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Pensacola: We're Good To GO!

Apparently it will take more than four hurricanes to root the Navy (and the crew of the USS Rich) out of Pensacola.

In a brief report from our Host, Chet Sanders (QM3, 51-54), it has been necessary to make some plan changes due to the extreme damage and devastation sustained in the area as the result of the storms.

Our base of operations has been moved inland to the Ramada Bayview on the Scenic Highway overlooking Escambia Bay.

This 160 room property (including 10 Executive Suites) touts "*a secluded area surrounded by trees and the bay, offering guests a welcome retreat from noise and traffic. Ramada Bayview's grounds are beautifully landscaped with an outdoor courtyard pool and gazebo.*"



This property should meet all of our requirements and lists an impressive array of amenities:

- Free local phone calls, telephone with data ports, personal voice mail
- Complimentary Airport Transportation
- In room coffee, hair dryer, iron and ironing board
- Complimentary daily newspaper Mon- Friday
- Free HBO with pay movies and Nintendo available.
- Fitness Center
- Room Service
- Cocktail Lounge
- Full service Conference and banquet Facilities
- 5 minutes away from The Moors Golf Course
- Handicap and nonsmoking rooms are available

Guest laundry service available

The Bay Breeze restaurant is open

Monday through Saturday:

6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for Breakfast

11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for lunch

5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for Dinner **Mon - Thurs**

5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for Dinner **Fri, Sat**

5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Dinner **Sunday**

The Bay Breeze lounge is open

Monday - Saturday 5:00 p.m. until...

The room rate for the Rich Reunion will be posted on the website when available and included in the next issue of the *820 Newsletter*.

Look out, Pensacola! We're on our way!



WEB DECK LOG (Selected Entries)

Our website maintains a Deck Log where visitors may sign and leave a message. Here are excerpts from that log.

Name: Howard M. Dillow

Hometown: Glen Burnie Maryland

Sent: 10.45 - mon 27 sep 2004

Was on USS Rich DD 820 From Early 1947 to EARLY 1949 I Was MM3 Shop Machinist and stood watches in the fwdengine room at sea. I am a Volunteer on the John W. Brown Liberty Ship here in Baltimore and still firing Boilers. That's what keeps me young.

Name: Basnight, Robert W. (Bob)

Hometown: Holly Springs, NC

Sent: 08.07 - mon 27 sep 2004

Served on the Rich from Feb 68 until June 71 with Fox Div. in the Sonar Gang. We're expecting a lot of rain today, tonight, and tomorrow along with some tornados as a result of Hurricane Jeanne...nothing like what Fla has been through however. I'd like to hear from some of the Fox Div guys from the 68-71 days: Gary Reader, Mark Stevens, Tommy Thompson, Charlie, "Sweet Bob", Chief Metcaf, etc. I'm in regular contact with John Ketcham, Bill Richardson, Paul Carlson and Alan Arnold from Fox Div and would enjoy catching up with some of the other guys. If you're out there, let me hear from you. Later,
Bob Basnight

Name: Thomas W. Arthur

Hometown: New Bern , NC

Sent: 06.49 - mon 27 sep 2004

Name: Larry Turner BTC

Hometown: Norfolk Va

Sent: 17.54 - wed 8 sep 2004

Would like to hear from any BT/MM or any shipmate that were on board from 65-72. Just found this web it is great.

Name: Martin A. Warren

Hometown: Chesapeake, VA

Sent: 15.32 - thu 2 sep 2004

I served on USS Rich from Aug 66 to Aug 67 as a RM1. I was the leading RM during that period.

Name: Jerry Robbins

Hometown: Festus MO

Sent: 21.02 - wed 1 sep 2004

Name: DAVE PAPLOW

Hometown: BUFFALO NY

Sent: 21.04 - sat 28 aug 2004

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THE SINKING OF THE CAPTAINS GIG ON THE WEEKEND OF THE NEWPORT BER-MUDA IN 1966 I WAS THE ENG. TO SEE THE GIG LAST BEFORE IT SANK. IF ANY BODY WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ME.

Name: George Supple

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Sent: 17.14 - tue 24 aug 2004

Enjoyed reading the newsletter, especially ships company to see how many shipmates I remembered. Great work, keep it up.

Name: Nancy King

Hometown: Norfolk, VA

Sent: 03.31 - sat 7 aug 2004

My dad Lonnie F. King BT 1 served on the USS Rich and while searching the net I found this website. The name Hoot Gibson is so familiar to me but I always thought he was a TV star or movie star. Now it looks like he was a shipmate!!!!



Name: Robert De Armond
Hometown: Decatur, Illinois
Sent: 18.34 - wed 4 aug 2004

I was assigned to the Rich while awaiting orders to Nuclear Power School in the late 60's probably around 1967-1968?? I was an electronic technician with a top secret clearance...stood watches on the radar detector and was either a Seaman or P.O. 3 at the time. Got transferred off when ship went to Vietnam.

Name: Joseph N. Rich
Hometown: Sothington, Ct.
Sent: 20.32 - sat 24 jul 2004

I went aboard on T.A.D. as a helmsman trainee, along with five others from the U.S.S. Sierra AD-18 for 8 wks, around 1953 more or less, from Norfolk, Va., we did plane guard duty with the U.S.S. Lake Champlain CV-39, along the east coast. My 1st wk. was sea sick, 2nd wk. on the bridge to learn how etc., I cannot recall the name of The Capt. but he was having a bad weather day with his experienced QM's staying on course, he was throwing them all off the wheel until he ran out of them. Then in final desperation he gave the order put one of those trainees on, I am sure they can do as good or better than what is now taking place! Well who do you think was the 1st trainee to get that honor? Me! It was a lamb being put to slaughter, if the experienced QM's could not stay within the course & degrees the C.O. demanded, what the hell was expected of me! The 1st time I touch the wheel of the Rich was when we were still tied up to the pier at Norfolk. Talk about almost having a loose bowel movement this was just about the moment in my life! eighteen yrs. old out in heavy seas plane guarding with a CV, there was no place to run or hide. I grabbed the wheel Qm passed on to me the course to steer, & commented "Good Luck Kid", if I could not stay within 10 degrees I hope you can do better. Gripping the wheel looking at the gyro, trying to keep my balance, then looking out thru the port holes to the open bridge, & suddenly see everyone standing out there disappear at about the same time a thunderous wave came crashing over the bow, the everyone stood up dripping wet, & me 20 degrees off course, then I heard a voice say "Helmsman mine your rudder" I smartly replied, "Helmsman mine your rudder "Aye Aye Sir".

Name: Milton Nunnally
Hometown: Newport News, Va.
Sent: 15.37 - thu 22 jul 2004

I served on the Rich in 1968-69 two years. I was a BM3. Crossed the Equator two times, Mid east and Viet Nam, gun fire along the shore and plane guard.

Name: Paul Carlson
Hometown: Glen Ellyn, IL
Sent: 00.41 - wed 21 jul 2004

It was 35 years ago today that USS Rich crossed the Equator at the Prime Meridian. That is 00 Longitude and 00 Latitude. It was just after the Apollo 11 Moon landing. We listened on Armed Forces Radio as we prepared for Shellback Day.

Name: Loyde P. Snake Arender
Hometown: <http://www.iguest.net/jump/jump.cgi?http://www.combatwife.net/mmsnake.htm>
Sent: 12.31 - thu 15 jul 2004

I am trying to locate individuals who served with HMC T P Bethea, USN aboard the USS Rich between 1956 - 1958. Chief Bethea served as a Hospitalman / Corpsman and MAA (Master-At-Arms) during his time aboard the USS Rich DD-820. A photograph of Chief Bethea appears within the List of Deceased Crew members on this website. Please, Contact me at kay-bran@webtv.net or his son TP (Junior) at tp@tpbe.com At sea in 1957 during a severe storm, Chief Bethea saved at least one sailor whose last name was RACK from drowning; and, he might have been recommended for the Navy & Marine Corps Medal for Heroism; however, the medal is not listed among his decorations on his DD-214.

Name: T.P. Bethea, Jr.
Hometown: Hampton, AR
Sent: 08.47 - sat 10 jul 2004
My dad, TP Bethea HMC served 1956-1958 he died in 1973.
retired from the NAVY, AND MACK TRUCK, CO

[More in future issues of the *820 Newsletter*]



Out Of The Past

USS RICH (DD-820)
Fleet Post Office
New York 09501

THURSDAY

JULIAN DATE 2293

PLAN OF THE DAY

19 October 19XX

DUTY MAA: STG2 REEDER

DUTY YN: PN3 LONG

CARRY OUT THE NORMAL UNDERWAY ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

0600 Messgear
0615 Breakfast for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
0630 Breakfast for the crew
0716 Sunrise
0735 Muster on station, submit muster reports to the ship's office
0800 Muster Visit&Search/Boarding&Salvage/Prize Crew parties on flight deck
1045 Messgear
1110 Dinner for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
1120 Dinner for the crew
1300 General Quarters
1630 Check setting of material condition YOKE, make reports to the Bridge
1700 Messgear
1753 Prepare to darken ship
1823 Sunset, darken ship

NOTES:

1. GENERAL QUARTERS:

The main purpose of GQ today will be to check out phone circuits and to familiarize everyone with their GQ station.

Make sure you know where your station is, and how to get there quickly, and what to do when you get there.

2. UNIFORM CHANGE

The uniform for E-6 and below on board ship, until further notice, is blue ball caps, white "T" shirts, and dungaree trousers.

3. DON'T AID THE ENEMY INVASION!

"Numerous foreign plants, and animals pest and diseases threaten to invade the United States everyday. THESE ENEMIES ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS! Their primary target is our nation's food supply. They conceal themselves in fruits, vegetables, plants, bulbs, seeds, straw, soil, meat and meat products, and then wait for people to give them a free ride to the United States. Such products are prohibited entry into the United States or their movement is restricted by Federal quarantines which are supported by GENERAL ORDER 20. This applies to ship's stores as well as baggage, mail, and household goods. Do Not assist in this invasion! DO NOT bring or send foreign products to the United States unless you have a permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do so. PROTECT THE FOOD THAT FEEDS OUR NATION!"

4. SORM REGULATION 4028 CARD GAMES AND GAMBLING

1. No person shall:

a. Gamble for money with cards, dice, or other apparatus on board this ship.

b. Engage in any card games or other games during prescribed working hours, or during the night between taps and reveille, or during divine services.

4. UCMJ ARTICLE 78 - ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT

Any person subject to this code who, knowing that an offense punishable by this code has been committed, receives, comforts, or assists the offender in order to hinder or prevent


F. X. MUNGER
LCDR USN
Executive Officer

USS RICH . DD-820 . DDE-820



Sea Stories From the Deckplate

[<http://thedeckplate.multiservers.com>]

THE QUIET SAILOR (ALSO KNOWN AS THE TRASH MAN)

Seaman Recruit Charles didn't seem to be getting the hang of Boot Camp. As the days dragged on, he became increasingly quieter. By about the second week of Recruit Training, he had stopped talking entirely. Most of the time, this wasn't much of a problem, since flapping your jaws while marching or standing in formation was likely to earn a sailor punishment in the form of pushups. But sometimes, his continuing silence brought trouble down upon himself and his shipmates. When an Inspector stood an inch in front of his nose and bellowed "Recruit! What is your Fourth General Order?" Seaman Recruit Charles stood at attention and didn't utter a word. Not a sound. And no amount of pushups or extra duty could induce him to answer.

His Company Commander began to suspect that there was something seriously wrong with Seaman Recruit Charles, but the Division Officer was certain that the young sailor was faking. "The little bastard wants a free ride out of the Navy," the Divo snapped. "Well he's not going to get it!"

The situation remained unchanged for several days. Charles was ordered to speak. He remained silent. He was punished for failure to obey, and still he didn't talk. He carried out assigned tasks, folded his uniforms, took notes during training sessions, ran the PT course with the rest of his Company. He just wouldn't talk, no matter how much anyone tried to provoke him into it.

Some time around Week 5, he developed another interesting quirk. He began to pick up pieces of paper. If his Company was marching to chow, and a scrap of paper blew across the road, Seaman Recruit Charles would abandon his position in the formation and chase the paper down. When he caught it, he would carefully examine both sides of the scrap, shake his head and drop it back into the street. Afterward, he would rush to regain his spot in the formation, and then resume marching as though nothing had happened. Naturally, this brought trouble as well, because Charles didn't care who was watching. If he spotted a piece of paper, he'd leave formation to catch it. The second or third time his Company Commander got chewed out for Charles's bizarre behavior, the CC sent the young sailor to Medical for a Psychiatric Evaluation.

The Psych Eval didn't go very well because Seaman Recruit Charles never spoke a word to any of the Doctors who examined him. All they had to go on was his refusal to speak, and his tendency to pick up and examine random bits of paper. After three days of fruitless prodding and observation, they sent Charles back to his Company.

A few days later, the Company Commander called Charles into his office. He handed the young man a sheet of paper, a DD-214. Charles was being discharged from the Navy due to an undiagnosed mental defect.

As was his habit, Seaman Recruit Charles scanned both sides of the piece of paper. This time, instead of dropping it on the ground, he looked up at his CC and smiled. "Yep," he said. "This is the one! This is the piece of paper I was waiting for." And with that, he turned smartly on his heel and marched away.



Crossing Over

One of the more memorable events for a sailor is the ancient and time-honored tradition of crossing the Equator. "Pollywogs", those who have not yet crossed the earth's divide, are initiated by the "Shellbacks." Davy Jones, scribe for Neptunus Rex, "Ruler of the Raging Main," boards the ship and issues subpoenas to the Pollywogs, summoning them to appear before the Royal High Court on the following day. He also posts a warning to those who would commit "Acts of Insurrection and Sedition." The following day Neptunus Rex and his Royal Court arrives and commences the initiation ceremonies.



A little "education" for a lowly Pollywog

The day begins unlike any daily routine with an earlier-than-usual "breakfast". In October, 1964 it consisted of burnt toast, VERY lumpy oatmeal and seawater coffee. Hardly a decent start for the events that would unfold.

To the delight of the crew, the Pollywog officers were treated the same (if not worse) than the enlisted.

Following breakfast, the lowly Pollywogs were herded topside to the weather deck to perform a variety of the ship's work greatly exaggerated like clowns in a circus. Heads were cleaned with toothbrushes and shined with skivvies. Decks were scrubbed by hand and clamped down with mops sans handles. Everything was done with great care and ceremony. Whenever a pollywog was not performing a duty he found his forehead on the deck and his backside pointed to the sky.

Generally, a Shellback priest could be found conducting the ritual of Baptism which was conducted follow the "Crawl of Redemption". The "Crawl" consisted of about a 400-foot canvas tube about 24" in diameter which contained the previous week's garbage which had be allowed to "simmer" for many days in the heat from the intense tropical sun. Needless to say, few could hold their breakfast when exposed to this ungodly concoction and thus made their own contribution to what is most likely the most malodorous filth that any of us would likely see again in our lifetime. Any as each Pollywog "made the trip", it was likely he compounded the commixture along the way. If he didn't physically, he certainly did psychologically. Does any of this bring back memories? (Or nightmares perhaps?)



Pollywog "baptism" under the watchful eye of the Padre. (Parks, YNC)

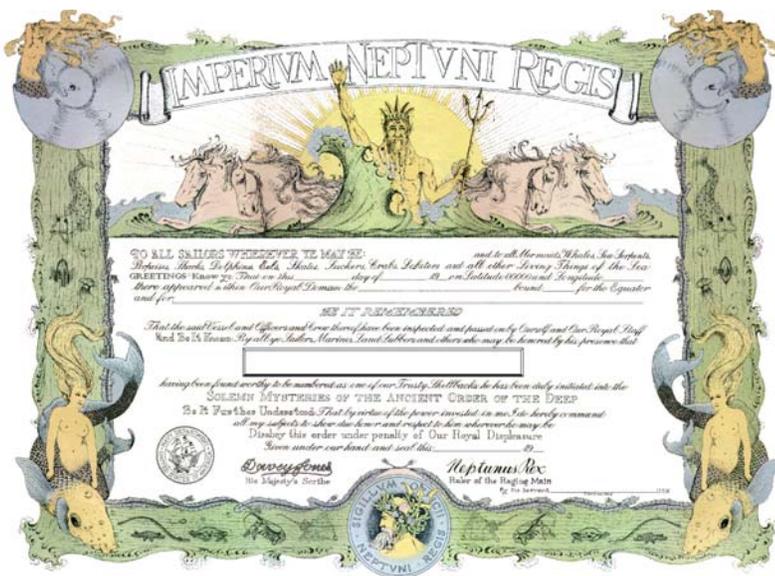


On the other end, the sea-water “Baptismal” was much welcomed as a sign that the initiation was nearly complete.

Perhaps the final humiliation, errr... joys of crossing was the kissing of the “Royal Baby”. (Personally I would have rather made the “Crawl” again) The “Royal Baby” was the Trusty Shellback who presented the most ample stomach on which a special formula “sun block” had been applied. This special formula had the base ingredients of gear lube, diesel fuel and horseradish. (God knows what else.) Generously applied to “Baby’s” tummy, each Pollywog was obliged to one kiss which would guarantee the taste and smell of the goo would linger in your system for days or even weeks. Some of us were blessed with more than one kiss. ::barf::



“Digger” Jones, BM3, waits for the spoils.



At left, the revered official certificate of the crossing of the Equator. Proof positive that the bearer had indeed performed all the requirements of Neptunus Rex and his Royal Court.

Although many of us have our certificates, there are some who have lost or mislaid their certificate. Duplicates can be made if you can provide the crossing details.

At the end of the day, all things and shipmates now being equal, a celebration is held.

A barbeque on the fantail for the new Trusty Shellbacks is held. Ribs, steaks and all the trimmings are the Bill of Fare and if memory serves, there was a “Brew for the Crew”.

Humiliations notwithstanding, in the mind and hearts of each of us was a day not soon forgotten. And easily remembered... again and again.

(Photos contributed by Larry Dixon, RD3, 65-67)



Barbeque on the Fantail for all the new “Trusty” Shellbacks



TEN REALLY BAD MILITARY PREDICTIONS

"Four or five frigates will do the business without any military force."

Lord North on the American Revolution, 1774

"You're planning to make a ship sail against the wind and tide by lighting a fire below deck? I don't have time to listen to that kind of nonsense!"

Napoleon Bonaparte on Robert Fulton's steamboat.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."

General (later Marshal and Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in WW1) Ferdinand Foch, 1911

"Even if a submarine should work by a miracle, it will never be used. No country in this world would ever use such a vicious and petty form of warfare."

Admiral William Henderson, RN, 1914.

"You will not need your rifles - all the Germans will be dead in their trenches."

British officer on the artillery barrage that preceded the Battle of the Somme, 1916.

"To throw bombs from an airplane will do as much damage as throwing bags of flour. It will be my pleasure to stand on the bridge of any ship which is attacked by airplanes."

Newton Baker, U.S. Secretary of Defense, 1921

The Cavalry will never be scrapped to make room for the tanks. In the course of time Cavalry may be reduced as the supply of horses in this country diminishes. This depends greatly on the life of foxhunting.

Journal of the United Services Institute, 1921

"My good friends, for the second time in our history, a British Prime Minister has returned from Germany bringing peace with honour. I believe it is "peace for our time." Go home and get a nice quiet sleep."

Neville Chamberlain, September 30, 1938, on his return from the Munich Conference.

"In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken."

Marshal Petain, 1940 (Prompting Churchill's later remark in the Canadian Parliament "Some chicken! Some Neck!")

"We should declare war on North Vietnam ... We could pave the whole country and put parking strips on it, and still be home by Christmas."

Ronald Reagan, 1965

WHERE'S A GOOD PLACE NEAR THE END OF THE TOUR?

For more than a century and a half the U.S. Naval Home in Gulfport, Miss., and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, in Washington, D.C., have provided the finest retirement and medical care for our nation's veterans. Both facilities, now under the unified management of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, are considered model retirement centers, complete with on-site assisted living and long-term health care facilities to meet the future needs of each resident.

Residency is open to veterans from all of the Armed Services whose active-duty military service was at least 50 percent enlisted or warrant officer, received an honorable discharge and who are one of the following:

§ Retirees with 20 or more years of active-duty service, and who are at least 60 years old;

§ Veterans who are unable to earn a livelihood due to a service-connected disability;

§ Veterans who served in a war theater or received hostile fire pay, and are unable to earn a livelihood due to injuries, diseases or disability;

§ Female veterans who served prior to 1948.

Despite their names, veterans from any service are welcomed at either Home. Both Homes offer each resident a private room, three meals a day, some on-site medical care, plenty of recreational activities, and access to medical treatment at nearby VA or military treatment facilities. In addition to fine living accommodations and recreational activities, residents enjoy spending their time among people with whom they share a special bond ? the bond of military service, and service to this nation.

More information is available through our website (www.afrh.com) or by calling the toll-free numbers for each Home. The U.S. Naval Home can be reached at 800-332-3527 and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home can be reached at 800-422-9988.



Personnel Changes

Sep 2004 - Reported Aboard

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|---------|----------|-----|-------|------------|----|
| Heuston | Edward C | MM3 | 63-65 | Altoona | PA |
| Warren | Martin A | RM1 | 66-67 | Chesapeake | VA |



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Aug 2004 - Reported Aboard

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|-------|------------|------|-------|--------------|----|
| North | Thomas C | ETN2 | 57-60 | Angola | IN |
| Adams | Adiel L Jr | LTjg | 63-66 | Au- gusta | GA |



Piped Ashore - Deceased

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|------|----------|-----|-----|------|--|
| King | Lonnie T | BT1 | 60s | 1990 | |
|------|----------|-----|-----|------|--|

Jul 2004 - Reported Aboard

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|-------------|-----------|------|-------|----------------|----|
| Blackwelder | Ricky L | MM3 | 71-74 | Merritt Island | FL |
| Witt | Wilbur L | SK2 | 70-71 | Gulfport | MS |
| Williams | Kenneth H | QMSN | 58-61 | Burlington | NC |



Piped Ashore - Deceased

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|--------|----|-----|-------|---------|--|
| Bethea | TP | HMC | 56-58 | 00DEC73 | |
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We very much appreciate being notified of the passing of a shipmate. It's always sad news and we feel it's important to "Pass The Word" to the rest of the crew. Information about our deceased shipmates is always in a place of honor both in the 820 Newsletter and on the Internet. Photos, obituaries or other materials are graciously received and will be used as appropriate.

More On The VA

In our last issue (Vol 11-No 3) we published material relative to Agent Orange and crews aboard *RICH* during Vietnam tours. This caught the attention of our readers, not so much for the subject, but the role of the Veterans Administration as it pertains to all crews of the *USS RICH*.

Many of us came aboard, did our tour, then left the Navy not realizing that we would be entitled to a variety of benefits from our government as the result of the service to our country.

Few of us ever gave thought to what the cost of medicine and healthcare would be what it is today not to mention and our needs as senior citizens. Help, of any kind, it very welcomed these days.

A simple four-page application is all that is required to enroll in the VA Healthcare System. In 15 business days the VA will evaluate the application and assign a priority level from 1 through 8 to your case. Veterans with service-connected disabilities receive the highest priority. The remaining priorities are assign based up a variety of medical and financial conditions.

Your best bet is to get an appointment with the closest Veterans Affairs Officer who will provide all the needed forms and is very knowledgeable and helpful in getting your enrollment started is whatever programs are suitable for you.

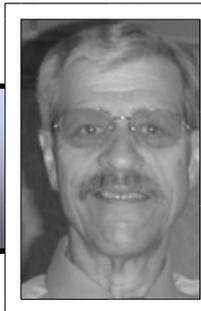
The VA also maintains an outstanding website (www.va.gov). The site is easy to navigate and contains most all forms necessary to apply to VA programs. There is also are a number of "Enroll Online" programs.

You worked for it. It's worth checking it out.



Dunnigan's Corner

"Where the old sailors come for a good laugh"



My old friend Ted said:

Today is my daughter's 18th birthday..... I'm so glad that this is my last child support payment. Month after month, year after year, those payments! So I called my daughter and asked her to come over to my house, and when she got there, I said to her, "Honey, I want you to take this last check over to your mother's house and tell her that this is the last check she's ever going to get from me, and I want you to come back and tell me the expression that's on her face."

So my daughter took the check over to her. I was really anxious to hear what she had to say and what she looked like. As my daughter walked through the door, I said, "Now what did she have to say?"

"She told me to tell you that you're not my daddy... and watch the expression on your face".



I decided that I needed a few days off and I realized that I ran out of vacation time already. I figured the best way to get the Boss to send me home was to act a little crazy. I figured he'd think I was burning out and give me some time off.

I came in to work early the other day and began hanging upside down from the ceiling. Just then one of my blonde coworkers came in and asked me what I'm doing.

"Shh," I said, "I'm acting crazy to get a few days off. I'm a light bulb."

A second later the Boss walked by and asked me what I was doing.

"I'm a light bulb!" I exclaimed.

"You're going crazy," he said. "Take a few days off."

With that, I jumped down and started walking out. My coworker started following me and the Boss asked where she was going.

"I can't work in the dark," she said.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."



An older Jewish gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me ... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."



Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for



Some people try to turn back their odometers.

Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.



How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?



When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.



Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.



Ship's Store

Genuine Simulated US Navy Ball Cap in 2 Styles and 2 Colors



Blue Solid Back

X \$15.00 =

Blue Mesh Back

X \$15.00 =

White Solid Back

X \$15.00 =

White Mesh Back

X \$15.00 =

\$10/ea + \$5/shipping

Official USS Rich Reunion Coffee Mug (Limited quantities)



2001 Mug

X \$10.00=

2002 Mug

X \$10.00=

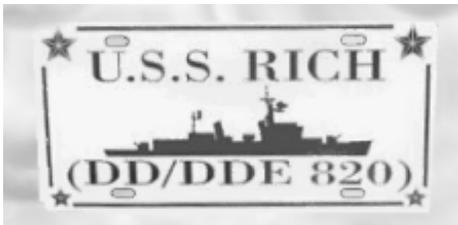
2003 Mug

X \$10.00=

2004 Mug

X \$10.00=

\$5/ea + \$5/shipping



Official USS Rich Auto Tag

White with blue lettering

\$6 Bucks

~~\$10~~/ea + \$3/shipping

X \$9.00 =



\$7 Bucks

~~\$10.00~~/ea

+ \$1.50 shipping

3" DD 820 Patch

X \$8.50 =

3" DDE 820 Patch

X \$8.50 =



\$5.50/ea

+

\$1.50/shipping

4" DESRON 36 Patch

X \$7.00 =

4" TONKIN GULF Patch

X \$7.00 =



\$6.95 + 1.50/ship

NEW! Lapel Pin

X \$8.45 =

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Don Hogg
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 1801 N 9th St
 DeQueen AR 71832

Total Amt





The Five Most Dangerous Things in the US Navy

A Seaman saying, "I learned this in Boot Camp..."

A Petty Officer saying, "Trust me, sir..."

A Lieutenant JG saying, "Based on my experience..."

A Lieutenant saying, "I was just thinking..."

A Chief chuckling, "Watch this shit..."



8926 Phyliss Ave—Sarasota FL 34231