

The 820 Newsletter



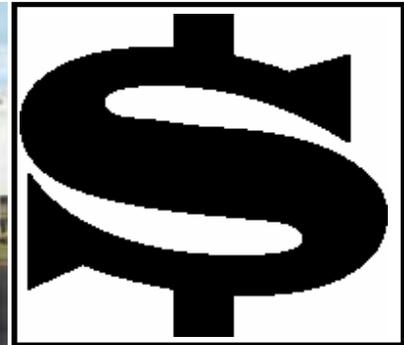
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IT'S NEARLY TIME TO "HIT THE BEACH!"

Rehoboth Beach that is. Our Host, shipmate Harry Marker, has been "giving 'em Hell" in downtown Rehoboth Beach getting things lined up for our 2003 Rich Reunion. This marks the 10th annual event which even a Marine could love. (We know the Air Force does, eh Sarge?). When I spoke to Harry just before going to press he told me everything was set except the weather. No guarantees there, however. Here's the "skinny":

April 2003						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



The Dates

April
9, 10, 11, 12, 13
2003

The Place

The Heritage Inn and Golf Club
2 Postal Lane - Lewes, Delaware
All Rooms \$59.00
1-800-669-9399

The Cost

Members	\$65.00/ea
Spouses	\$65.00/ea
Guests	\$65.00/ea
*Non Members	\$85.00/ea

*Non Member shipmates may "Instantly" join the Association for \$15.00/yr

Smokers Please Take Note: Delaware's recently enacted Clean Air Bill prohibits smoking in all publicly-accessed buildings including hotels, motels and restaurants. [Apparently] Hotels/motels must provide 25% of their lodgings to be designated as smoking rooms. It is strongly suggested you make your reservation early.



On The Web...

Check the ship's website (www.ussrich.org) for the latest information, travel advisories and weather forecasts.

Click into www.rehoboth.com for a full and complete website of everything there is to see and do in Rehoboth Beach!



Plan Of The Week

An Abbreviate View of Planned Activities

WEDNESDAY— Apr 9th...

Travel Day. Shipmates will be arriving all day. Check in and greet old shipmates and friends. Find out Who and What's happening in the **HOSPITALITY ROOM**. Sit and entertain each other with tales of past exploits and reunions. Bring your photos, cruise books and sea stories! Remember, something's always flowing day or night in the Hospitality Room.

THURSDAY—Apr 10th...

- Free Continental Breakfast
 - Shopping OYO at the Outlets and the Boardwalk
 - Golf (9 holes at our back door weather permitting)
 - Lunch OYO
 - Dinner: Pizza, Subs and Wings Party
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FRIDAY —Apr 11th...

- Free Continental Breakfast
 - Gambling Trip to Dover, DE (Transportation furnished)
 - Golf (9 holes at our back door weather permitting)
 - Lunch OYO
 - Dinner: At the Rusty Rudder in Dewey Beach
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SATURDAY—Apr 12th...

- Free Continental Breakfast
 - Bus Tour, Sightseeing and Shopping for the ladies
 - Association Business Meeting
 - Lunch OYO
 - Banquet & Auction: Elks Lodge
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SUNDAY—Apr 13th...

- Free Continental Breakfast
- Checkout and Travel Day. Last minute visits for some. Others will lie to and head out later.

Driving an RV? There will be space on the motel property to park but *no hookups*.



Revisiting Reunions Of The Past

Reunions Were A Hit From The Start

Regardless what motivates a shipmate to come to the reunion(s) there's one thing certain: Everyone has a great time. Perhaps that *is* the motivation... the expectation of having a good time which is fulfilled year after year. From a male perspective, ship reunions are like women: *Ain't none of them bad. Just some better than others.* After all, that's what we do. We get together and talk about an old girlfriend. In this case, "she" is a ship.

Here then, are snaps of other times we were together at yet another great reunion.



1998

Moncks Corner, SC

Barbeque on the lake where
we nearly froze.

1999

Pine Bluff, AR

Somehow we always
end up eating!



2000

Sarasota, FL

Poolside in Paradise
(Still eating.)



2001

Washington, VT

Great Barn Dance and...
Food.



2002

Beaufort, SC

Gawd! They're eating
AGAIN!



Flag Folds

Few Know The Significance Of The Folds

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776? Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we "pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the Father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust." ~After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

(From material furnished by Jack Milburn, STG3 (63-65)





USS RICH DD/DDE 820

OFFICIAL REUNION 2003 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: _____ TOUR DATES: _____

CURRENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS (Please Print)

NAME _____ @\$65=_____

GUEST _____ @\$65=_____

GUEST _____ @\$65=_____

[Free Continental Breakfast - Lunch: On Your Own]

Sub Total "A" _____

NON-MEMBERS (Please Print) (*See note under Membership Renewal)

NAME _____ @\$85=_____

GUEST _____ @\$85=_____

GUEST _____ @\$85=_____

Sub Total "B" _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Membership Dues (4/1/03 to 3/30/04) @\$15=_____

Sub Total "C" _____

Save \$20! You may become an Instant Member by joining here and avoiding the Reunion non-member surcharge. Complete sections A and C (and B if applicable). Welcome Aboard!

>>> Mail your check and this form to: <<<

Don Hogg, Treasurer
USS Rich (DD/DDE820) Association
1801 N 9th St
DeQueen AR 71832

Sub Total "A"

Sub Total "B"

Sub Total "C"

Total Amount Enclosed

Please indicate if you are bringing an article for:

_____ Raffle: Describe: _____
 _____ Auction: Describe: _____

(Back of Application)



USS RICH (DD/DDE 820)

"LET'S HIT
THE BEACH!"



What:	USS Rich Association 10th Annual Ship's Company Reunion		
Dates:	Wednesday, April 9th through Sunday, April 13th, 2003 There are no activities planned Wednesday or Sunday. These are travel days and shipmates will be arriving and departing.		
Location:	Heritage Inn 2 Postal Lane Lewes, Delaware 19971 Toll Free	Fax	Toll Free 800-669-9399 Local 302-644-0600 843-524-1704
Room Cost:	All Rooms—\$59.00 per night Make reservations directly with the Heritage Inn		
Reunion Cost:	<p>The cost to attend the Reunion is \$65.00 per person for members and their guests. For non-members it is \$85.00 for the shipmate and \$85.00 per guest. <i>You may become an "Instant Member" by filling out Sections A & C thus taking the immediate cost benefit plus enjoying a full year of membership in the association.</i></p> <p>These fees include dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Door Prizes and Open Bar during the entire Reunion!</p> <p>Due to the close dates, this may be the only communications regarding this year's Reunion. Any updated information and forms will be available on the website. We look forward to seeing you "on the beach!"</p> <p>Driving instructions from all directions are on the reverse side.</p>		



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**"LET'S HIT
THE BEACH!"**

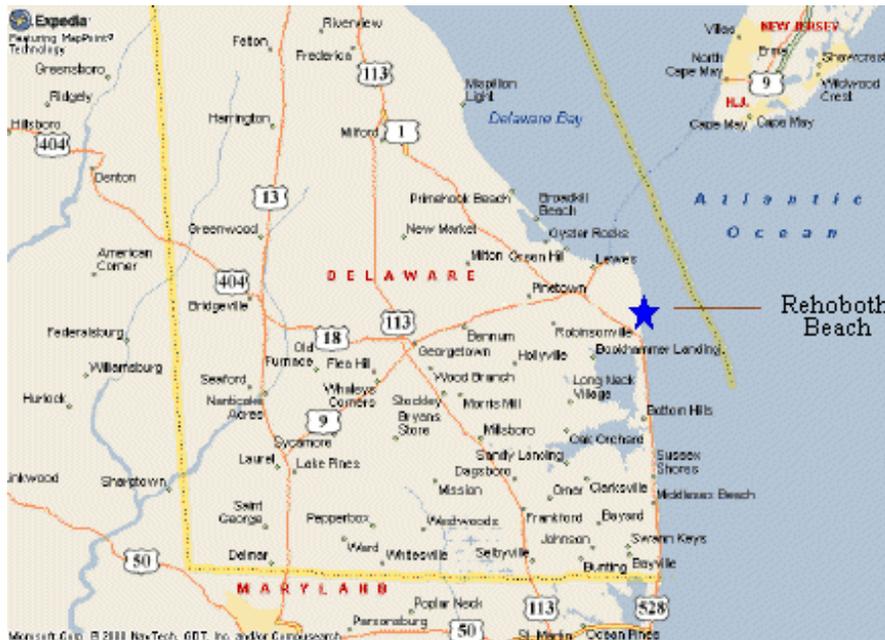


Location: Heritage Inn
2 Postal Lane
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971

Toll Free 800-669-9399
Phone 302-644-0600
Fax 843-524-1704

Driving Instructions to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

From Washington: Follow Rt. 50 to Bay Bridge, continue on Rte. 50 at the 301/Rte 50 split, then take a left on 404 and continue on 404 for about 45 miles, exit onto US 9 at circle in Georgetown, take approx. 13 miles to Rt. 1 South to Rehoboth Beach, to Rt 1-A into Rehoboth. Follow Rt. 1-A (Rehoboth Avenue) until you reach the beach.



From Baltimore:

Rt. 97 to Rt. 50 to Bay Bridge, continue on Rte. 50 at the 301/Rte 50 split, then take a left on 404 and continue on 404 for about 45 miles, exit onto US 9 at circle in Georgetown, take approx. 13 miles to Rt. 1 South to Rehoboth Beach, to Rt 1-A into Rehoboth. Follow Rt. 1-A (Rehoboth Avenue) until you reach the beach.

From Philly & Wilmington:

95 to 495, to Rt. 1 South, follow to Rt 1-A into Rehoboth. Follow Rt. 1-A (Rehoboth Avenue) until you reach the beach.

From New York:

Thruway to Garden State Parkway to New Jersey to Cap May-Lewes Ferry, 5 miles to Rehoboth; or Garden State Parkway to New Jersey Turnpike, Delaware Memorial Bridge, Rt. 13 to Rt 113, to Rt. 1 to Rt. 1-A into Rehoboth. Follow Rt. 1-A (Rehoboth Avenue) until you reach the beach.

From Cape May-New Jersey Ferry:

Right out of ferry terminal onto Cape Henlopen Dr., Left to Rt. 9, Left to Rt. 1, Left to Rt.1-A into Rehoboth. Follow Rt. 1-A (Rehoboth Avenue) until you reach the beach.

They Don't "Like" Us Anymore

Provided by Joe Galloway, author of "We Were Soldiers Once, and Young". Sig, the author, was a teen-aged Marine who marched and fought as a rifleman to and from the Chosin reservoir in Korea in 1950. He switched to the Army, and served as a Special Forces officer in Vietnam. After Vietnam he joined the CIA, and went back to Korea. He's been there, done it, and has some specific thoughts on countries that don't "like" us.

Is there anyone else out there who's sick and tired of all the polls being taken in foreign countries as to whether or not they "like" us? The last time I looked, the word "like" had nothing to do with foreign policy. I prefer 'respect' or 'fear'. They worked for Rome, which civilized and kept the peace in the known world a hell of a lot longer than our puny two centuries-plus. I see a left-wing German got elected to office recently by campaigning against the foreign policy of the United States. Yeah, that's what I want, to be lectured about war and being a "good neighbor" by a German. Their head honcho said they wouldn't take part in a war against Iraq. Kind of nice, to see them taking a pass on a war once in while. Perhaps we needed to have the word "World" in front of War. I think it's time to bring our boys home from Germany. Outside of the money we'd save, we'd make the Germans "like" us a lot more, after they started paying the bills for their own defense.

Last time I checked, France isn't too fond of us either. They sort of "liked" us back on June 6th, 1944, though, didn't they? If you don't think so, see how nicely they take care of the enormous American cemeteries up above the Normandy beaches. For those of you who've studied history, we also have a few cemeteries in places like Belleau Woods and Chateau Thierry also. For those of you who haven't studied it, that was from World War One, the first time Europe screwed up and we bailed out the French. That's where the US Marines got the title 'Devil Dogs' or, if you still care about what the Germans think, "Teufelhunde". I hope I spelled that right; sure wouldn't want to offend anyone, least of all a German. Come to think of it, when Europe couldn't take care of their Bosnian problem recently, guess who had to help out there also. Last time I checked, our kids are still there. I sort of remember they said they would be out in a year. Gee, how time flies when you're having fun.

Now we hear that the South Koreans aren't too happy with us either. They "liked" us a lot better, of course, in June, 1950. It took more than 50,000 Americans killed in Korea to help give them the lifestyle they currently enjoy, but then who's counting? I think it's also time to bring the boys home from there. There are about 37,000 young Americans on the DMZ separating the South Koreans from their "brothers" up North. Maybe if we leave, they can begin to participate in the "good life" that North Korea currently enjoys. Uh huh. Sure.

I also understand that a good portion of the Arab/Moslem world now doesn't "like" us either. Did anyone ever sit down and determine what we would have to do to get them to like us? Ask them what they would like us to do. Die? Commit ritual suicide? Bend over? Maybe we should follow the advice of our dimwitted, dullest knife in the drawer, Senator Patty Murray, and build more roads, hospitals, day care centers, and orphanages like Osama bin Laden does. What with all the orphans Osama has created, the least he can do is build some places to put them. Senator Stupid says if we would only "emulate" Osama, the Arab world would love us. Sorry Patty; in addition to the fact that we already do all of those things around the world and have been doing them for over sixty years, I don't take public transportation, and I certainly wouldn't take it with a bomb strapped to the guy next to me. Don't get me wrong: I'm not in favor of going to war. Been there, done that. Several times, in fact.

But I think we ought to have some polls in this country about other countries, and see if we "like" THEM. Problem is, if you listed the countries, not only wouldn't the average American know if he "liked" them or not, he wouldn't be able to find them. If we're supposed to worry about them, how about them worrying about us? We were nice to the North Koreans in 1994, as we followed the policies of Neville Clinton. And it seemed to work; they didn't re-start nuclear weapons program for a whole year or so. In the meantime, we fed them when they were starving, and put oil in their stoves when they were freezing.

In a recent visit to Norway, I engaged in a really fun debate with my cousin's son, a student at a Norwegian University. I was lectured to by this thankless squirt about the American "Empire", and scolded about dropping the atomic bomb on the Japanese. I reminded him that empires usually keep the stuff they take; we don't, and back in 1945 most Norwegians thought dropping ANY kind of bomb on Germany or Japan was a good idea. I also reminded him that my uncle, his grandfather, and others in our family spent a significant time in Sachsenhausen concentration camp, courtesy of the Germans, and they didn't all survive. I further reminded him that if it wasn't for the "American Empire" he would probably be speaking German or Russian. Sorry about the rambling, but I just took an unofficial poll here at our house, and we don't seem to like anyone.



Personnel Changes

Those of you who visit our website know this is a standing feature. The Internet has done more to help shipmates find us (and us to find them) than perhaps 100 men. Ordinarily we could never hope to find this many men by telephone and/or surface mail. The 2001 list is the largest so far with 84 shipmates found. The 2002 list below is a respectable 45 shipmates. On a sadder note it also keeps us apprised of those who have departed this life. This allows us to contact the families to offer prayers and condolences. Sometimes a shipmate will see a new-found shipmate and when contacted we suddenly have found two or three others. We also find those shipmates who are not interested in the activities of his former shipmates and asks not to be contacted. To them we can only say "Sorry you feel that way... you're missing some wonderful times!"

Dec 2002 - Reported Aboard

Warner	Norman	SKSN	58-58	Northville MI
Baggett	Joseph E	Ens	72-74	Herndon VA
Esser	Thomas D	BMSN	58-60	Bedford OH
Katz	Charles W	RDSN	52-53	Ridgewood NJ
Ellis	John J	RM2	64-67	Glenolden PA
Sansouci	Brian	CS3	72-74	Gloucester VA
Priddy	Rowland	RM3	68	Woodville TX

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Elliott	Jack	SH2	53-57	Chillicothe OH
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Nov 2002 - Reported Aboard

Kingsley	Lynn K	RDC	69-70	Stafford VA
Weaver	William A	MM2	64-67	Lansing MI
Sturdivant	Ron	SM3	65-69	Canton OH
Baarlaer	Bill L	CS1	71-73	Hampton VA
Stangle	JA (Casey)	SO2	48-52	The Villages FL
McArdle	Gary	ETN2	65-67	Leicester NC
Eubank	Roger	SOG3	60-61	Escanaba MI

Oct 2002 - Reported Aboard

Kemp	James A	CS3	54-55	Rochester NY
Tranger	W David	BT2	68-70	Pt Pleasant NJ

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Pankiw	Peter	FN1	47-48	Claymont DE
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Sep 2002 - Reported Aboard

Decker	Donald	SO3	53-56	Yuma AZ
Harpster	Bruce	MM2	54-57	Venice FL
Matus	Ron	DKSN	67	Doylestown PA
Spinozza	Leonard F	PN2	54-55	Carmel NY

Aug 2002 - Reported Aboard

Robbins	Jerry	BMSN	64-65	Festus MO
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Jul 2002 - Reported Aboard

Heisler	Aubrey	GM2	62-64	Montgomery AL
Santangelo	Ronald P	PN3	56-58	Lancaster MA
Graham	Kenneth	FN1	55-56	Myrtle Beach SC
Reed	Robert G Jr	RD3	75	Moyock NC
Wisdom	John D	BT3	48-49	Longview TX

Jun 2002 - Reported Aboard

Mercier Jr	Clyde	MM2	58-61	Swanton VT
Matthews	P.C.	SN	72-74	Houston TX

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Peterson	Donald C	SN	47-51	Sawyer MI
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May 2002 - Reported Aboard

Hare	Jeff	LTJg	67-	Simpsonville SC
Lovejoy	Rick	RM2	71-74	Hurricane WV
Davies	Sanders	FTG2	69-72	Darien CT

Apr 2002 - Reported Aboard

Carpenter	Paul D	DC3	56-58	Comstock Park MI
Turgeon	Harold	SM3	68-71	Concord NH

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Harris	Billy D	QMC	64-66	Norfolk VA
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Mar 2002 - Reported Aboard

Lafferty	Jim	SN	70-71	Alexandria VA
Taddeucci	Hank	BM3	62-63	Boulder CO
Chiasson	Ed	SN	76-77	Windham NH
Liester	Robert E	RM2	76-77	Preston City CT
Hammes	Donald E	LTJg	53-55	Florence SC

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Fox	James R	MM2	55-59	Pittsburgh PA
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Feb 2002 - Reported Aboard

Eriksen	Paul	ET2	49-52	Wilmington DE
White	Joseph	SN	75	Philadelphia PA
Redenius	Mark C	SHSN	74-75	Weaverville CA
Ketcham	John F	GMG2	67-70	Little Rock AR
Halloran	Larry	RD3	66-68	St Paul MN

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Sanders	Gordon J	STG3	63-66	Minnnetonka MN
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Jan 2002 - Reported Aboard

Besett	D.L.	YNC	57-59	Floral City FL
Potoma	Joe M	GM3	50-54	North Port FL
Reed	Robert G Jr	RD3	75	Moyock NC
Wisdom	John D	BT3	48-49	Longview TX

Piped Ashore - Deceased

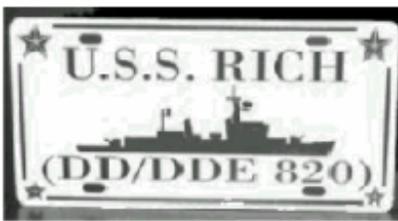
Best	Ulysses	BT2	46-50	Petersburg VA
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A Mustang's Hunting Dog

A Mustang retired after 35 years and realized a lifelong dream of buying a bird-hunting estate in Alaska. He invited an old Admiral friend to visit for a week of pheasant shooting. The friend was in awe of the Mustang's new gun dog, "Chief". The dog could point, flush and retrieve with the very best. The Admiral offered to buy the dog at any price. The Mustang declined, saying that Chief was the very best bird dog he had ever owned and that he couldn't part with him. Six months later the same Admiral returned for another week of hunting and was surprised to find the Mustang breaking in a new dog. "What happened to Chief?" he asked. "Had to shoot him," the Mustang replied. "Another old shipmate came to hunt with me and couldn't remember the dog's name. He kept calling him 'Master Chief'...after that, all the dog would do was sit on his butt and bark."



Ship's Store

	Ball Cap (One size fits all) \$10/ea \$5 shipping	Navy - Solid back <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 = <input type="text"/>
		Navy - Mesh back <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 = <input type="text"/>
		White - Solid back <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 = <input type="text"/>
		White - Mesh back <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 = <input type="text"/>
	Coffee Mug (One size fits all) Use with regular or decaf. Left or right handed. \$5/ea \$5 shipping	Mug - White 2002 <input type="checkbox"/> X \$10 = <input type="text"/>
		Mug - White 2001 <input type="checkbox"/> X \$10 = <input type="text"/>
		Mug - White 2000 <input type="checkbox"/> X \$10 = <input type="text"/>
	Car Tag (One size fits all) Fits foreign or domestic \$10/ea \$3 shipping	White w/blue lettering <input type="checkbox"/> X \$13 = <input type="text"/>

Special Purchase!
 Limited quantity in stock
 4 in embroidered patch



DesRon 36
 X \$7 =



TGYC
 X \$7 =
\$5.50/ea
 \$1.50 shipping

SHIP TO: (Please Print)
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

- Check
 - Money Order
 - No COD's
 - Allow 3-4 weeks
- Please...
NO PHONE CALLS

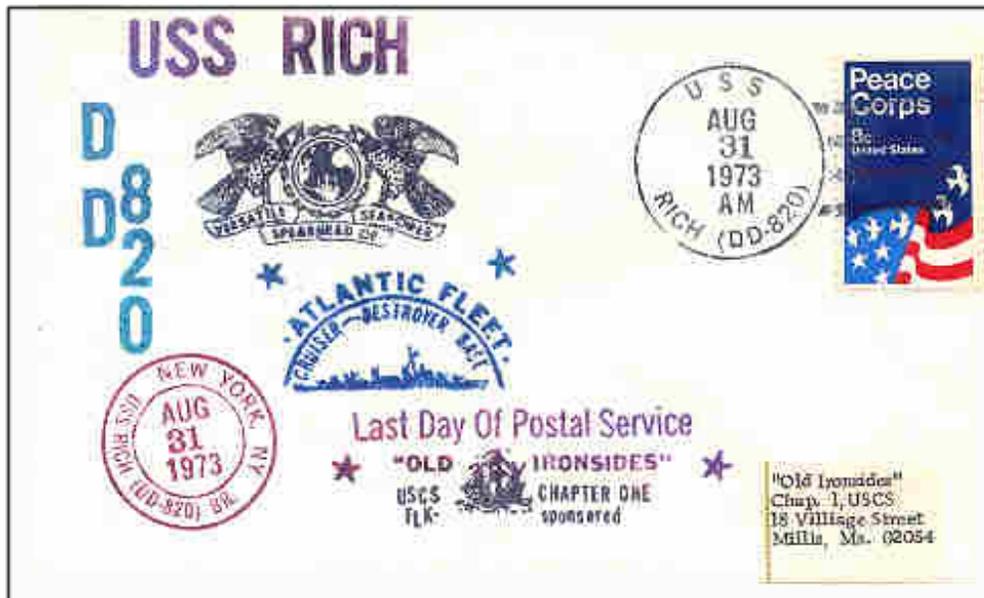
Send this form and check to:

Don Hogg
 USS Rich Ship's Store
 1801 N 9th Street
 DeQueen, AR 71832





From shipmate David "Eagle Eye" Paxton, IC3 (68-70) yet another envelope.



Note the "Last Day Of Postal Service" stamp. Anyone know what that means?



8926 Phyllis Avenue
Sarasota FL 34231