



USS FISKE



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Reunion Registration Now Open

Lost at Sea - Search Resumes for Bayonne Shipmates

Story on page 4



President's Letter

Shipmates,

President Gil Beyer After making a check of my math I was surprised to realize that our next Reunion is only nine months away. Time sure has a way of passing quickly. It is time to start making those travels plans and reservations for our biennial gathering.

We will be in Annapolis at the O'Callaghan Hotel the fourth week of August 22nd through the 24th with provisions for early arrivals and extra days afterwards. I'm looking forward to seeing a part of the country I've never seen before.

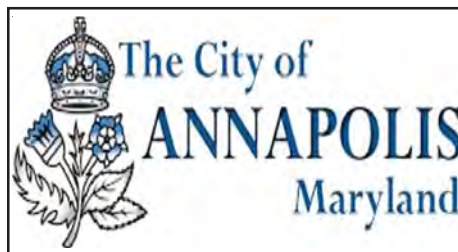
A lot of work goes into the planning of each reunion. The hardest part is securing the venue, negotiating the prices, and reading the contract with a fine toothed comb to avoid any difficulties, especially in the area of food and spirits. I want to give a hearty BZ to our host, Dick Pettingill, for his outstanding efforts in securing the very best place for us to meet; in the heart of the city, and with great transportation to anywhere you care to visit.

We'll be renewing old acquaintances and hopefully

making some new ones as our new members attend.

I hope to see you all there for a great time swapping "sea stories" and enjoying our common kinship with the 'Best Damned Tin Can Ever' - Gil

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**USS FISKE REUNION
AUGUST 22-24, 2017**

Reunion Report, with Host Dick Pettingill:

With all the i's dotted, and the t's crossed, plans for the Annapolis reunion have fallen nicely into place, and as your host, I predict that you will have a wonderful time!

Transportation around the city is a breeze, and couldn't be easier, since the Circulator Trolley stops right across the street from the hotel.

The city of Annapolis lives up to its name as the "Athens of America" - you can sightsee to your heart's content - as it will delight you with its wide range of tours, restaurants, shops, historical museums and more.

Also planned: a late afternoon boat tour of the harbor, and a tour of the Naval Academy on Thursday.

Registering early for reunion helps us in the final planning stages. The reunion reservation form is on page 7 and our Treasurer, James Rapson has assured me that once again, he will take deposits and payments.

Everything you need to make your hotel reservation is on page 3. Please make them early! All in all, we are shipshape and ready to sail!

- Dick



From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

These are the lyrics to the song "*The House I Live In*", sung so many years ago by Frank Sinatra.

What is America to me?
A name, a map, or a flag I see?
A certain word, "democracy"?
What is America to me?

The house I live in, a plot of earth, a street
The grocer and the butcher, and the people that I meet
The children in the playground, the faces that I see
All races and religions, that's America to me

The place I work in, the worker by my side
The little town or city where my people lived and died
The "howdy" and the handshake, the air of feeling free
And the right to speak my mind out, that's America to me

The things I see about me, the big things and the small
The little corner newsstand and the house a mile tall
The wedding in the churchyard, the laughter and the tears
The dream that's been a-growin' for a hundred and fifty years

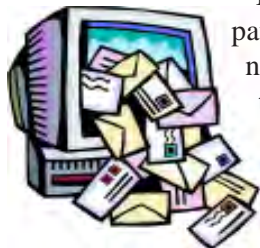
The town I live in, the street, the house, the room
The pavement of the city, or a garden all in bloom
The church, the school, the clubhouse, the millions lights I see
But especially the people - That's America to me

The song was written in 1943 with lyrics by Abel Meeropol (who wrote it under the pen name of Lewis Allan), and music by Earl Robinson. With the country under attack, he wanted to express why it was worth fighting for. It became a patriotic anthem in America during World War II. The "house" is a metaphor for the country.

Although World War II is fading into the memories of those of us who lived through it, some things remain the same, and so, we pass them on to the next generation.

The song still embodies the spirit and patriotism of the average American - a nation of immigrants who came together to form a more perfect union, and for whom we swore to protect and defend by our own sense of duty and honor.

- Sandie



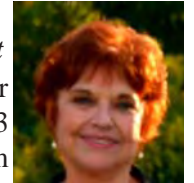
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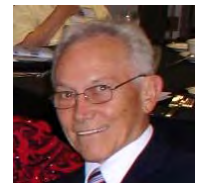
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No email? Write to Steve at the address on the top of this page.



Do you have a New Home Address or Email?
Contact James Rapson above

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O'Callaghan

ANNAPOLIS

17th BI-ANNUAL REUNION
AUGUST 22-24, 2017

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

All hotel reservations are to be made directly with the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel

BOOK EARLY - BOOK NOW!

174 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Reservations:

1-866-782-9624

or 1-410-263-7700

Mention Block Code:

USSFISKE17

and Block Name:

USS Fiske Association, Inc.

Online:

www.ocallaghanhotels-us.com

**REUNION RESERVATION
FORM ON PAGE 7
DEPOSITS BEING ACCEPTED!**

Chaplain's Corner



W. Frank Stancil
GMG3
1959-1963

God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men: that thou would be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body or spirit. That it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all afflictions. This we ask you Lord.



Amen.

- Frank



Notes from the Secretary

Jeff Kovite
SOG2 1959-1961

Dear Shipmates,

While things have been quiet the past three months, we just learned that BMSN Phillip R. Maceli (1961-62) passed away on April 22nd. We offer our sincerest condolences to his family, friends and shipmates. As is custom, his name will be read aloud at the tolling of the ship's bell at our next reunion.

With not much news to report, let me do something different this time. Our Constitution (which includes the Bill of Rights as the first ten amendments), sets an example throughout the world that democracy can prevail in a peaceful manner; here is a short version of them all:

1. Freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, petition.
2. Guns- the right to bear arms.
3. Our military can't take over your home without your permission.
4. The right to privacy in person and home.
5. The right to be heard by a Grand Jury for a serious crime.
Also freedom from double jeopardy.
6. The right to a speedy and public trial.
7. The right to trial by a jury.
8. Freedom from excessive fines and cruel and unusual punishment.
9. Rights listed in the Constitution cannot be used to take away other rights a citizen might have.
10. Powers not given to the federal government are reserved to the states.

Everyone (including we who served) who is a part of the federal government takes an oath to support the Constitution. As a result of our recent elections, on 20 January, 2017, with one hand on a Bible, our new President will take the *Executive Oath of Office* with this short and simple statement:



"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

—United States Constitution, Article II, Section 1, Clause 8

I hope you have found this informative, and until next time, I wish you all fair winds and calm seas.

- Jeff

Notable Quote

Grace Brewster Murray Hopper
(December 9, 1906 – January 1, 1992)

was an American computer scientist and United States Navy Rear Admiral.



"It is often easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission. A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships are built for. You don't manage people; you manage things. You lead people. If it's a good idea, go ahead and do it.

It's much easier to apologize than it is to get permission. Leadership is a two-way street, loyalty up and loyalty down. Respect for one's superiors; care for one's crew."

At the end of her service she was the oldest serving officer in the United States Navy



Ship's Log Entries...

Historian's Report



The biggest missing piece of our history and crew revolves around the Fiske when she was a Reserve ship in Bayonne, New Jersey. We would love to have shipmates from that era join the Association.

Gilbert E. Beyer,
ETSN/ETR3 1960-1963

Tin Can – An Incomplete History of the USS Fiske History, Fiske Mates & Fiske Tales - Starring You!
On sale now in Ship's Store



The longer I dig into the USS Fiske the more stuff I learn. Thanks to an email that was forwarded to me by Steve Gilbert I learned some of the story of Horace Edgar Cornell Jr.; what I learned from a grandson was that Horace passed away in January of 2014 and was buried with full military honors and had served on the 'USS Fiske'. After checking all my records I could find no mention of him having served on the 842. Further digging gave me the info that Horace was a Pharmacist's

Mate on the original *Fiske* (DE 173) when she was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat. Horace earned a Purple Heart for 'head lacerations' received when the *Fiske* was torpedoed. I'm in the process of incorporating what I've learned about the original *Fiske* into what will be the second edition of our book.

I'm also including the new 'Fiske Tales' I've received from shipmates since we left Gettysburg. Please don't hesitate to submit your stories for this second edition also.

If you know the whereabouts of any Fiske shipmates, please let us know. They may already be on the roster, but we are actively looking for those who are still "Lost at Sea". I'll leave you with this: *As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."* - Gil

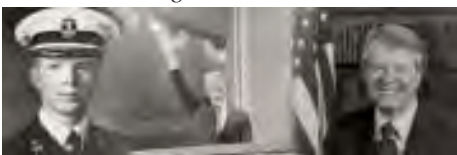
Naval Academy Graduates Contribute Much



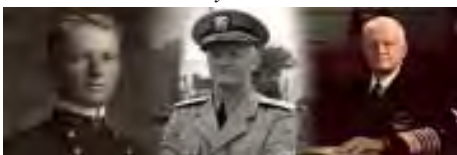
David Robinson



Roger Staubach



Jimmy Carter



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz



John McCain

The US Naval Academy has been proud to have helped shape the lives of countless outstanding individuals, some of whom are shown here.



Annapolis has also produced:

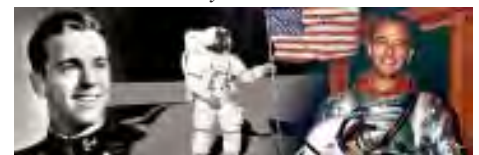
- 1 President of the United States
- 3 Cabinet Members - 19 Ambassadors
- 24 Members of Congress
- 5 State Governors
- 5 Secretaries of the Navy
- 1 Secretary of the Air Force
- 5 Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 4 Vice Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 29 Chiefs of Naval Operations
- 9 Commandants of the Marine Corps
- 73 Medal of Honor Recipients
- 53 Astronauts - 2 Nobel Prize Winners
- 49 Rhodes Scholars - 28 Marshall Scholars
- 122 Olmsted Scholars - 37 Fitzgerald Scholars



Major General Charles Bolden



Wendy Lawrence



Alan Shepard



Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale



H. Ross Perot

The O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel

This information was taken from the website of the host hotel in Annapolis for the benefit of shipmates who do not have internet access.

For those with internet, go to: <http://www.ocallaghanhotels-us.com/>



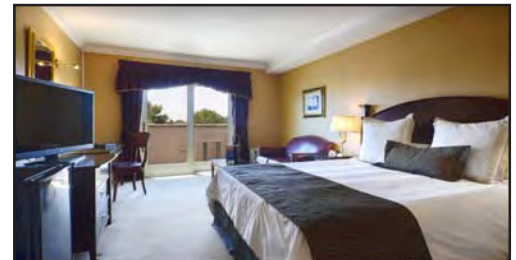
Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Annapolis, the O'Callaghan offers a contemporary take on a traditional Irish hotel with comfortable accommodations, fine Irish dining, first class amenities and welcoming "can do" Irish service and hospitality. The newest of the Irish hotel group, *O'Callaghan Hotels*, the Annapolis Hotel is a small 120 room boutique-type hotel ideally located in the center of the city and just a stroll away from some of its best attractions, including the United States Naval Academy, the Maryland State House and the City Dock.



Well-appointed guest rooms and suites boast contemporary décor and modern amenities, an Irish restaurant and bar offer outstanding Irish-American cuisine, and unparalleled service and hospitality caters for every need. The O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel offers spacious, European-style guest rooms, designed for comfort and decorated with imported Irish furnishings in warm, earthy hues of gold and browns.



Guest rooms are available with one king-size or two queen-size beds, and all feature private in-suite bathrooms with shower/bath combinations, plush towels, and



deluxe bath products. Modern amenities that can be found in every room include individually controlled air-conditioning, work desks with direct dial telephones with voice messaging, high-definition LCD televisions with premium channels, in-room refrigerators, coffee maker with gourmet teas and coffees, in-room safes, hairdryers, and complimentary wireless Internet. Private suites and executive balcony rooms with spectacular views are also available.

Getting Around Town. . . WHAT IS THE CIRCULATOR?

It is a trolley that quickly and efficiently moves individuals from the City's four parking garages around the Central Business District, Westgate Circle to Memorial Circle, thus allowing the public to enjoy the unique shops, the food and entertainment, the historic charm and maritime attractions.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Park in any one of the garages and board the Circulator Trolley outside to ride around the Central Business District for \$1.00 per ride. The trolley runs approximately every 20 minutes.



WHERE ARE THE GARAGES?

Noah Hillman Parking Garage – 150 Gorman Street
Gotts Court Parking Garage – 25 Northwest Street

* **Knighton Parking Garage – 1A Colonial Avenue**
(directly across the street from the hotel)

Park Place - 5 Park Place

WHEN DOES THE TROLLEY OPERATE?

Monday through Saturday – 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Steve Gilbert
YN3 1958-1960



with Web Master, Steve Gilbert

For shipmates who use PC's (i.e., not Apple computers), Microsoft released earlier this year a replacement for its operating system: Windows. Until now, most people were using Windows XP, Windows 7, or Windows 8/8.1.

Microsoft has made it clear that they will stop supporting Windows XP and strongly urge users to upgrade to Windows 10. Those using Windows 7 or 8/8.1 should seriously consider upgrading to Windows 10 too.

Windows 10 will cost about \$120 at an office supply store. Or, you can download and pay for this new operating system from the microsoft.com web site.

If you are currently using Windows XP, you should immediately attempt to get the update. As part of the update, the computer will be checked for compatibility. Your PC could be of an age that Windows 10 will not be compatible.

The sad truth about this fact is that you'll eventually have no support for your current Windows version. And, sadder still, you'll need to buy a new personal computer. Once again, let

What's
Up
With
the
Web?

me suggest that you visit microsoft.com and search for "windows 10 upgrade".

- Steve



James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg - 1964-1967

The Treasurer's Report

Of the many activities that I have embarked upon over the years, I value my work for the USS Fiske Association to be one of the more enjoyable ones. You have placed upon me the stewardship of your funds, the responsibility for timely and proper receipt and distribution of those funds and the confidence that your Association will always be in capable hands. I thank my shipmates for this privilege and it is an honor to be part of the Association.

In response to the February newsletter, many shipmates have sent in their annual dues of \$10.00 and some have also sent a voluntary contribution to assist others. Please continue to do so with this newsletter. For every ten (10) shipmates who send in dues, we receive \$100.00. Doing the math with 580 Shipmates you can see that we would be well off as more shipmates paid. These funds are used solely to promote the activities of the Association. *No one in the Association is paid as we are all in a "volunteer" status (a term not used to frequently in a military situation).*

This newsletter includes the reservation form for the 17th Bi-Annual Reunion in Annapolis, MD in August 2017. Please note that we are on a Tuesday thru Thursday (the 22nd to the 24th) to accommodate activities around the US Naval Academy schedule

Your Reunion Host, Dick Pettingill, has prepared an excellent reunion and please see his articles regarding that. Your hotel room reservations will be done directly with the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel and those instructions are on the Reservation Form.

Once you have completed the form, if you wish to pre-pay a portion of your reunion costs, you may send that to me and it will be recorded on the master reservation list. Make sure that you keep a copy of the form for your balance, payments, and an extra copy for your records. We are always willing to make your reunion as easy as possible for you.

Because there are five (5) vegetarian options for the banquet, if you are selecting that, please note your vegetarian choice from the following and note it on the reservation form under the *Special Needs* section. The options are:

1. Risotto Stuffed Portabella Mushroom
2. Harvest Strudel
3. Penne Puntanesca
4. Ricotta Stuffed Shells
5. Vegetable Lasagna

As you can see, there is a lot of planning to provide for a well run reunion. Work starts right after the completion of one reunion and becomes a two-year project for the Host and the Officers.

You can show your appreciation of those efforts by being part of the 17th Reunion in Annapolis. **SEE YOU THERE!** May you always have fair winds and following seas in all that you do.

- James



USS FISKE

DD/DDR 842 Association, Inc.

17th Bi-Annual Reunion at Annapolis, Maryland

AUGUST 22-24, 2017



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!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

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174 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Reservations: 1-866-782-9624 or 1-410-263-7700

Mention Block Code: USSFISKE17 and Block Name: USS Fiske Association, Inc.

Online: www.ocallaghanhotels-us.com

MANDATORY FEES FOR ALL ATTENDEES

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

BANQUET MENU MEAL OPTIONS:

Make your choice and indicate how many below

Roast Prime Rib of Beef – Rosemary Au Jus	Number	@ \$50.00 PP	Total \$
Chicken Champigon – Sherry Scented Breast of Chicken	Number	@ \$47.00 PP	Total \$
Jameson Salmon – Filet in Jameson Whiskey Sauce	Number	@ \$49.00 PP	Total \$
Vegetarian (The Association will contact you for choice)	Number	@ \$44.00 PP	Total \$

Special Needs: (Please specify)

TOURS

Wednesday, 8-23-17	Annapolis Harbor Tour 5:00 PM (details to follow)	Number _____ @ \$30.00 PP	Total \$
Thursday, 8-24-17	Naval Academy Tour	Number _____ @ \$ 5.00 PP	Total \$

If you would like to pay your dues: (Year) _____

\$ _____

If you would like to make a contribution for others unable to pay their dues:

\$ _____

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
USS FISKE (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc.**

GRAND TOTAL:

\$ _____

Less Deposit, if any:

\$ _____

Balance Due, If Any:

\$ _____

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USS Fiske DD/DDR Association., Inc.
244 Park View Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888-2541

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please check if you might be able to help in Hospitality: _____

Treasurer Confirmation

ORDER FORM



petebrotschul@gmail.com
(610) 675-5058

Peter P. Brotschul
BT2



4008 Plumstead Avenue - Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania - 19026

Shipmates,

Ship's Store is currently offering shirts, and Gil's book for sale. I am still working on finding an embroiderer who will personalize the caps for you. As previously explained, our combined goal is to return the store back to the basics, since most of us have everything we "need". Because the Annapolis reunion is coming up fast, we have decided to liquidate the remaining stock on hand at that time, thus saving the Association shipping costs. *Items to be liquidated will be listed in the August 2017 newsletter so that those not attending may make sale purchases.*

In the meantime, Sandie and I remain a team in order to finalize the transition, which will be concluded at the reunion. Until next time, I wish you all fair winds and following seas!

- Pete



FIRST EDITION
Tin Can - An Incomplete
History of the USS Fiske
by Gil Beyer
Sale price: \$10.00
** 100% of profit goes
to the Fiske Association



Shirts are blue or gray
Sizes S to 2X - \$14.00



NOTE: DD & DDR
Fiske Caps Will Be
Available in February

Ship Store and Dues Form

Please make check payable to the USS Fiske (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc for \$10.00 or more.

NOTE: For Members who are either current or paid ahead, the amount will be recorded for the next open year.

Ship Store Order:

Book \$10.00	Shirt(s) \$14.00	Color	Size	Quantity	Order Total: \$
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A contribution in any amount to help those members unable to pay their dues is always greatly appreciated.

Please add my dues payment of: \$ _____

Shipping: Please help us keep it free! Contribute any amount here if you can, with our thanks: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

SHIP TO: Please print clearly to avoid errors!

Name	Street Address
City	State Zip
Phone	Email Address:



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