey who served as a BT2 between 1971 and 1973 and who recently joined us.



One of the responsibilities of the Association Secretary is to log the names of deceased member in to the *Honor Roll of Deceased Shipmates*. Sadly, we lost several shipmates since the last newsletter: Gary C. Mueller, a 3rd class FTG from 1964-68, passed on July 4th of this year; Minnis Franklin, quartermaster, served aboard DD842 from 1947-1949 and died last year; Charles L. Nicholson, BT1, who kept the ship steaming from 1962 to 1967, passed last February.

The passing of these fine sailors should remind us that we are on this earth for only a short while, and now is a good time to contact a shipmate you served with and urge him to attend the reunion next year. Reunions are a perfect time to renew old friendships. If you have a name, but no address or phone number, give me a call and I will try to find that information for you. My phone number is (703) 201-2892.

On that note, I intend to follow my own advice and hopefully get the old Sonar Gang together for a Saratoga blast. It will be like another Med cruise (but without the Crazy Horse or the White Hat Club).

Until next time, I wish you fair winds and a following sea.

- Jeff

Reunion Report. . . With your Host, Bob Mitchell, and Coordinator, James Rapson

Bob Mitchell, Reunion Host, along with Treasurer Rapson, continue to put plans into place for the Saratoga Springs reunion next year. Now, acting as a liaison for them, your humble Editor is passing along some of the details here:

You will find the reservation form in this newsletter on page 7. As in the past, Treasurer Rapson will take deposits for your attendance, while keeping your records in good stead; and, because we are still the "can do" tin can sailors, we are willingly accepting any/all volunteers to assist the Officers in Hospitality, food and beverage runs, carpooling, and more. Just check it off.

Of the menu items, Broiled Scrod, Sliced London Broil, or Turkey, there is also an option if you need a Vegetarian or Gluten-free dinner. All dinners come with a mixed garden salad, coffee and rolls, baked stuffed potatoes, steamed broccoli with a lemon zest, and ice cream with strawberries in a sauce.

On carpooling - there will be a three hour tour of the Saratoga Battlefield on Wednesday (Sept 24) from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, at \$10.00 per person. It is more cost effective to carpool than rent a bus, so we will be looking for volunteers to help transport those shipmates who might not have a rental car or any other means of transportation. Look for more details on reunion activities in the next newsletter!



- Editor



Gilbert E. Beyer,
ETSN/ETR3 1960-1963

Ship's Log Entries

"If we don't write it down, it never happened!". And, one of my favorite sayings is "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer we get to the end, the faster it goes."

Here we are, less than a year until we gather again in Saratoga Springs. I've never been there, but am looking forward to visiting this historic city.

But, I've got an earlier deadline: If any of you want to see a 3rd edition of our book, you'll have to get hot and send in those stories by the end of June, 2019. That, in case you're math-challenged, is slightly over seven months away.

Shipmates, we are coming to the end of our run. As I've said before,

I'm not being morbid, just pragmatic. Our book has been read by most of my family, and the one thing they say repeatedly is "we didn't know that!". Things like doing Plane Guard, Unreps and VertReps were common occurrences to us. Our families, friends, and the younger generations don't have a clue about some of the routine things we did just about every day.

So, please sit down, think about something that happened onboard or

Historian's Report



ashore and write it down! Don't worry about spelling or grammar - that's my job. Do this for yourselves, your kids, grandkids and for the other 98% of Americans that never went to sea in the old Navy.

Until the Spring newsletter, when I'll remind you again - Fair winds and following seas. - Gil

Saratoga Weather Report...

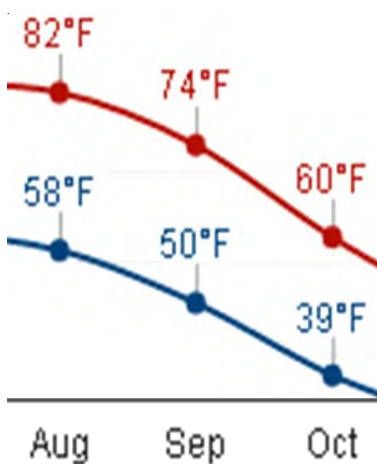


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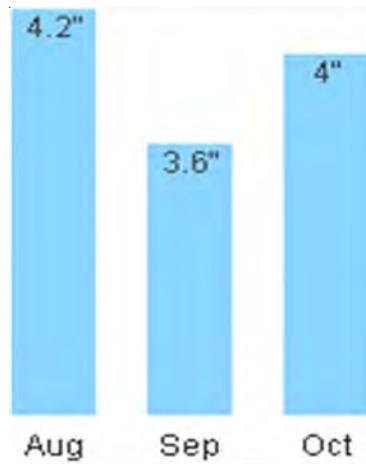
For those of you who may be traveling from out-of-state to Saratoga Springs, here is a synopsis of the average weather in September.

Ideal temperatures, lots of sunshine, not much rain, and fall colors beginning to pop! For cool evenings, be sure to pack a few sweaters, a woolly cap and some warm socks!

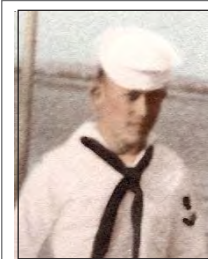
- Editor



Average Temperatures



Average Rainfall



W. Frank Stancil
GMG3
1959-1963

Chaplain's Corner

HOPE and LOVE

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Remember:

"there is no love without hope, no hope without love, and neither hope nor love without faith". God bless you one and all!



- Frank

Constitutionally Speaking. . . .

. . . . Article Three - The Judiciary Branch

A Special Report by Secretary Kovite



The Judicial Oath

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as _____ under the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), established in 1789, is the highest court in the nation for all cases involving the Constitution or the laws of the United States, including treaties, controversies between states and issues affecting ambassadors.

Article Three gives Congress the power to create the Supreme Court and any other federal courts. The number of justices has changed over the years - in 1801 Congress decided it should be five - then, in 1863 it was ten. The Judiciary Act of 1869 set it at nine, and there it has stayed.

Nowhere does it stipulate how long a term a judge may serve, but Congress has determined that Supreme Court justices and other federal judges serve for life - or - until they are impeached for "bad behavior". This is to prevent politics from entering into a judicial decision since a justice would not be beholden to any party or person.

All trials for crimes shall be decided by a jury and held in the state where the crime was committed, that is why when a criminal flees to another state, the state where he/she was arrested sends the criminal back to the state where the crime was committed.

The last part of the article deals with treason, which is meant to be "levying war" against the United States or giving "aid and comfort" to our enemies. Two witnesses or a confession are required to convict someone for treason..

Our Constitution is a model that brings hopes of democracy to other nations of the world. I will continue to share insights of this amazing document with you in future newsletters.

- Jeff



Celebrating Veteran's Day



Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938

act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans."



In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October in 1971, but in

1975, President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th:

Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday on the second Sunday of November).

In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11. - Editor





**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.

Support the Fiske!



If you know the whereabouts of any



Fiske shipmates, please let us know.



Ship's Store News



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

Hello Shipmates, I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The Ship's Store is always here for your souvenir needs; we have a continuing special sale on tee-shirts and ball caps. As we are swiftly approaching our September 2019 Reunion, great things are on the horizon, and I look forward to assisting you any way I can. Our President's 2nd edition of Fiske Tales is available at any time, with all proceeds going to the Association. *Tin Can* is an amazing collection of first-hand stories and recollections of the USS Fiske's proud history as told by our shipmates and, a priceless addition to anyone's library.

Thanks again for letting this old Boiler Tech replace your old hat or tee-shirt - I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next reunion in Saratoga Springs in 2019. - *Pete*

Report From the Treasurer...



*James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg
1964-1967*

Permission is hereby granted to once again come aboard the USS Fiske Association to hear of our exploits over the preceding months. We are continuing to rest quietly alongside the pier, enjoying the quiet months between reunions. Normal ship's business is being handled by the various Officers in their usual efficient fashion. While we do not find too many new shipmates to add to our roster, we do hear of the passing of several, who are properly recorded in the records of the Association and noted by the Secretary for reading at the next Reunion.



This brings a note to my attention regarding our shipmates – it is all too easy to lose track of a shipmate through death, moving to a new address or even an email address change. If you know of a shipmate who may be out of touch with us, please send me an email of the situation and the changes. It is only with a cooperative effort by all that the whole will be maintained.

Your Association must continue to pay its mandated expenses and relies heavily upon your dues to accomplish this. If you have not paid your dues in awhile and can't remember if you owe or not, drop me an email and I can provide your current status. Pick a time to send your payment that will be triggered by another event such as your birthday, anniversary or some other meaningful date. Remember that dues remain at the \$10.00 per year level and have never been raised since the Association was formed.

Now to the next reunion in September 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY: Ninety-five percent of the planning has already been done by your Reunion Host Robert Mitchell. This is an exceptional area to visit and we are allowing ample time to explore on your own or with the activities of the reunion itself. Please see the reservation form in this newsletter. Please remember that we must have your reservation by at least thirty (30) days prior to the reunion to ensure adequate planning with the host hotel. While we have kept the costs within reason, we realize that hotel and transportation costs add to the overall expense of attending a reunion. To that end, we will accept pre-payments for the actual reunion costs to help you spread out that cost.

Please continue to be in good health until we meet again at our next port of call in Saratoga Springs. May you always have fair winds and following seas.

- *James*



*Webmaster
Steve Gilbert
YN3 1958-1960*



What's Up With the Web?

*If you change your email address,
you MUST let us know!*

Shipmates, it only takes a minute! As Webmaster, one of my "duties" is to send out an email "blast" to hundreds of crew members with the latest newsletter.

Unfortunately, so many bounce back as "invalid", that all of us (Appointments and Officers) must share in the task of trying to track each one down with phone calls. So, please turn to, in true Fiske fashion, and let us know! This is also true if you move. Send me a quick email ... thanks! - *Steve*



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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

Name _____ Name of Spouse or Guest(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

E-Mail _____

Years served on board _____ Rank/Rate _____

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All hotel reservations are to be made directly with the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs

232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York 12899

Rate \$129.00, + applicable NY taxes - valid one day before and after reunion

Front Desk: 1-518-584-4550 - Mention Group Code UFR

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Make your choice and indicate how many below

8 oz Broiled Scrod with Lemon Butter	Number _____ @ \$32.00 PP	Total \$
8 oz Sliced London Broil with Roasted Shallot Au Jus	Number _____ @ \$35.00 PP	Total \$
Roast Young Tom Turkey with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Number _____ @ \$30.00 PP	Total \$
Vegetarian and Gluten Free upon Request Only	Number _____ @ \$26.00 PP	Total \$

BANQUET ONLY

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

Wednesday, 9/24/19 1:00 to 4:00 PM	Saratoga Battle Field Tour	Number _____ @ \$10.00 PP	Total \$
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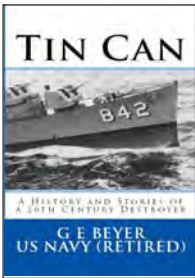
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