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Finally! After a 73 year wait!

Patience is an understatement. In the Navy we're taught to "Hurry up and Wait." One destroyer escort sailor was the epitome of this lesson.

Former USS RICH (DE695) shipmate Earl Harvey Hanson of Ballard, West Virginia was the man and patience is his game.

Hanson, EM3, was aboard that morning of 8 June 1944 when the RICH was rushing to the aid of another ship off Utah Beach at Normandy when it struck the first mine which would lead to the vessel's demise along with the loss of 91 crewmembers.

Although Hanson was not one of them, he did sustain injuries along with many others.



Earl Hanson with family and well wishers.

Finally, after a 73 year wait, Earl Hanson was awarded his Purple Heart.



In the ceremony, LCDR Jack Smock, XO at the Navy Submarine Facility Yorktown, made the presentation to the ever-patient sailor.



Belated congratulations, Earl, and thank you for your service!

Annual Meeting Highlights

· Treasurer Gary Wilson filed a verbal financial report which indicated the association remained in a good financial condition. He also stated that the required IRS forms had been filed and all is in good order.

· Plunker Fred Rockwell reviewed the "Toast to the Fleet" he will recite with the crew at the Annual Banquet. He noted there are 13 surviving Plank Owners.

· Marshall DuBois reported a total of 538 shipmates have been found via the "Shipmate Search Project" of which 218 were deceased. He cited delays in the program as the result of methods used by the National Archives in retrieving old records. Further delay has been experienced due to a federal law requiring redaction of Social Security numbers. He requested \$1500 to continue the project which was approved.

· Vice President John Szabo, Director James Carroll and Director Donald Hogg were re-elected to continue to serve on the Board.

· Johnny and Kay Skillen will host the 25th Annual Reunion to be held May 7-11, 2018 in North Little Rock, AR. Our Host hotel is Wyndham Riverfront.

Future venues planned are: 2019-St. Pete Beach and 2020-Kalamazoo, MI. Being explored for 2021 is New Orleans, LA and 2022-Baldwinville, MA.

Rates Explained

As seen on Facebook

A bit of pride in their Navy rate, every sailor has his say:

BM - Anyone can make rate, but only God can make a Boatswains Mate.

CTA - In God We Trust, All Others We Monitor. God is good. God is great. God is duty bosns mate.

PR - "You jumped out of what"?

ET - Everything Tech

QM - Only one on the ship who can tell the captain where to go

RM - They can talk about us but they can't talk without us!

AZ - Live and die by the 4790!

AK - You can't fly without supply.

FT - You know me I'm an FT

BT - Heaven doesn't want us and Hells afraid we'd take over. Everyone else is a passenger.

EW - Electronic Warfare-EW- In God we trust, all others we monitor.

AZ - Yes, there really is such a thing!

FC - "In God we trust, all others we track" and "If it flies it dies".

OS - Playing Video games that aim to kill

FTG - First To Go..... on liberty

FTB - First to Bitch and First to Beach.

RD - In God we trust. All others we track and destroy

AS - NASWOGS, No air support without ground support

CTM - Motivated. Dedicated. Proud to trouble-shoot!

FT - ET with a hunting license.

BT - Once, I couldn't spell Boiler Technician. Now IRBT.

AC - Food for thought: Check your 6 o'clock.

AE - Aviation Everything

AC - We tell pilots where to go.

SH - We make you look good. (Barber shop, Laundry and Ship's Store). (Oh yeah...the Gee-dunk)

(Send us yours: shipsoffice@ussrich.org)

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The Past: Were you aboard on this day?

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SUNDAY

JULIAN DATE 2310
4 NOVEMBER 19XX

PLAN OF THE DAY
NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SHIP

DUTY SECTION:	DEPT DUTY OFFICER	UNIFORM OF THE DAY
OFFICERS: III	OPS: ETC FUEL	OFFICERS AND CPO'S
ENLISTED: 3	WEP: ENS LAUBACH	Tropical White Long
DUTY MAA: BM2 CURTIS	ENG: MMC LAMB	OTHER ENLISTED
DUTY YN: YN1 STANFIELD	SUP: ENS BAGGETT	Tropical White Long
CDO: ENS JOHNSON		

CARRY OUT THE NORMAL INPORT ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

0637 Sunrise
0600 Messgear
0615 Breakfast for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
0630 Breakfast for the crew
0730 Liberty expires on board for section III
0800 Muster in-port fire party
0900 Brunch until 1130
0900 Liberty expires on board for section I, IV, V, & VI
0915 Muster on station, submit muster reports to the ship's office
1000 CDO inspection of messing and berthing spaces
1130 Station the special sea detail
1200 Underway for Midway, Guam, Subic Bay, and all point West
1400 Department Head meeting in Wardroom
1630 Check setting of material condition YOKE, make reports to the Bridge
1700 Messgear
1715 Dinner for cooks, messcooks, PO1's and the oncoming watch
1730 Supper for the crew
1724 Prepare to darken ship
1754 Sunset, darken ship

NOTES:

1. Watch Bill

	<u>QWO</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>MSGR</u>	<u>Pier Sweepers</u>
08-12	ENS LAUBACH	ETR RUDOLPH*	SA GUY@	SA GUY
12-16	ETC FUEL	STG3 OSWALD*	SN EIBEN@@	SA WILLIAMS
16-20	GMG1 ELLISON	QM3 BAILEY	SNCOLEMAN	<u>Color Guard</u>
20-24	RD1 HAMILTON	EW3 O'ROURKE	SN AUBE	SN EIBEN
00-04	YN1 STANFIELD	ETR RUDOLPH	RDSN VIGNEAULT	SA GWYNN
04-08	MMC LAMB	STG3 OSWALD	SMSN NAPOLITANO	
U/I	*DK2 SPROUT	@SA WILLIAMS		
	**RDW COLBY	@@SA GWYNN		

2. L.S.D. Facts and Fantasy

What do you know about L.S.D.? L.S.D. or LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE is an extremely potent chemical discovered by a research Doctor named HOFFMAN in 1938. It has become involved in such a controversy in the past few years that the drug company making almost all legal L.S.D. handed its entire supply over to the National Institute of Mental Health in April 1966. It occurs naturally in morning glory seeds and was used in that form as long ago as 1570 by the Aztec Indians. However the great majority of L.S.D. is synthesized by illicit chemists and may or may not contain poisonous substances. Initially it was felt that the effects of L.S.D. were very similiar to Schizophrenia (insanity) and woule lead to further insight and possibly a cure for the dreaded, relatively common and serious disease. However, after over 200 Medical Reports it has become obvious that the resemblance is only superficial and the acute and long term side effects of LSD are very disturbing and may even cause a relatively normal person to become Schizophrenic.

Online Military Exchange Coming for Vets

[Karen Jowers](#) - MilitaryTimes.com

All honorably discharged veterans interested in shopping online at the military exchanges can begin their verification process immediately, exchange officials said, and some may be able to shop prior to the program's full launch.

Some veterans who register at VetVerify.org will be invited to be beta testers, with the ability to shop online earlier than the planned Nov. 11 launch date. Officials said the sooner veterans register on the site, the better their chances of being chosen as a beta tester.

The exchange websites offer tax-free shopping, as well as discounted pricing. Actual online pricing can be seen only by those who are authorized to shop at the websites: shopmyexchange.com; shopcgx.com; mymcx.com; and mynavyexchange.com.

VetVerify.org uses information from the Defense Department's Defense Manpower Data Center to verify a veteran's status; veterans will receive notification of their acceptance as online shoppers or, if their records are incomplete, will receive guidance on the steps they can take to update those records.

Doing this process ahead of time will allow veterans to start shopping Nov. 11, or earlier if they are among the "beta testers" chosen to try out the system in advance of the launch.

This new benefit, which would increase the online shopping base by an estimated 13 million veterans, applies only to shopping online at the military exchanges, not at the physical buildings on military installations. Until now, online military exchange shopping was available only to active-duty, reserve and Guard members, retirees, 100 percent disabled veterans and their dependent family members, and certain others.

"It's an honor to now provide this service and benefit to our well-deserving veterans. Once a Marine, always a Marine," said Cindy Whitman Lacy, Marine Corps Exchange Director of Business and Support Services at Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in a statement today announcing the verifying website. "This initiative is one of many ways to keep our community connected."

Army and Air Force Exchange Service CEO Tom Shull formally proposed the idea of expanding the benefit to honorably discharged veterans on May 14, 2014, noting that it would provide a modest benefit to those who had served but left the military short of retirement.

"The exchanges began working to recognize the service of millions of veterans without exchange privileges while generating additional financial support for critical budget-constrained quality-of-life programs," Shull said, in a statement. "We are proud to stand with our sister exchanges as we welcome our veterans home to their military family and protect and preserve hard-earned military benefits."

The exchanges currently provide more than \$300 million a year from their profits to support military quality of life programs. The veterans online shopping benefit is expected to increase that monetary support. In a Jan. 18 DoD memo, officials noted that AAFES will invest about \$1.8 million a year to cover costs associated with the expansion of the online platform. If 0.3 percent of the newly eligible veteran group, or about 45,000 veterans, shop online, that cost is expected to be recouped.

"We are excited to be welcoming our shipmates back to the NEX," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, CEO of Navy Exchange Service Command, in a statement. "Inviting veterans to shop online is just another way for us to honor them for their patriotism and service to our country."



\$400,000 helmet fails

By: Military Times Editors

MISFIRE: The latest thing to go wrong with the \$1.5 trillion F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program: A night-vision camera in the plane's \$400,000 helmet failed during Marine pilot's test flight aboard the amphibious assault ship America in November. The test pilot was unable to see the ship's deck as he landed, so he had to dead-reckon where he was above the ship. A spokesman for the Joint Program Office said solutions for the defect will be tested this fall, but given the severity of the problem and the potential for disaster until it is fixed, the Defense Department and prime contractor Lockheed Martin would be well advised to hit the afterburner on a solution.

Look out Amazon and Walmart!

MEDAL: It's been five years since the Army & Air Force Exchange hired its first ever civilian CEO, Tom Shull, a West Point grad with actual experience working in private-sector retail. And veterans will soon benefit from his efforts to expand and improve military exchanges. Starting later this year, the exchanges will offer online sales and shipping to all honorably discharged veterans (of all services). In effect, it's a boost in benefits for retirees who'll be able to access the exchanges' cheaper prices on a range of goods. At the same time, it'll help boost the exchanges sales after years of shrinking the force. Shull says "the intent is to really beat Amazon at their game." That's an admirable goal.

How much trouble can one troubled sailor cause?

MISFIRE: The misfire of the year among Navy sailors might go to Peter Mims, the E-3 sailor who was initially thought to be lost at sea and caused a 50-hour manhunt off the coast of Japan only to be found later hiding in an engine room aboard the guided-missile cruiser Shiloh off the coast of Okinawa, Japan. The Navy doled out its own version of a misfire on July 13 when Mims was handed undisclosed non-judicial punishment at an secretive admiral's mast. It's not clear why Navy leaders opted for a mast instead of a court martial, which meant Mims' punishment was probably capped at 30-days confinement tops. And it's not clear why the Navy won't disclose his punishment. Either way, it's a good bet Mims will be administratively separated from the Navy soon. The swift closure to the case that created embarrassing headlines around the world suggests the Navy was eager to have this matter resolved. It's hard to know just how much Mims' bizarre misconduct cost the Navy in terms of money, readiness and morale. But the sailors aboard the Shiloh and elsewhere who mounted the round-the-clock search-and-rescue effort probably have some idea.

A change-of-command ceremony with a breathtaking view

MEDAL: An Army Special Forces unit in Washington state took multitasking to new heights on July 7. With one well-planned event, three dozen soldiers in a headquarters detachment carried more than 850 pounds of lumber up Granite Mountain, reaching a summit that's more than a mile above sea level, as part of a change-of command ceremony. And it wasn't just for PT kicks: The U.S. Forestry Service hadn't come up with a plan to get the wood to the top of the mountain so it could be used to fix up a fire lookout tower. So, team-building? Check. Core-strength and endurance workout? Check. Community service? Check. Unit business? Check. Plus, it's a heck of a view.

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And now... a few smiles

-I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Shouldn't that be an even number?

-Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

-I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

- When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body; men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

-A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

-Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

-You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

-My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

-I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

-Money talks . . . but all mine ever says is good-bye.

-You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

-If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

-I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

-I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named " Sag Harbor ."

-My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.

-My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

-Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!

-The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

- The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

-I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.

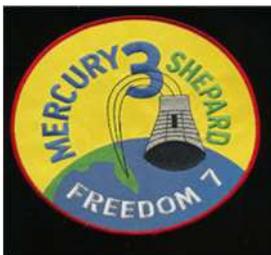
-Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

-The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard , Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.



RICH and NASA—Project Mercury

By Gary Wilson



With the passing of John Glenn in December of 2016, I began to reflect on his historic flight into space.

Even being over 50 years ago, many memories of that era were brought to mind. They included both the 1961 sub-orbital flight of Alan Shepard and John Glenn's three-orbit flight in 1962. Both occurred while I served on the USS Rich. It was an historical time for our country.

Of interest is that Astronaut Shepard was recovered by a helicopter from the carrier USS Lake Champlain (CV 39). Astronaut Glenn was recovered by the destroyer USS Noa (DD 841) before being transferred to the carrier USS Randolph (CVS 15). A photograph was taken by shipmate Carl Himes (SK3) of a HUS -1 helicopter No. 44 carrying Shepard and the Freedom 7 capsule as it passed by the fantail of the USS Rich DD/DDE 820 in route to the carrier.

With those two historic space flights in mind, I decided to write an article about them. Navy destroyers, like the USS Rich, played an important role in those early space flights as a soft landing on water was required to ensure safety. My hope was to recall those years that hopefully shipmates serving on the Rich during that era would find of interest.

So I wrote an article and titled it "*Our Ship – A Personal Reflection by Gary Wilson, SHSN*". Realizing that the human mind has some difficulty recalling specific past details, I sought input from several other shipmates of that era. Thankfully, many responded providing usable anecdotes and even a few photographs. Their help was both welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Since the article totaled twelve pages, it was realized that it would dominate the *820 Newsletter*. This, then, would cause other articles and information of interest to be excluded. After some thought and mailing cost projections, it was decided to post the article on the USS Rich website with reference made in the *820 Newsletter*. Also, the article can be mailed to any shipmate interested. All such requests should be directed to shipsoffice@ussrich.org.

It is hoped this article will bring back a few memories of a time in our ship's history. Needless to say other stories can also be shared. The passing of Astronaut John Glenn prompted this one.

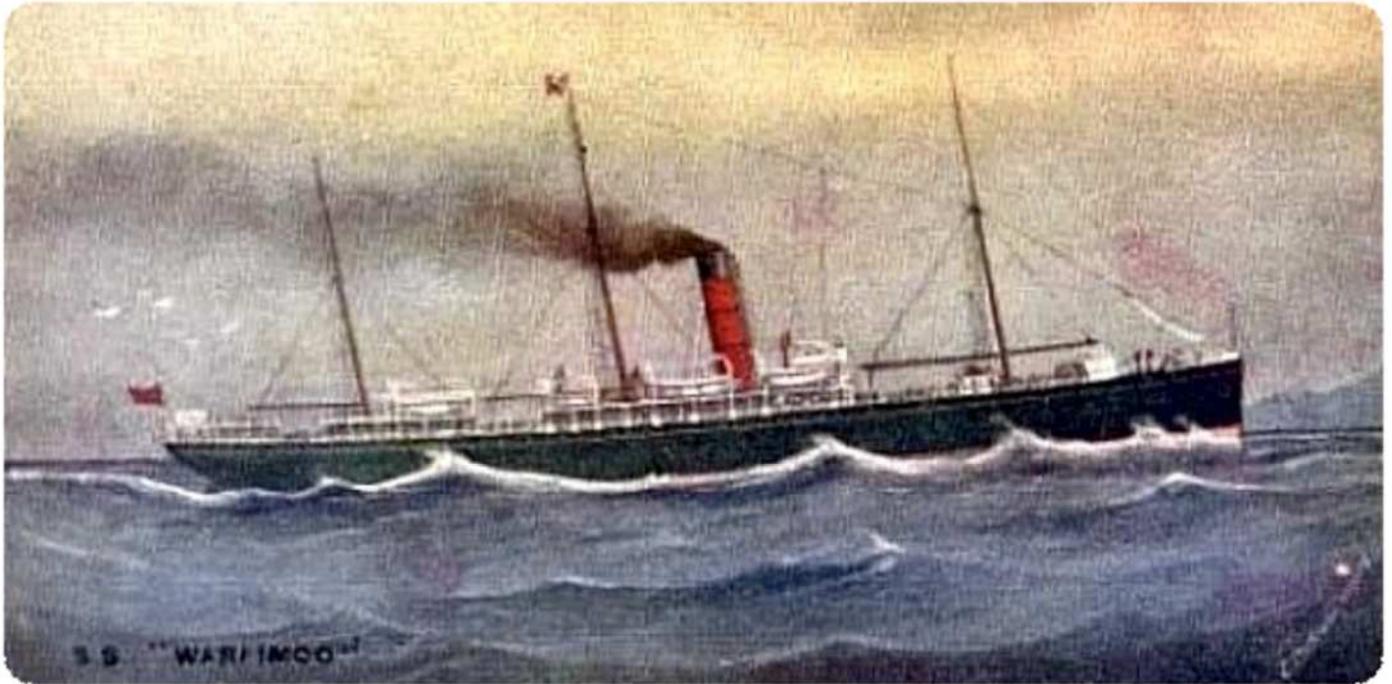
You'll find the complete article here:

<http://ussrich.org/news/Rich&NASA.html>



The story of the SS Warrimoo

With thanks to *Larry Dixon, RD3 (65-67)*



The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working our star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was latitude 0 degrees x 31 minutes north and longitude 179 degrees x 30 minutes west.

The date was 30 December 1899. Know what this means? First Mate Payton broke in, we're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and International Date Line.

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favour. At midnight, the Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many. The forward part of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle in summer. The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899. Forward it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different seasons and two different years but in two different centuries— all at the same time.

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The Last of the Gearings

One of the tours during this years reunion will be at the “Bath Iron Works” on the Kennebec River in Bath, Maine. Thirty of the Gearing Class Destroyers were built there, including our “Gray Lady”, which was laid down on April 23, 1945 and commissioned on December 20, 1945.

The Gearing Class was a group of 98 Destroyers built for the U.S. Navy during and shortly after World War II. The Gearing Class design was a minor modification of the immediately preceding Allen M. Sumner class. The hull was lengthened 14 ft. amidships, creating more storage space for fuel, thus giving the ships a longer operating range than the Allen M. Sumners.

The first Gearing Class destroyer was built by the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Kearny, New Jersey and named the USS Gearing (DD710) on May 3, 1945, and the last was the USS Timmerman (DD828) on September 16, 1952. The last number assigned to the Gearing Class was to the USS Meredith (DD890) and the last Gearing Class destroyer to be decommissioned was the USS Harold J. Ellison (DD864) on October 1, 1983.

The first Gearing Class destroyer was commissioned but not ready for service until mid 1945, so they saw relatively little WWII service. They continued serving, with a series of upgrades, until the 1970’s. At that time many were sold to other nations, where they served many more years.

Ten Gearing-Class ships still exist, having been sold to foreign governments, with the exception of the museum ships, USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. in Fall River, Massachusetts, and USS Orleck in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

In the late 1950’s and early 1960’s, 78 of the Gearing-Class destroyers underwent extensive modernization overhauls, known as FRAM 1, which were designed to convert them from an anti-aircraft destroyer to an anti-submarine warfare platform. FRAM 1 removed all of the DDR and DDE equipment, and these ships were re-designated as DDs. FRAM 1 and FRAM II conversions were completed 1960-65. Eventually, all but four Gearings received FRAM conversions.

The FRAM 1 program was an extensive conversion for the Gearing-Class destroyers. This upgrade included rebuilding the ship’s superstructure, electronic systems, radar, sonar, and weapons. The second twin 5 inch gun mount, all previous AA guns and ASW equipment were removed.

In Navy slang, the modified destroyers were called “FRAM cans”; “can” being a contraction of “tin can”, the slang term for a destroyer and destroyer escort.

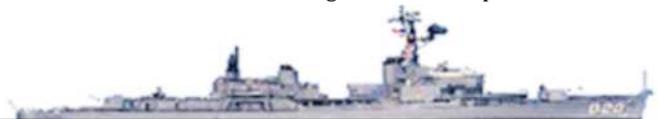
Sixteen Gearing-Class destroyers were upgraded to the FRAM II programs. This program included life-extension refurbishment, a new radar system, Mark 32 torpedo tubes, DASH ASW drone, and variable depth sonar (VDS). The FRAM II ships retained all six 5 inch guns and armed with two new 21inch torpedo tubes.

Many of the Gearing Class played a major role in the Korean Conflict, with forty-six becoming casualties, with some having extensive damage, without any being sunk. Additionally, there were many sailors killed and wounded, with several missing during this conflict.

Many of the Gearings provided significant gunfire support in the Vietnam War. They also served as escorts for Carrier Battle Groups and Amphibious Ready Groups. The last shot fired in the Vietnam War was by the USS Rogers (DD876). There was a total of 29 ships damaged during the Vietnam War; nineteen seriously, which included our “Gray Lady” in September, 1972, which was subsequently decommissioned.

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Monthly Personnel Changes

Reported Aboard

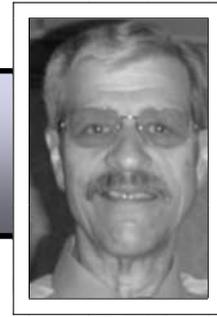
May	Dinoso	Arturo M	TN	70-71	Norfolk VA
May	Fiorino	Stephen J	PN2	69-71	Wharton NJ
May	Foard	David F	STG2	70-72	Charlotte NC
May	Jack	James M	EM1	70-72	Portsmouth VA
May	Musgrave	Richard L	SN	69-71	Fall Brook CA
May	Redfern	Rovert C	FN	68-70	Gooding ID
May	Shaw	Cedric G	BM1	70-72	Lowville NY
June	Burgess	Michael E	RMSN	70-72	Whittier CA
June	Farwell	Russell	RD3	70-72	Greene ME
June	Giambalvo	Santo	EM3	70-72	Myrtle Beach SC
June	Lester	Eldon J	MM1	69-71	Kewanee IL
June	Metcalf	Vern	STC	70-72	North Ogden UT
July	Chalmers	Ryan E	DK2	70-72	Omaha TX
July	Lima	Thomas D	SN	69-71	Woburn MA
July	Perri	Richard V	SA	69-71	Naples FL
July	Poston	Gregory V	EN3	70-72	Chester VT

Piped Ashore - Deceased

May	Anderson	Robert III	Unk	70-72	Passed 20 Jun 1998
May	Barilla	Joseph	BT2	65-68	Passed 19 May 2017
May	Brantley	Charles D	MM3	69-71	Passed 19 Nov 2007
May	Buesking	Michael S	BT3	69-71	Passed 28 Feb 1975
May	Butler	McKinley D		70-72	Passed 14 Nov 1993
May	Charlson	Lester N	MM3	70-71	Passed 29 Sep 1996
May	Evangelista	Luciano A	SD1	68-70	Passed 09 Mar 1999
May	France	Daniel Q	MM3	70-71	Passed 22 Nov 2000
May	Gilbert	Earl L	MM1	69-71	Passed 30 Aug 1998
May	Hamilton	Roy E	RD1	69-71	Passed 04 Jul 2006
May	Hembree	Jackie	MMCS	70-72	Passed 15 May 2011
May	Jackson	Perry Y	LCDR	69-71	Passed 21 Aug 1988
May	Joiner	Thomas B	MMC(SS)	69-71	Passed 22 Aug 2009
May	Jones	Wade A	MMCM	70-72	Passed 22 Jul 1990
May	Kleinschmidt	Jack H	SH3	68-70	Passed 14 Sep 2011
May	Meddock	Robert K	RM2	70-72	Passed 29 Apr 1970
May	Weston	Arthur L III	SFM2	70-72	Passed 31 Dec 1998
May	Wheeler	Jim	SH3	50-53	Passed 20 May 2017
May	Windward	Leonard	BT1	70-72	Passed 25 Aug 2012
June	Abbamonte	Alfred	RD3	70-72	Passed 24 Jul 2012
June	Chase	Montgomery	SM3	70-72	Passed 00 Sep 1979
June	Cuatt	Gary V	ETR2	70-72	Passed 19 Mar 2017
June	Drumm	Michael G	BTFA	70-72	Passed 14 Nov 1993
June	Layman	George	DC2	70-72	Passed 20 Jan 2000
June	Owens	David N	ETR3	70-72	Passed 11 Jun 2013
June	Rainnie	William	BM3	69-71	Passed 10 Sep 2014
June	Rupe	Richard	BMSN	70-72	Passed 30 Aug 1999
June	Sheckells	Joseph W	RMSN	50-51	Passed 21 Jun 2017
June	Soto	Higinio	MM3	70-72	Passed 20 May 2008
June	Spall	J A	S2c	46-46	Passed 13 Jun 2017
June	Spence	Larry R	TM3	69-71	Passed 07 Sep 2002
June	Wallin	Roy L	FN	58-58	Passed 23 Jul 1990
July	Kenric	Gary C	DCFA	70-72	Passed 25 May 2006

Dunnigan's Corner

“Where the old sailors come for a good laugh”



What's the smallest caliber that you would trust to protect yourself? Her Answer: A .25 Caliber Beretta Jetfire.

Here's her story in her own words:

“While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in The Villages with my soon to be ex-husband, discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft. alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today!”

“Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took!

The 'gator got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

It's one of the best pistols in my collection. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible ...and his life insurance was a big bonus!



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A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he bought a talking centipede,(100-legged bug), which came in a little white box.

He took the box home, and found a good spot for the little guy and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church. So he asked the centipede "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." The bug didn't answer. This bothered him a bit, so he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again, there was no answer. He waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation then decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede's box and shouted, "HEY IN THERE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CHURCH WITH ME? Whereupon a little voice came out of the box... "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

(Joan Cochrane via email)



"Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."





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