

# The 820 Newsletter



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## Reunion 2006... It's Just Around The Corner!

By the time you read this there will be less than 90 days until we meet in Nashville for our 13th Annual Ship's Company Reunion.

Host Gary Wilson is putting the final touches on what promises to be a really great time for all hands. The tours, the facilities, the food... everything that will provide for your comfort and pleasure is being attended to.

Of course if you've ever attended a *RICH* reunion, you already know the very best part is being together with our shipmates. It's intriguing that, despite the span of tour dates, all our shipmates have such a good time visiting with one another. Old friendships are renewed and new friendships forged.

### No Room At The Inn?

With less than three months left until the 2006 reunion, the Radisson (800-333-3333) advises that outside our block of rooms, the hotel is seeing "SOLD OUT" nights. For example, Friday, April 21st is sold out. This means if you don't make your reservation within our block, you won't be staying at the Radisson on Friday night. Same thing for 'before' and 'after' the reunion. The special reunion room rate is extended 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion if rooms are available. We have arranged for ten additional rooms at the Guesthouse International Inn &



2420 Music Valley Drive in Nashville. Telephone 615-885-4030. For a special \$71/night (+ tax) rate refer to the USS Rich Reunion. They are located directly across the street from the Radisson. ***Please attempt to use the Radisson FIRST.*** If they are unable to fulfill your requirements, then try the Guesthouse International Inn. Again, these conditions change by the day. DO NOT DELAY any further. Go to the telephone. Make your reservations NOW!

If you are among the group that prefers to travel with your RV there are several good parks nearby:

#### Nashville KOA

800-562-7789 [www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com)

#### Yogi Bear Jellystone

800-547-4480 [www.nashvillejellystone.com](http://www.nashvillejellystone.com)

#### Two Rivers Campground

615-883-8559 [www.tworiverscampground.com](http://www.tworiverscampground.com)

Incidentally, our Thursday evening meal will be at the KOA Campground. Guaranteed good time and perhaps a surprise or two.



# Our Home Away From Home

The folks at Radisson are known far and wide of their hospitality and facilities. That's especially true with the Radisson Opryland.

Located near the epicenter of Nashville, their whole operation is focused on meeting the needs of their high volume of guests. A "Sold Out" sign in their window is no stranger.



If you haven't already made your reservations, you need to do that immediately. The 3-day before and 3-day after our reunion has the USS RICH special rate protection but this is contingent upon *space available*. What this means is they continue to sell available rooms at the regular rate. Lest you head to the phone now, you could find yourself out in the cold. The direct number to the hotel is 800-333-3333 or 615-889-0800.



Rates are based upon one or two beds, single or double occupancy. There are more regal accommodations available if that suits your taste and budget. The Radisson is noted for their luxury suites.

Our Hospitality Room is of a size that will accommodate all of us at any time. This has become essential as our group grows. This also includes the appliances we seemed to have adopted such as a popcorn machine, hot dog cooker, microwave and such.

The Hospitality Room is also the venue for our famous Auction and Prize event as well as our Annual Business Meeting. Our Saturday evening banquet will be held in the Radisson Ballroom.

Don't forget your bathing suit. There's a delicious indoor heated swimming pool at your beck and call.



If, at anytime of the day or night, you should happen to get a case of the "hungries", for your convenience you'll find a host of eateries guaranteed to please your palate. No need to worry about traffic as all of these establishments are within walking distance. Fast food, slow food, hot food or cold food... it's all there just waiting for you! Bon Appetite!



# How Ya Feeling?

We can push the subject to the far depths of our mind but we can't escape the truth... we're all getting older. And with aging comes the probable onset of problems we all hope won't happen. Sickness of self or spouse. Physical conditions which reduced or eliminate the ability to travel. The list seems endless and unpleasant.

There are many of us who perceive the USS Rich crew as an "extended family". We have come to know and love many of our shipmates whether we served at the same time or not. We spend time with one another not only at the reunions, but throughout the year. With that "brotherly" love comes care and concern for one another.

For such reasons as cited above, we're creating a "NO LONGER TRAVELING" list which will allow our shipmates to know about those who, for whatever reason, will not or is not likely to attend any further association activities outside their hometown.

If you are a candidate for this list, we need each of you to contact us by US postal mail or email. (Please... no phone calls.) We're not interested in prying in your personal life so you can tell us as little or as much as you wish you'd like to have your shipmates know about your particular situation. You can be sure that your shipmates really want to know about you!

Take a moment and let us know. You can send your cards or letters to:

USS Rich Association  
8926 Phyliss Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34231

Or send an email to: [shipsoffice@ussrich.org](mailto:shipsoffice@ussrich.org).

Thanks for letting us care about you!

# Press Release

It's working! The Press Releases that many of you have been distributing is paying off big! We're being contacted by shipmates who read about the USS Rich Association in a variety of newspapers, magazines and Internet exposure.

We need one last big push so we're including another Press Release with this issue. This is the last you'll see of them until next fall.

We need you to mail, fax, email or hand carry the Press Release to any local, regional or state publication for inclusion in their next issue. It will be very helpful if you are able to provide a postal address, email address or website of the publication to which you have presented the PR so we may add it to our database of publications.

Next year we will make use of as much technology as we can to promulgate our reunion. It's a quicker, cleaner and most certainly a cheaper way to do it!

Thanks again for all your efforts!



# Planned Activities

The activities listed below epitomizes the best of the Music City attractions. The dates and times listed are for the *RICH* as a group. You may book any of the activities for a different day and time. When booking, be sure to tell them you are with the USS Rich to receive any special discounts.

## **Thursday, April 20, 2006 - General Jackson Midday Cruise (11:15am)**

Cruise on the scenic Cumberland River while you stroll the outer decks and enjoy the lively entertainment found throughout the boat. You will see "Now That's Country" featuring Tim Watson while in the Victorian Theater. Tim's amazing talent and side-splitting humor will keep you laughing. Our down home southern buffet will keep you coming back for more.

Round-trip transportation included. \$46.80 per person inclusive.

## **Friday, April 21, 2006 - Grand Ole Opry (7:30pm)**

Experience the talent of country music stars, comedy and other acts performing live and in color at the world-famous and legendary country music show.

Round-trip transportation included. \$41.05 per person inclusive.

## **Saturday, April 22, 2006 - Nashville Sightseeing Tour (1:00pm)**

See the homes of legendary stars, including Ronnie Milsap, Martina McBride and Earl Scruggs. Tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the former home of the Opry. See exciting points of interest including Fort Nashboro, historic Second Avenue, the State Capital, Music Row and the Parthenon.

Round-trip transportation included. \$28.04 per person inclusive.

Note: This tour is also available on April 19,20,21,22 and 23rd. Tours depart 9:00am and 1:00pm  
If you intend to take a tour other than April 22 at 1pm you need to specify at registration

Tour registration forms must be returned by February 15, 2006. Comfortable shoes are advisable on all tours. Grand Ole Opry Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour due to lack of minimum attendance. In the event of cancellation, all participants will be contacted prior to the tour. Transportation for the General Jackson and Grand Ole Opry will depart ½ hour prior to event time.



# USS RICH OFFICIAL 2006 REUNION REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY ST ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>A</b>	<b><u>CURRENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS</u></b> (Please Print)		
	NAME _____	1 @\$65= _____	
	GUEST _____	1 @\$65= _____	Sub Total "A" _____

<b>B</b>	<b><u>NON-MEMBERS</u></b> (Please Print) ( <i>*See note below</i> )		
	NAME _____	1 @\$85= _____	
	GUEST _____	1 @\$85= _____	Sub Total "B" _____

**[Note: Save \$5! You may become an Instant Member by joining here and avoiding the Reunion non-member surcharge. Complete sections A and D (and B if applicable). Welcome Aboard!]**

<b>C</b>	<b><u>TOURS</u></b> ( <i>Optional</i> activities for the enjoyment of the area.)		
	Thursday— <b>General Jackson Cruise &amp; Show</b> [11:15am]	__ @\$46.80/ea= _____	
	Friday— <b>Grand Old Opry</b> [7:30pm]	__ @\$41.05/ea= _____	
	Saturday— <b>Nashville Sightseeing Tour</b> [1:00pm]	__ @\$28.04/ea= _____	Sub Total "C" _____

<b>D</b>	<b><u>NEW MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL</u></b>		
	Annual Membership Dues (4/1/06 to 3/30/07)	\$15.00	Sub Total "D" _____

<b>S U M M A R Y</b>	>>> Mail your check and this form to: <<<	Sub Total "A"	_____
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(Back of Registration Form)

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# Personnel Changes

## Dec 2005 - Reported Aboard

Seabaugh	Jerry	SK1	68-69	Manchester	CT	jseabaugh@scrantonmotors.com
DeArmond	Robert K	ETNSN	67-68	Decatur	IL	748key@insightbb.com
Richter	Walter	SM	58-62	Astor	FL	
Boylan	Joe	RD2	67-70	Shrewsbury	MA	joeboylan@msn.com
Pelleschi	William			South Williamsport	PA	
Wong	Kenneth KC	BM3	74-77	Old Bridge	NJ	seamage@optonline.net
Maniscalco	Louis	RD3	63-66	Port Jefferson Station	NY	llffmm@aol.com
Driscoll	Edward J	EMFN	52-56	West Roxbury	MA	ejdhmd@aol.com



### **Piped Ashore - Deceased**

Korn	Donald L	BMSN	65-67	Pendleton	IN	05 OCT 04
House	Donald A	QMSN	55-57	Pittsburgh	PA	01 DEC 05

## Nov 2005 - Reported Aboard

Driscoll	Edward J	EMFN	52-56	West Roxbury	MA	ejdhmd@aol.com
Gurley	Dale E	BT2	61-63	Mayfield	KY	dkhenry@yahoo.com
Lyon	Edward E	RM3	69	Warrenton	VA	giveworship2him@aol.com
Epling	Robert C	GMG3	66-69	Tampa	FL	pinner@tampabar.rr.com
Himes	Carl	SK3	60-62	Wichita	KS	chimes3@cox.net



### **Piped Ashore - Deceased**

Norman	Norris (Red)	TM2	50's			1982
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## Oct 2005 - Reported Aboard

Lawrence	William G		63-64	Creedmoor	NC	
McAfee	Gordon	YN2	54-56	Orrtanna	PA	gordonmc@adelphia.net



### **Piped Ashore - Deceased**

McGowan	Richard (Buddy)	SO2	51-54			14 OCT 05
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Every profession has its own jargon and the Navy is no exception. For the Navy, it's *bulkhead*, *deck* and *overhead* and not *wall*, *floor*, and *ceiling*. Some nautical terminology has found its way into every day use, and you will find the origins of this and Navy terminology below. More terminology will be added from time to time.

Source: <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/traditions/html/navyterm.html>

**Above Board** The term today means someone who is honest, forthright. It's origin comes from the days when pirates would masquerade as honest merchantmen, hiding most of their crew behind the bulwark (side of the ship on the upper deck). They hid below the boards.

**Ahoy!** This old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry.

**Between the Devil and the Deep** In wooden ships, the "devil" was the longest seam of the ship. It ran from the bow to the stern. When at sea and the "devil" had to be caulked, the sailor sat in a bo'sun's chair to do so. He was suspended between the "devil" and the sea — the "deep" — a very precarious position, especially when the ship was underway.

**Chewing the Fat** "God made the vittles but the devil made the cook," was a popular saying used by seafaring men in the 19th century when salted beef was staple diet aboard ship. This tough cured beef, suitable only for long voyages when nothing else was cheap or would keep as well (remember, there was no refrigeration), required prolonged chewing to make it edible. Men often chewed one chunk for hours, just as it were chewing gum and referred to this practice as "chewing the fat."

**Crow's Nest** The raven, or crow, was an essential part of the Vikings' navigation equipment. These land-lubbing birds were carried on aboard to help the ship's navigator determine where the closest land lay when weather prevented sighting the shore. In cases of poor visibility, a crow was released and the navigator plotted a course corresponding to the bird's flight path because the crow invariably headed towards land.

The Norsemen carried the birds in a cage secured to the top of the mast. Later on, as ships grew and the lookout stood his watch in a tub located high on the main mast, the name "crow's nest" was given to this tub. While today's Navy still uses lookouts in addition to radars, etc., the crow's nest is a thing of the past.

**Cup of Joe** Josephus Daniels (18 May 1862-15 January 1948) was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 Sailors from the Fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers' wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as "a cup of Joe".

**Devil to Pay** Today the expression "devil to pay" is used primarily to describe having an unpleasant result from some action that has been taken, as in someone has done something they shouldn't have and, as a result, "there will be the devil to pay." Originally, this expression described one of the unpleasant tasks aboard a wooden ship.

The "devil" was the wooden ship's longest seam in the hull. Caulking was done with "pay" or pitch (a kind of tar). The task of "paying the devil" (caulking the longest seam) by squatting in the bilges was despised by every seaman.



# Origins (Continued)

**Eight Bells** Aboard Navy ships, bells are struck to designate the hours of being on [watch](#). Each watch is four hours in length. One bell is struck after the first half-hour has passed, two bells after one hour has passed, three bells after an hour and a half, four bells after two hours, and so forth up to eight bells are struck at the completion of the four hours. Completing a watch with no incidents to report was "Eight bells and all is well."

The practice of using bells stems from the days of the sailing ships. Sailors couldn't afford to have their own time pieces and relied on the ship's bells to tell time. The ship's boy kept time by using a half-hour glass. Each time the sand ran out, he would turn the glass over and ring the appropriate number of bells.

**Fathom** Fathom was originally a land measuring term derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "faetm" meaning to embrace. In those days, most measurements were based on average size of parts of the body, such as the hand (horses are still measured this way) or the foot (that's why 12 inches are so named). A fathom is the average distance from fingertip to fingertip of the outstretched arms of a man — about six feet. Since a man stretches out his arms to embrace his sweetheart, Britain's Parliament declared that distance be called a "fathom" and it be a unit of measure. A fathom remains six feet. The word was also used to describe taking the measure or "to fathom" something. Today, of course, when one is trying to figure something out, they are trying to "fathom" it.

**Feeling Blue** If you are sad and describe yourself as "feeling blue," you are using a phrase coined from a custom among many old deepwater sailing ships. If the ship lost the captain or any of the officers during its voyage, she would fly blue flags and have a blue band painted along her entire hull when returning to home port.

**Forecastle** The appropriate pronunciation for this word is *fo'ksul*. The forecastle is the forward part of the main deck. It derives its name from the days of Viking galleys when wooden castles were built on the forward and after parts the main deck from which archers and other fighting men could shoot arrows and throw spears, rocks, etc.

**Galley** The galley is the kitchen of the ship. The best explanation as to its origin is that it is a corruption of "gallery". Ancient sailors cooked their meals on a brick or stone gallery laid amidships.

**Gun Salutes** Gun salutes were first fired as an act of good faith. In the days when it took so long to reload a gun, it was a proof of friendly intention when the ship's cannon were discharged upon entering port.

**Head** The "head" aboard a Navy ship is the bathroom. The term comes from the days of sailing ships when the place for the crew to relieve themselves was all the way forward on either side of the bowsprit, the integral part of the hull to which the figurehead was fastened.

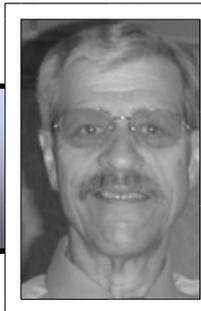
**He Knows the Ropes** In the very early days, this phrase was written on a seaman's discharge to indicate that he was still a novice. All he knew about being a sailor was just the names and uses of the principal ropes (lines). Today, this same phrase means the opposite — that the person fully knows and understands the operation (usually of the organization).

*Note: The second half of 'Origins' will appear in the next issue.*



# Dunnigan's Corner

"Where the old sailors come for a good laugh"



One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" He yelled back, "Go Michigan."

"Use Hot Water , A box of Tide and Four Cups Bleach."



Two tourists were driving through Wisconsin. As they were approaching Oconomowoc, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch.

As they stood at the counter, one tourist asked the blonde employee, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are... very slowly?"

The blonde girl leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrrrr, gerrrrrr, Kiiiiing."



The husband and wife go to a counselor after 15 years of marriage.

The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 15 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on.

Finally, the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze. The counselor turns to the husband and says "that is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do that?"

The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can get her here Monday and Wednesday, but Friday I golf."

## SAGE MILITARY ADVICE

**"WHEN THE PIN IS PULLED, MR. GRENADE IS NOT OUR FRIEND." -US Marine Corps**

**"IF THE ENEMY IS IN RANGE, SO ARE YOU." -Infantry Journal**

**"TRY TO LOOK UNIMPORTANT; THE ENEMY MAY BE LOW ON AMMO." -Infantry Journal**

**"TRACERS WORK BOTH WAYS." -U.S. Army Ordnance**

**"FIVE-SECOND FUSES ONLY LAST THREE SECONDS." -Infantry Journal**

**"BRAVERY IS BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOU'RE AFRAID." -David Hackworth**

**"IF YOUR ATTACK IS GOING TOO WELL, YOU'RE PROBABLY WALKING INTO AN AM-BUSH." - Infantry Journal**

**"NO COMBAT-READY UNIT HAS EVER PASSED INSPECTION." -Joe Gay**

**"ANY SHIP CAN BE A MINESWEEPER . . . ONCE." -Anon**

**"NEVER TELL THE DRILL INSTRUCTOR YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO!" -Unknown Marine Recruit**

**"DON'T DRAW FIRE; IT IRRITATES THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU." -Infantry Journal**

**"IF YOU SEE A BOMB TECHNICIAN RUNNING, TRY TO KEEP UP WITH HIM." -U.S.A.F. Ammo Troop**



# Ship's Store

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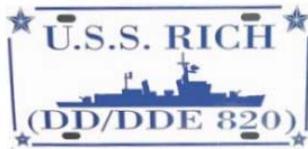


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# The Fantail

## "Planning Ahead"



"Rickey's Tour" by Mike Jones



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