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Reunion 2007: There's Only 1 Thing Missing

...And that 1 thing is YOU!

By the calendar on the wall, there's less than three short months until we meet in York, Pennsylvania.

While many parts of the country are still shoveling snow, our arrival will be in the middle of Spring and should provide beautiful weather for our stay in the Pennsylvania countryside. Unless of course, the weather should behave like it did during the Blizzard of '03 in Delaware or Moncks Corner in '98 where apparently the weatherman didn't get the word.

Nonetheless, we'll be there to visit with one another regardless of the weather outside. A gentle reminder to not delay in making lodging reservations. SOLD OUT is simply not a pleasant term unless you're the seller. For you RV'ers, there are several camps in the area. Most of you have your own travel resources and should make arrangements on your own.

The city of York maintains a very nice website (www.yorkcity.org) with lots of helpful information for visitors. A quote from their history page states:



Hampton Inn—York, Pennsylvania

“The City of York, Pennsylvania - named for York, England - was part of the building of our nation, a little-known part of history that many tend to forget, or just don't know. As Yorkers know, their City was the first Capital of the United States, it was the birthplace of the Articles of Confederation and it was here that the words "The United States of America" were first spoken.

That big bombshell out of the way, (and yes, we have proof,) we can begin with York history sometime before 1741, when two surveyors laid out a town on the banks of the Codorus Creek. That town would become York. Baltzer Spengler and Ulrich Whisler are given credit for forming the first town west of the Susquehanna River. Both were surveyors with the William Penn family, the family that gave our state its name.

In September of 1777 the Continental Congress, under threat of the advancing British, moved the location of the colonies' central government from Philadelphia to Lancaster. Since the State of Pennsylvania's Government was also located in Lancaster, officials decided that a move across the Susquehanna would separate the two sufficiently and the Continental Congress set up shop in the Town of York.” It was in York that the Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving, and signed the French Treaty of Alliance. All of these events occurred in the nine months York remained Capital of the United States - until June 27, 1778. That is where The City of York made history for the United States, ... But since then, York has been part of the growth of this nation as well as the growth of its inhabitants.”



Personnel Changes

Dec 2006 - Reported Aboard

Dibble	Tom	TM3	49-51	Titusville	FL	
Viani	John A	RMC	47-48	Alpharetta	GA	jviani-at-bellsouth.net
Yocum	William E	MM1	63-67	Parkersburg	WV	jyocum-at-aol.com
Rubino	Joe	GM3	54-58	Dansville	MI	
Lammel	Wayne	RM2	71-74	Arapahoe	NE	lammelph-at-atcjet.net
Snyder	Gary	BT2	63-67	Norwalk	OH	gsnyder1-at-ambt.net
Seiler	Glenn E	BM2	50-54	Homosassa	FL	seilerge-at-xtalwind.net
Dunmire	Gerald E	FTG3	70-71	Anderson	IN	gdunmire-at-insightbb.com
Burke	John D	FA	72-73	Lawrenceville	NJ	jderlingburke-at-verizon.net
Zimmerman	Raymond E Jr	MMFN	71-74	Mammoth	PA	shush-at-wpa.net
Sorrells	OC	ET3	76-77	Philadelphia	PA	ocsorrells-at-netzero.net
Croft	Henry	MM3	49-52	N Huntington	PA	hcroftvmd-at-laurelweb.net

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Schechter	Lee	S2c	46-47	Hewitt	NJ	
Potoma	Joe M	GM3	50-54	Ocala	FL	

Nov 2006 - Reported Aboard

Malloy	Michael R	IC1	75-77	Ridley Park	PA	michael.malloy-at-ssa.gov
Swinehart	Leslie E	HTC	77	Darby	PA	lt_swinehart-at-yahoo.com
Williams	Virgil	BMC	54-55	Perryville	AR	bulldog-at-arbbs.net

Piped Ashore - Deceased

Trammel	William	RM2	57-60	Gallatin	TN	15Sep06
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Oct 2006 - Reported Aboard

Little	Larry	BT3	64-67	Matthews	NC	
Timblin Sr	Randall	ET1	74-77	Lakehills	TX	rtimblin-at-wildblue.net
Billups	Michael	BM3	76-77	Yeadon	PA	bill02021-at-comcast.net

We appreciate All Hands passing the word to the editor regarding the illness or passing of a shipmate. We pay respects to each and every one of these men at a memorial service conducted at our annual Ship's Company Reunion.

At the (Back of Registration Form) annual reunion we have started a new tradition of thanking and paying respects to our World War II Veterans. We now include the playing of the music video "Before You Go" following the memorial service. The video is an emotional reminder of the sacrifices of our vets.

USS Rich Plank Owners as well as all shipmates who are World War II veterans are entitled to life membership in the USS Rich Association. Such memberships were awarded by a unanimous approval at the 2005 association business meeting in Pensacola.

If you are entitled and have not received your Lifetime Membership card, please contact our association Treasurer, Don Hogg at 1801 N 9th Street, De Queen, AR 71832. Please, no

No Longer Traveling

Some of our shipmates no longer travel away from home due to health and/or other reasons. These men still want to maintain contact with shipmates. Their email address is posted on the USS Rich web site or you may obtain their postal address from the Ships Office.

Duclos	Armand E	ET1	56-59	Nashua	NH	
Hill	Robert E	Ltjg	50-51	Sun City Ctr	FL	
Parsons	Raymond L	RMC	68-69	Wellington	FL	

Are there more of you out there? Contact the Ships Office and get your name on the list.



Home At The Hampton

The reputation of hospitality at the Hampton's certainly precedes them. Known for clean and well maintained facilities, we fully expect our stay to be comfortable and enjoyable.

The amenities along are quite inviting. Among the many items included are:

- Complimentary Hot Breakfast every morning
- Complimentary Beverage area
- Coin Laundry
- Laundry/Valet Service
- Elevators
- Safety Deposit Box
- High-speed Internet access in every room
- Fax service
- Printers and typewriters
- Fitness Room
- Swimming Pool

All that without ever leaving the property!

Although there are no dining facilities on the premises, there are a number of good restaurants nearby.



Room amenities vary by room type but are likely to include:

- Air Conditioning
- Alarm Radio
- Television
- Work Desk
- Refrigerator
- Hairdryer
- High-speed Internet Access
- Iron
- Ironing Board
- Telephone with Voice Mail

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Marshall K DuBois, SH2 (62-66), Editor
Johnny V Skillen, BMSN (64-66), President



Planned Activities

There is much to see and do in this area of the country which is rich in the history of our nation. Whether you choose bus trips with a group or strike out on your own you'll quickly find there just isn't enough time to see and do all there is to take in.

Additionally we are planning some casual form of entertainment in the Hospitality Suite each afternoon for those who are inclined to be reclined.

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Bus excursion to Washington, DC area. Bus departs 7:00am returning approximately 7:00pm. Visits to Arlington National Cemetery and other popular memorials in the area. Trip may include a White House visit.

Box lunch included

Cost \$19.50 per person.

Date of Birth and Social Security Number Required with registration form.

OR

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Bus excursion to Intercourse, PA. Bus departs 9:00am returning approximately 5:00pm. Area is famous for American Military Edged Weaponry Museum, Quilt Museum, Pretzel Factory and a variety of Amish products including food and furniture.

Plenty of good places to eat!

Cost \$16.25 per person

Friday, April 27, 2007

Bus excursion to Gettysburg Battle Field.

Bus departs 9:00am returning approximately 5:00pm.

There will be a Guided Tour of the battlefield upon arrival after which you will have ample time on your own

Cost \$16.25 per person

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Registration forms **must be returned by March 20, 2007** if taking any tours. Tours may not be available if minimum participation is not met. As usual, make lodging reservations direction with the Hampton at 717-840-1500



USS RICH 2007 REUNION REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY ST ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

RATE/RANK WHILE ABOARD: _____ TOUR DATES: _____

A	<u>CURRENT PAID ASSOCIATION MEMBERS</u> (Please Print)		
	NAME: _____	1@\$65.00 = _____	
	GUEST: _____	1@\$65.00 = _____	Sub Total "A" _____

B	<u>NON-MEMBERS</u> (Please Print) (*See note below)		
	NAME: _____	1@\$85.00 = _____	
	GUEST: _____	1@\$85.00 = _____	Sub Total "B" _____
[*Note: Save \$5! You may become an Instant Member by joining here! Complete sections A & D. Welcome Aboard!]			

C	<u>TOURS</u> (<i>Optional</i> activities for the enjoyment of the area)		
	Thursday —Bus excursion to Washington, DC (7a-7p) _____ @19.50 = _____		
	Full Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Social Security Number
	OR		
	Thursday —Bus excursion to Intercourse, PA (9a-5p) _____ @16.25 = _____		
	Friday —Bus excursion to Gettysburg Battle Field (9a-5p) _____ @16.25 = _____		Sub Total "C" _____

D	New Membership or Membership Renewal		
	Annual Membership Dues (4/1/07 to 3/30/08)	\$15.00	Sub Total "D" _____

S U M M A R Y	>>>> Mail your check and this form to: <<<<<< Don Hogg, Treasurer USS Rich Association 1801 N 9th Street DeQueen AR 71832	Sub Total "A"	_____
		Sub Total "B"	_____
		Sub Total "C"	_____
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	You may also register online with your credit card!	Total Amount Enclosed	_____

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(Back of Registration Form)

I Am Coming

To All Terrorists:

I am a Naval Aviator. I was born and raised in a small town in New England. I come from a family of five. I was raised in a middle class home and taught basic values by my mother and father.

My dad worked a series of jobs in finance and my mom took care of us kids. We were not an overly religious family, but attended church most Sundays. It was a nice small Episcopal Church. I have a brother and sister and I am the youngest in my family. I was the first in many generations to attend college.

I have flown Naval aircraft for 16 years. For me the flying was never a lifelong dream or a "calling;" it just happened. I needed a job and I liked the challenge. I continue to do it today because I feel it is important to give back to a nation which has given so much to me. I do it because, although I will never be rich, my family will be comfortable.

I do it because many of my friends have left for the airlines--and someone has to do it.

My government has spent millions to train me to fly these multi-million dollar aircraft. I make about 70,000 dollars a year, and after 20 years will be offered a pension.

I like baseball but think the players make too much money. I am in awe of firemen and policemen and what they do each day for my community, and like teachers, they just don't get paid enough.

I respect my elders and always use sir or ma'am when addressing a stranger. I'm not sure about kids these days; but I think that's normal for every generation.

I tell you all this because when I come for you, I want you to know me. I won't be hiding behind a woman or a child. I will not be disguised--or pretending to be something I am not. I will be in a U.S. issue flight suit. I will be wearing standard US- issue flight gear, and I will be flying a Naval aircraft clearly marked as a US warplane. I wish we could meet up close in a small room where I could wrap my hands around your throat and slowly squeeze the life out of you; but unfortunately, you're hiding in a hole in the ground, so we will have to do this a different way.

I want you to know also that I am very good at what I do. I can put a 2,000 lb. weapon through a window from 10,000 feet up. I generally only fly at night, so you may want to start sleeping during the day. I am not eager to die for my country, but I am willing to sacrifice my life to protect it from animals like you.

I will do everything in my power to ensure that no civilians are hurt as I take aim at you.

My countrymen are a forgiving bunch. Many are already forgetting what you did on Sept 11th. But I will not forget!

I am coming. I hope you now know me a little bit better. See you soon. Sleep tight.

[Signed]
A U.S. Navy Pilot



Who Is John Barleycorn?

Editors Note: For many years the voice radio and tactical call sign of the USS RICH was *Barleycorn*. We found the online information very interesting if not amusing. We hope you will enjoy the material as well. Thanks to shipmate Gary Wilson for the story inspiration.

John Barleycorn was likely introduced in a traditional ballad, sung in rural England as early as the 15th century although the lyrics were not published until the early 17th century. The song describes a ritual in which the blood of the sacrificed folk figure, Barleycorn, waters the grain fields and strengthens those who eat the barley cakes. In keeping with the agricultural cycle, John Barleycorn continually returns to life.

There was three men came out of the west,
Their fortunes for to try,
And these three men made a solemn vow,
John Barleycorn should die.
They ploughed, they sowed, they harrowed him in,
Threw clods upon his head,
And these three men made a solemn vow,
John Barleycorn was dead.

Robert Burns, the revered Scottish poet, reworked the ballad in a 1782 poem and in the process transformed Sir John into the personification of alcoholic drink.

Then let us toast John Barleycorn,
Each man a glass in hand;
And may his great posterity
Ne'er fail in old Scotland.



Nineteenth century temperance sermons predicted the death of John Barleycorn would herald a new era of order and prosperity. In 1913 Jack London, the popular author of *The Call of the Wild*, published *John Barleycorn*, an anti-alcohol novel embraced by the prohibitionist movement. The resurrection of Sir John in 1933 with the repeal of the Prohibition amendment also led to his obscurity as the wars over liquor subsided. A new generation made his acquaintance in 1970 when Traffic, a British rock group, recorded the traditional ballad as the title track of the album *John Barleycorn Must Die*.



Capt. Alexander de Clouet, Commandant of Arkansas Post, courtesy of the University of Southwestern Louisiana

Temperance in Colonial Arkansas

Capt. Alexander de Clouet, Commandant of Arkansas Post, courtesy of the University of Southwestern Louisiana

In 1768 the Spanish governor in New Orleans ordered Captain Alexandre de Clouet, the commandant of Arkansas Post, to lecture the native Quapaw Indians on ill effects of drink. The only colonial settlement in Arkansas, the Post was established in 1686 by France, which transferred it to Spain in 1766.

The French had readily traded liquor for Quapaw grain, but the Spanish believed alcohol damaged relations with the tribe. The Quapaw initially denounced the Spanish policy of prohibition, which was enforced irregularly. Eventually, growing violence and disorder within the Quapaw villages prodded influential chiefs to demand that the Spanish halt the influx of demon rum.



1803-1876

In early Arkansas whiskey was both a profitable commodity for corn farmers and a potential source of trouble. An 1806 territorial law banned the sale of spirits to American Indians. Lax enforcement permitted Fort Smith merchants to cajole Cherokees to cross the Indian Territory border to purchase liquor.

Elsewhere in the state small distilleries turning out "bald face whiskey" mushroomed, and Arkansas travelers located taverns along the few passable roads. Among those edging their way through swamps and thickets were circuit-riding preachers, who thundered against demon rum at raucous camp meetings. Yet, town folk were more successful in marshalling forces against John Barleycorn.

Prominent professional men and artisans joined temperance associations by taking the pledge to forgo drink. Backsliders were publicly expelled from the early groups, but later associations learned that disciplining in secret dampened community ridicule. The Confederate government of Arkansas enacted the first statewide prohibition measure to ease grain shortages during the Civil War.

It was not long before the governor acknowledged the law was a lost cause. The Republican leaders in the Reconstruction era following the war revived local temperance societies. Newly emancipated African Americans for the first time were able to crusade against "Old King Alcohol." The return of traditional Democratic party dominance in the mid-1870s was aided by the withdrawal of federal protection for African-American political rights.

At the same time, federal revenue collectors launched armed forays against wildcat moonshine operations in isolated regions throughout the state. Violence flared, and moonshiners often found allies among local officials in the war against the federal agents. The disorder surrounding moonshining angered many Arkansans in the late 19th century. However, the temperance forces did not target illegal alcohol: their aim was to make illegal all alcohol.

1876-1919

In 1876 the church women of Monticello organized the first Arkansas chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. By 1888 the state WCTU claimed 75 local unions.

The national WCTU was the largest and most influential women's organization in the nineteenth century. The WCTU anti-alcohol crusade led members to embrace other reforms touching upon child welfare, protection for women, and public health. Yet the WCTU leaders recognized their "Do Everything" goal was hampered by the lack of voting rights for women.

Many Arkansas suffragists also wore the white ribbon, the WCTU badge. While women in the state had the right to petition to halt liquor sales within three miles of a school, the WCTU unsuccessfully lobbied to allow women to vote in the local option elections that determined whether a township would go "dry." It would fall to men to banish Barleycorn. In 1894, 100 influential businessmen and politicians met in Little Rock to form the organization that would become the basis for the Arkansas chapter of the Anti-Saloon League.

By 1906 Methodist and Baptist factional rivalry almost destroyed the organization. The League was also embarrassed when its own squad of private detectives discovered a whiskey bottle in the luggage of the group's paid executive. Nevertheless, by 1910 local option elections had halted alcohol sales in all but twelve of the seventy-five counties in the state. Of the 289 saloons still in business in Arkansas, 210 of them operated in just four cities.

These victories emboldened the League to place an initiated measure on the 1910 ballot to prohibit liquor sales and manufacturing statewide. The sound defeat of this proposal by the voters moved the prohibition forces to turn up the pressure on state legislators. These efforts were rewarded with the 1915 enactment of state prohibition and the 1917 "bone dry" law forbidding liquor shipments into the state. Two years later the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution made the rest of the country as dry as Arkansas.

Source: http://www.oldstatehouse.com/exhibits/john-barleycorn/who_is_john_barleycorn.asp



Anti-alcohol postcard circa 1910



Dunnigan's Corner

“Where the old sailors come for a good laugh”



One morning a husband took a pair of underwear out of the drawer. "What the ? ? ?" he said to himself as a little "dust" cloud appeared when he shook them out.

"Honey," he hollered into the bathroom, "why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?"

She shot back: "It's not talcum powder. It's 'Miracle Grow'."

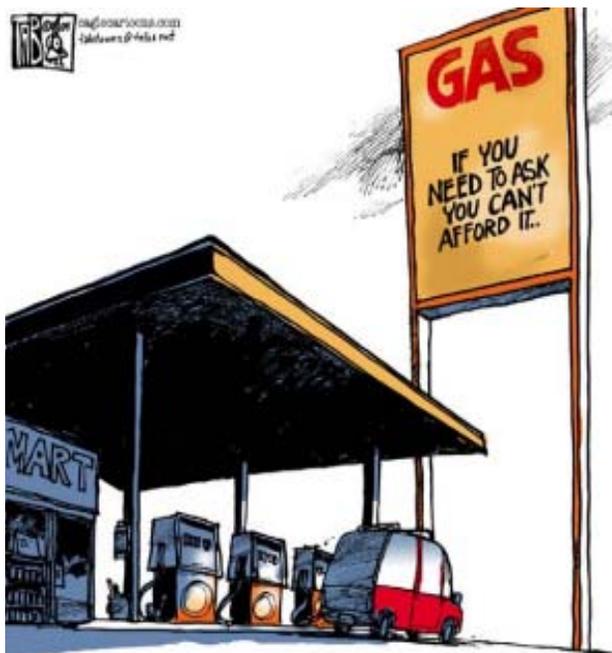


One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie. "Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want."

So he tied her up and went golfing.



While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the north?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the east, and has for some-time, she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff."



Two older gentlemen were talking and one said to the other, "You're having an anniversary soon, right?"

The other replied, "Yup, a big one, 20 years."

"Wow," said the other, "What are you going to get your wife for your anniversary?"

The other replied, "We're going on a trip to Australia."

"Wow, Australia, that's some gift!" said the other man. "That's going to be hard to beat. What are you going to do for your 25th anniversary?"

"Go back and get her."



When Dan found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with. So one night he went to a singles bar where he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said as he walked up to her, "but in just a week or two my father will die and I'll inherit 200 million dollars."

Impressed, the woman went home with him that evening and, three days later, she became his stepmother.



We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs." "Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her. "You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" My wife asked incredulously. "I'll take the special." "How do you want your eggs?" "Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake. **DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS**



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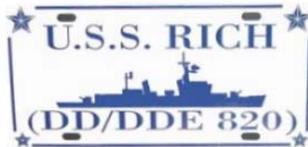


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