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Pensacola: Rich In Naval History

NAS Pensacola, known as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation," serves as the launching point for the flight training of every Naval Aviator, Naval Flight Officer (NFO), and Enlisted Aircrewman. In 1997, about 15,000 aviation personnel in aeronautical technical phases of naval operations were trained there. The traditional home of naval aviation and naval flight training, NAS Pensacola still plays a major role in that process. NAS Pensacola's primary flying organization, Training Wing Six (TRAWING 6) includes three jointly manned (Air Force and Navy personnel) US Navy training squadrons, VT-4, VT-10, and VT-86, with the mission of training USN and other services' Naval Flight Officers and Navigators. These units fly a variety of aircraft, including the T-34C, T-2C, T-1A, and T-39. NAS Pensacola also serves as the home station and primary practice site for the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

Pensacola is located in extreme Northwest Florida, 60 minutes east of Mobile, AL, 45 minutes west of Ft Walton Beach, FL, and 500 miles from Orlando, FL. (home of Disney World). Altitude ranges from sea level

to 120 feet above sea level. Escambia County is 661 square miles. Santa Rosa County 1,024 square miles and the City of Pensacola is 25.09 square miles.

The site now occupied by Naval Air Station Pensacola has a colorful historical background dating back to the 16th century when Spanish explorer Don Tristan de Luna founded a colony here on the bluff where Fort Barrancas is now situated. Realizing the advantages of the Pensacola harbor and the large timber reserves nearby for shipbuilding, President John Quincy Adams and Secretary of the Navy Samuel Southard, in 1825, made arrangements to build a Navy yard on the Southern tip of Escambia County, where the air station is today.

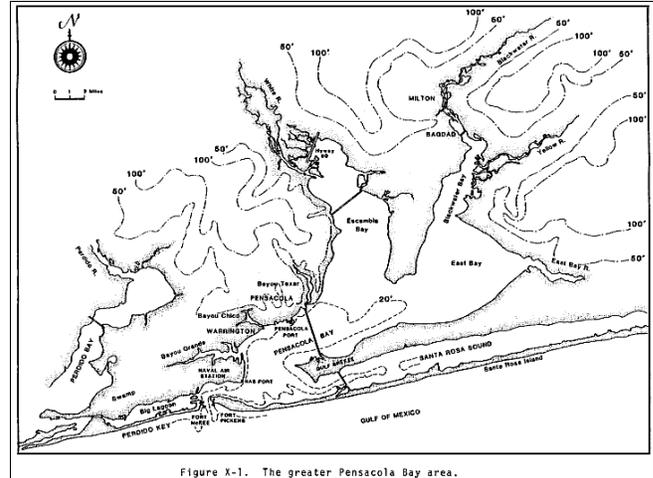


Figure X-1. The greater Pensacola Bay area.

Navy Captains William Bainbridge, Lewis Warrington, and James Biddle selected the site on Pensacola Bay. Construction began in April 1826, and the Pensacola Navy Yard became one of the best equipped naval stations in the country. In its early years the base dealt mainly with the suppression of slave trade and piracy in the Gulf and Caribbean.

When New Orleans was captured by Union forces in 1862, Confederate troops, fearing attack from the west, retreated from the Navy Yard and reduced most of the facilities to rubble. After the war, the ruins at the yard were cleared away and work was begun to rebuild the base. Many of the present structures on the air station were built during this period, including the stately two and three-story houses on North Avenue. In 1906, many of these newly rebuilt structures were destroyed by a great hurricane and tidal wave.

Meanwhile, great strides were being made in aviation. The Wright Brothers and especially Glenn Curtiss were trying to prove to the Navy that the airplane had a place in the fleet. *Continues on Page 2*



Rich In Naval History

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The first aircraft carrier was built in January 1911, and a few weeks later, the seaplane made its first appearance. Then, civilian pilot Eugene Ely landed a frail craft aboard USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Bay, and the value of the airplane to the Navy had been demonstrated.

The Navy Dept., now awakened to the possibilities of Naval Aviation through the efforts of Capt. W. I. Chambers, prevailed upon congress to include in the Naval Appropriation Act enacted in 1911-12 a provision for aeronautical development. Chambers was ordered to devote all of his time to naval aviation.

In October 1913, Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, appointed a board, with Capt. Chambers as chairman, to make a survey of aeronautical needs and to establish a policy to guide future development. One of the board's most important recommendations was the establishment of an aviation training station in Pensacola. In 1914 the Navy expanded its role in Pensacola development by establishing the US Naval Aeronautical Station. As the Navy expanded, so did support businesses and services- bringing more jobs and workers to the area. The military installations have been a major force in Pensacola's growth..

Upon entry into World War I, Pensacola, still the only naval air station, had 38 naval aviators, 163 enlisted men trained in aviation, and 54 airplanes. Two years later, by the signing of the armistice in November 1918, the air station, with 438 officers and 5538 enlisted men, had trained 1,000 naval aviators. At war's end, seaplanes, dirigibles, and free kite balloons were housed in steel and wooden hangars stretching a mile down the air station beach.

In the years following World War I, aviation training slowed down. From the 12-month flight course, an average of 100 pilots were graduating yearly. This was before the day of aviation cadets, and the majority of the students included in the flight training program were Annapolis graduates. A few enlisted men also graduated. Thus, Naval Air Station Pensacola became known as the "Annapolis of the Air."

With the inauguration of 1935 of the cadet training program, activity at Pensacola again expanded. When Pensacola's training facilities could no longer accommodate the ever increasing number of cadets accepted by the Navy, two more naval air stations were created - one in Jacksonville, Florida, and the other in Corpus Christi, Texas. In August 1940, a larger auxiliary base, Saufley Field, named for LT R. C. Saufley, Naval Aviator 14, was added to

Pensacola's activities. In October 1941, a third field, named after LT T.G. Allicin, was commissioned.

As the nations of the world moved toward World War II, NAS Pensacola once again became the hub of air training activities. NAS expanded again, training 1,100 cadets a month, 11 times the amount trained annually in the '20s. The growth of NAS from 10 tents to the world's greatest naval aviation center was emphasized by then Senator Owen Brewster's statement: "The growth of naval aviation during World War II is one of the wonders of the modern world."

War in Korea presented problems as the military was caught in the midst of transition from propellers to jets, and the air station revised its courses and training techniques. Nonetheless, NAS produced 6,000 aviators from 1950 to 1953. Pilot training requirements shifted upward to meet the demands for the Vietnam War which occupied much of the 1960s and 1970s. Pilot production was as high as 2,552 (1968) and as low as 1,413 (1962).

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Out Of The Past (Where were you on this day?)

U.S.S.RICH (DD 820)
PLAN OF THE DAY

CONSERVE FRESH WATER WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 19XX
DUTY SECTIONS DEPT DUTY OFFICERS UNIFORM OF THE DAY
OFFICERS: IV III GUN: LTJG BENEPE OFF. CPO'S SERV DRESS BLUES
ENLISTED: II ENG: ENS KODIS ENLISTED: UNDRRESS BLUES
DUTY YEOMAN; MORE, YN2 OPS; ENS EGGLESTON ENLISTED: WORKING: CLEAN DUNGAREES
DUTY MAA: SANDERSON,SKI SUP: JAVIS, SK2 ENLISTED: LIBERTY:DRESS BLUES
DUTY DIV: OI
OOD: LTJG DALRYPLE SUNRISE: 0612 SUNSET: 1813

THE PLAN OF THE DAY WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHIP'S ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS MANUAL APPENDIX, APPENDIX, A-2, EXCEPT FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES AS LIST BELOW:

SHIP'S ROUTINE

0600 Reveille
1000 X.O. Inspection of living, berthing, and messing spaces
1200 Liberty commence for section III
1300 School of the ship - divisional training
1630 Liberty commence for section I
Officers Tactical School Helo Operations and Rescue at Sea

NOTES:

- SHIP'S REGULATIONS MAIL AND POSTAL MATTERS 4225
- No person shall sort, carry, or otherwise handle any U.S. mail or guard mail, except that specifically addressed to himself, without authorization from proper authority.
- No person other than designated mail clerks, the communications and postal officer and officers making required audits and inspections shall enter the Post Office for any reason whatsoever.

2. WATCHES: JOOD POW MESS PIER WATCH ASROC
08-12 JONES, RDC OTERO,EM3 McLan, SN HOPKINS, SN
12-16 DOWD, ONCS SKAGGS, RD2 MOLLOY, SA RUMSEY, SA
16-20 LTJG BENEPE HAYES, ETR2 SAMTANA, SA GOLLADAY, SA
20-24 MACKENZIE, DC1 BLANCHARD,SF2 NOLAN, SN HOPKINS, SN
00-04 ROBINSONN,GMM1 FRANK, EM2 MOLLOY, SA RUMSEY, SA
04-08 YOCUM, MM1 ADKINS, IC2 SANTANA, SA GOLLADAY, SA

SUPER; ENS KODIS PERBACH, FTGSN MACGRADY, SA
COLOR GUARD; MAY, SN SIMMS, FN PIER SWEEPERS: 0900 Engineering DUTY BM: HOGG
TOMASI, SN SMITH, SN 1300 Weapons
1930 Operations

It is anticipated that the ship shall not be getting underway for the OP-ARMAS. However we may shift berthing assignments with the possibility that we will be utilizing our own power. We must be prepared for the eventuality

The ship is currently taking contributions for the Combined 19XX Joint Crusade and National Health Agencies Fund Raising Campaign. This campaign, to be conducted from 18 February to 31 March 19XX, assists in support of local and national health, welfare, and emergency relief agencies and organizations, who were not participants in the Tidewater United Fund Campaign. Among the participants are the American-Korean Foundation, CARE, Inc., Radio Free Europe Fund, Project Hope, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and Muscular Dystrophy Association of America. As Thursday means another payday we again ask that you contribute, through your Division Officers, to this worthwhile campaign.

E.P. WASNIEWSKI
Executive Officer



Reunion 2005 In A Nutshell

The Place:

Ramada Bayview [7601 Scenic Highway - Pensacola, Florida]
Toll Free: 800-282-1212 Local: 850-477-7155

The Cost:

Reunion: \$65/person \$85/person non-members (but you can join immediately and save!)
Ramada: \$52/dbl +11% Make reservations direct with Ramada

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Travel day. No activities scheduled. Many shipmates will be arriving today.

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Bus trip to Biloxi, Mississippi to visit casinos.
Evening meal served: At Ramada (Breakfast and Lunch on your own)

Friday, April 29, 2005

Trip to Naval Museum
Evening meal served: Fish Fry at Baypoint Park (Breakfast and Lunch on your own)

Saturday, April 30, 2005

Morning: Annual Business Meeting
Evening: Banquet and Auction (Breakfast and Lunch on your own)

Contacts:

Our Hosts: Chet Sanders Home: 850-456-7378 Cell: 850-380-8090
Hutch Hutchins: Home: 352-840-5473 Cell:

*One of the most lively, exciting and interesting events at the Reunion is the **Saturday Night Auction**. Donations of every type and description are sold to our shipmates and their guests. This is our major fund raiser for the Association. **You can make a major contribution** to the event by bringing items to be auctioned. Items with a naval or nautical theme as well as items from your home state are especially popular. You have plenty of time to plan and shop or even build your items. Heck... buy or build two and keep one for yourself!

Online: Plan Your Stay With Helpful Links

Below are some really cool inks which will give you a "virtual" tour of the area. For more links just "Google" the word Pensacola.

Artificial Reef: <http://www.visitpensacola.com/oriskany/>
Things to do: <http://www.visitpensacola.com/ThingsToDo/attract.asp>
Air Transportation: <http://www.visitpensacola.com/AreaInfo/transportation.asp>
Naval Facilities: <http://www.pensacolachamber.com/armedservices/militarybases.htm>
NAS Pensacola web: <http://www.naspensacola.navy.mil/welcome.htm>
Downtown Pensacola: <http://www.downtownpensacola.com/>
Pensacola vs Ivan: http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/NaturalHazards/natural_hazards_v2.php3?img_id=12452



USS RICH DD/DDE 820



OFFICIAL REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: _____ TOUR DATES: _____

CURRENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS (Please Print)

NAME _____ 1 @ \$65 = _____

GUEST _____ 1 @ \$65 = _____

GUEST _____ 1 @ \$65 = _____

Sub Total "A" _____

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

NAME _____ 1 @ \$85 = _____

GUEST _____ 1 @ \$85 = _____

GUEST _____ 1 @ \$85 = _____

Sub Total "B" _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Membership Dues (4/1/05 to 3/30/06) 1 @ \$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: _____

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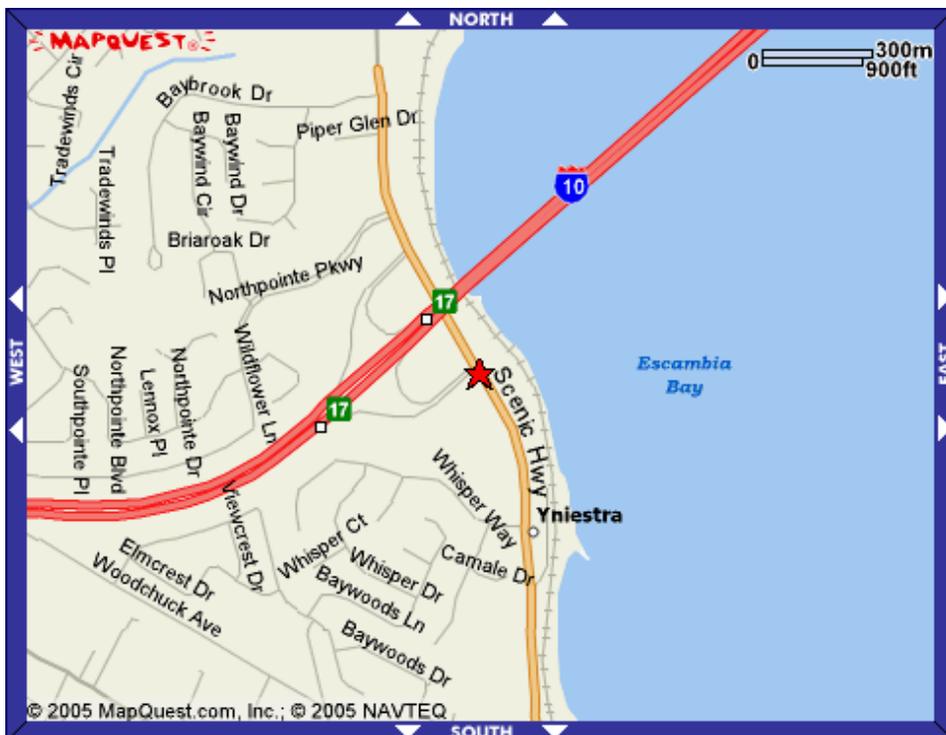
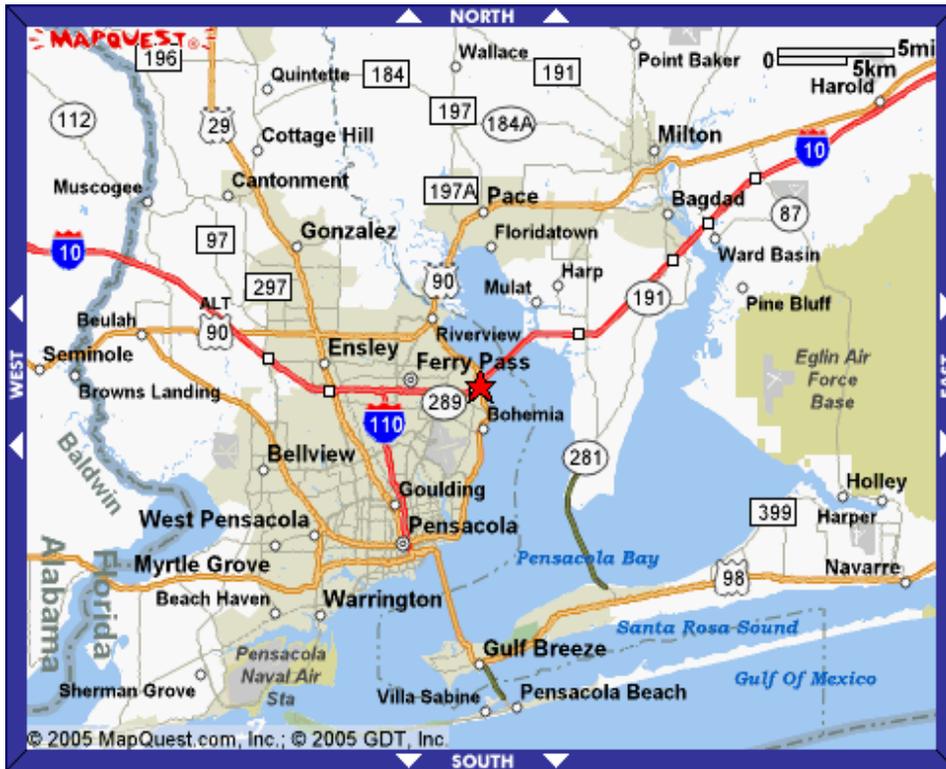




What:	USS Rich Association 12th Annual Ship's Company Reunion
Dates:	Wednesday, April 27th through Sunday, April 30th, 2005 There are no activities planned Wednesday or Sunday. These are travel days and shipmates will be arriving and departing.
Location:	  <p><u>PENSACOLA, FLORIDA</u> 7601 Scenic Highway Pensacola, Florida 32504</p> <p>800-282-1212 or 850-477-7155</p> <p>Reservations Online: http://stats.ksinc.net:8080/ss?click&ramada&3948a784</p>
Room Cost:	All rooms \$52.00 per night (Dbl) Plus 11% state and local taxes
Reunion Cost:	<p>The cost to attend the Reunion is \$65.00 per person for members and their guests. For non-members the cost is \$85.00 per person. <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! You are "On Your Own" for breakfast and lunch each day.</p> <p>Any updated information and forms will be available on the website. (www.ussrich.org)</p> <p>Driving instructions from all directions are on the next page.</p>



Our host hotel is the Ramada Bayview at 7601 Scenic Highway in Pensacola. On Interstate 10 from either direction you should turn South on Scenic Highway. The below maps should guide you right on in to your berth.



Personnel Changes

Dec 2004 - Reported Aboard

Teige Larry J DC3 Athens WI
Stroud Wm T ET1 73-75 Philadelphia PA
Reid Joe D ETR2 66-69 Greenwood SC
Hansen Gordon SN 75-76 Fairfield CA



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Nov 2004 - Reported Aboard

Bailey Wayne SN 69-70 Pitkin LA
Hansen Dale E STG3 68 North Platte NE
Parent George RD2 62-66 Bristol RI



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Palla Antony (1997)
Hunt Albert (AJ) 55-56 By NV
Meloni Salvatore RM2 51-55 South River NJ

Oct 2004 - Reported Aboard

Michener Patrick J BM2 76-77 Philadelphia PA
Owsianik Joseph RD3 61-62 Kissimmee FL
Scott Brad MMFN 70-71 Port Charlotte FL



Piped Ashore - Deceased

Roth Jack S2c 46-47 09 SEP 04

We appreciate our shipmates “passing the word” to other shipmates they may know. Send any details you may have should you locate shipmates who we haven’t found or haven’t found us.

Additional information may be found on the website. We also are maintaining **Personnel Changes** from 2001, 2002 and 2003. Check the website often for ongoing changes.

Why Join?

Merriam-Webster’s definition of “association”:

Main Entry: as-so-ci-a-tion
Pronunciation: a-"sO-sE-'A-shun
Function: noun
1 a : the act of associating b : the state of being associated : COMBINATION, RELATIONSHIP
2 : an organization of persons having a common interest : SOCIETY
3 : something linked in memory or imagination with a thing or person
4 : the process of forming mental connections or bonds between sensations, ideas, or memories
5 : the aggregation of chemical species to form (as with hydrogen bonds) loosely bound complexes
6 : a major unit in ecological community or organization characterized by essential uniformity and usually by two or more dominant species
- as-so-ci-a-tion-al / adjective

Do you see where you might fit into this definition somewhere? If you were part of the Ship’s Company at any time during 1945-1977, you will indeed fit into the **USS RICH ASSOCIATION!**

For some, their Navy experience wasn’t a high point in their life or perhaps you’re one of those who didn’t know too many of your shipmates during your tour. Not important!

All year long and especially when we meet for our annual reunion, we have the time to meet new people and forge new friendships. Each of us has that one single connection which bonds us together in an **association**.

Our modest membership dues of \$15.00 per year helps us fund our activities, endowments and memorials. If you are a World War II veteran you are entitled to lifetime membership and your annual dues are waived. It’s our way of recognizing and thanking our wartime shipmates.

If you join now, you’ll automatically get membership benefits extended until March 30, 2006! That’s 3 months free!

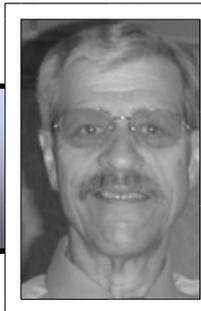
Most importantly, we want to see you at the reunion. All you need to do is to come to one reunion. You won’t be disappointed. You’ll be hooked. And be sure to bring the Mrs. or Significant Other. They’ll fit right in the **association** with you.

Now, flip over to Page 5 and sign up. We’ve been waiting for you, Shipmate!



Dunnigan's Corner

"Where the old sailors come for a good laugh"



My girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year when we decided to get married. My parents helped us in every way, and my friends encouraged me. My girlfriend? She was a dream! There was only one thing bothering me. That one thing was her younger sister. My prospective sister-in-law was twenty years of age, wore tight mini-skirts, and low cut blouses. She would regularly bend down when near me, and I got many pleasant view of her underwear. It had to be deliberate. She never did it when she was near anyone else. One day little sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations. She was alone when I arrived. She whispered to me that soon I was to be married, and she had feelings and desires for me that she could not overcome and did not really want to overcome. She told me that she wanted to make love to me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister. I was in total shock and could not say a word. She said, "I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want to go ahead with it just come up and get me." I was stunned. I was frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. When she reached the top, she pulled down her panties and threw them down the stairs at me. I stood there for a moment, then turned and went straight to the front door. I opened the door and stepped out of the house and walked straight toward my car. My future father-in-law was standing outside. With tears in his eyes he hugged me and said, "We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We could not ask for a better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family!" The moral of this story is:
Always keep your condoms in your car!



A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve-thirty."



Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"
Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'!"
The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, "You've got a heart murmur. Be careful."

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'."



Viagra
(Active Ingredients)
3% Vitamin E
2% Aspirin
2% Ibuprofen
1% Vitamin C
5% Spray Starch
87% Fix-A-Flat



Three old guys are out walking.
First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"
Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."



A couple drove their car to Wal-Mart, only to have their car break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis.

Although the man was in shorts, his lack of skivvies turned private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.



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=

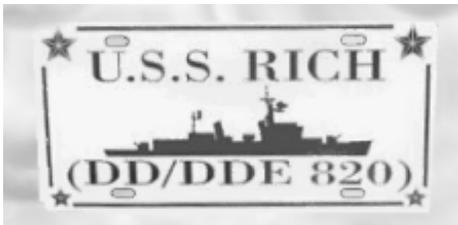
2003 Mug

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 =



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+

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A



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Match The Chief Quiz

The Navy Chief as seen by...

- Himself
- His Division Officer
- His Fellow Chiefs
- His Wife
- His Division
- His Supply Officer



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