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SHIP'S OFFICE

1997 Reunion. Nashville, Tennessee looms just over the horizon and the April 1997 reunion is fast approaching. The Thursday through Saturday gathering of our shipmates will be held this year in the Country and Western Music Capital of the World April 24, 25, and 26th. This is our fourth annual reunion and Gary Wilson, who was onboard the ship from 1960 to 1962, is this year's Reunion Chairman. Lots of Gary's planning and behind the scenes spade work has gone into ensuring that this spring's event will be a great one. The preliminary schedule of events appeared in last November's 820 Newsletter, (Vol 3, No. 4) but for those who did not see the issue or perhaps misplaced it here is the final schedule for the Nashville reunion:

Thursday, April, Report on Board. Registration will begin in the "Shoney's Inn of Music Valley," Nashville, TN. A hospitality suite will be open in the Inn for the three days of the reunion. Your registration fee will go, in part, towards covering a portion of the cost of set-ups and libations. No association dues will be used, however, to purchase liquor. You are allowed to B.Y.O.L. to the suite.

A block of reunion lodgings (in the name of USS RICH REUNION) has been set aside for us in the Shoney's Inn, near Opryland, at \$70 plus tax per person per night. It is not necessary that you stay in our host motel but it is central to all of the reunion activities. You must arrange for the lodging yourself. Room reservations must be made by March 24, 1997 to ensure availability. Please refer to our group when you make your reservations.

They may be made by contacting:

Shoney's Inn of Music Valley
2420 Music Valley Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 614-885-4030

For our reunion and the events shown on the attached Registration Form please pay in advance by check made out to: USS RICH REUNION/820 NEWSLETTER and send your check and Registration Form, no later than March 1, 1997 to:

Gary Wilson
USS RICH Reunion Chairman
1006 Saratoga Drive
Brentwood, TN 37027

If you wish to discuss any of the arrangements please call Gary at (615) 371-0130.

- **Thursday, April 24.** General Jackson Cruise on the river, 1900 Departure, dinner and show. Cost \$50.87 per person inclusive. Here's a chance to get your sea legs back on calm waters.
- **Friday, April 25.** 1930 Showtime at the Grand Ole Opry. Tickets are \$17.05 per person inclusive. Hospitality Suite open during day and evening.
- **Friday, April 25.** The Third Annual RICH Golf Open will be held at the Ravenwood Country Club, Nashville, TN. The cost will be \$40.00 per golfer and includes green fees, cart and prizes. Be sure and fill out and return the attached RICH GOLF Open Form if you wish to participate. This form must be returned to Gary by March 1, 1997. Tee off time to be announced.
- **Saturday, April 26.** 0900 USS RICH DD/DDE-8200 ASSOCIATION MEETING at the Shoney's Inn with President E. R. "Hoot" Gibson presiding. Please Plan to Attend. Our association is only as strong as those who participate in its activities and help to shape its future.
- **Saturday, April 26.** USS RICH DD/DDE-820 1997 Reunion Banquet with time to be announced on arrival. The banquet will be buffet style and will cost \$24.00 per person inclusive. Please bring an item representative of your home state or the RICH-USN for a raffle to be held during Reunion Banquet. Hospitality Suite open during the day and evening.
- **Sunday, April 27.** Up Late Sleepers. Breakfast on your own. Liberty Call. Make your plans for next year.

Note: Other activities that are available to your to enjoy while in Nashville include the following:

Daytime tours conducted to points of interest in the Nashville area: (Cost \$20.00 per person)	
River Taxi trips to and from the city. (Cost \$12 per person)	
Wildhorse Saloon. (Cost \$6.00 per person)	Top

USS RICH DD/DDE-820 ASSOCIATION ROSTER - 1997. Enclosed with this issue is the current roster of the Association. We now carry 262 persons on our listing. Those names appearing at the beginning of the listing, delineated by an asterisk (*) receive a complimentary issue of the newsletter. They represent a group of "friends" of the RICH, some members of the USS RICH DE-695, Rich family, and relatives or those associated with one of the two ships. All others on the listing are crew members of the "820." You will note a number of "unknown" annotations under the addresses. These are missing shipmates. If you have an address for any please send it on to the editor of the 820 Newsletter so we can connect up again with them.

Note: Roster not included with web edition

ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 1997. The dues for the Association for 1997 are due at the beginning of each year. The dues have been set by the Association at \$15 per year. What are the dues used for? We use roughly \$900 per year to publish the newsletter. In a report to the President and the Treasurer the editor broke out some of the costs of production of the newsletter for our officers. You might be interested in a summary of those costs:

Postage	\$368	Average Total Cost/Issue	\$209.00
Office/Envelopes/Labels	28	Average Cost/Member/Issue	0.80
Copying (Kopease)	443	Avg. Cost/Member/Yr	3.20
Constitution/ByLaws	41		
Total '96	\$880		

One can see that the cost for each issue is rather modest. If we exceed the length of the current newsletter (currently 4 pages front and back, postage cost \$0.32), that is if we increase the number of paes the postage increases significantly. There are, however, other things that we can do with the newsletter such as printing photos in the publication. That process will also increase the cost modestly. Much of what is done on the newsletter from the standpoint of "office" administrative costs is accomplished "cum shaw."

Your dues are also used as start up and carry over costs for the annual reunion. In the past we have not had a treasure chest to do this and the individual sponsoring and arranging the reunion had to carry the option of up front costs himself. There are other things the Association would like to look into that need good faith moneys. For instance we would like to reproduce "ships patches" or other memorabilia associated with the RICH and make them available for sale. Such an undertaking, however, requires some start-up costs. So, the Association would appreciate your support. You can do that with a rather modest contribution of \$15 per year. If you can't afford that any amount will do to help us defray the cost of running the "ship." Please complete and return the annual dues form that you will find at the bottom of the page, to our Treasurer prior to April 8th. Make your check out to:

USS RICH DD/DD-820 Association Ed Coale, Treasurer 2497 N. Ashwood St., Orange, CA 92665-2708	Top
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SHIP'S LOG

The official history of the USS RICH as found in the "Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships" from a period in last 1968 when she was off Viet Nam, continues: RICH arrived back in Norfolk on 5 November. Six months later, in May 1969, she was again on station in the Atlantic for another NASA mission, this time Apollo X. Toward the end of the month, she returned to Norfolk and prepared for an extended deployment with the Middle East Force. Underway on 3 July, she operated in the Indian Ocean area into December and on 21 January 1970 returned to Norfolk, VA. Overhaul occupied the spring and summer and in the fall she resumed operations with the 2d Fleet. In December she began preparations for another 6th Fleet deployment. After almost two months of operations along the Atlantic seaboard, RICH embarked 22 February 1971 for the Mediterranean and a five month cruise with the Sixth Fleet.

We continue with the log kept by ETC Ulysses Best picking it up in September of 1947 while the ship was in New England waters.

SEPTEMBER 1947 20 0600 Underway, arrived Newport 1800	FEBRUARY 1948 Operations in and out of Key West FLA (Anti-Sub)
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OCTOBER 1947

4 Underway 1500 from Newport, R.I.
 5 Arrived in Norfolk, VA
 7 Underway 1100 from Norfolk
 10 Arrived 1645 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Shakedown Training

Chief Best's log has a break and does not pick up again until Feb. 1948

MARCH 1948

Same as February
 27 Arrived at Newport, RI
 Melville, R.I.

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ANNUAL DUES - USS RICH DD/DDE-820 ASSOCIATION - 1997

From: _____ Date _____

Address: Street/City/Zip Code _____

Amount Enclosed _____ (Dues for 1997 are \$15.00)

Make your \$15.00 check payable to: USS RICH DD/DDE-820 ASSOCIATION

Send to: Ed Coale, 2497 N. Ashwood St., Orange, CA 92665-2708

Notes to the Association: Please put your comments, suggestions about the Association below and send it in with your dues to Ed.

OFFICER OF THE DECK

Deck Logs. It has been a tradition in the Navy for some time for the Officer of the Deck who has the midwatch on New Year's eve to write the log in rhyme or verse. Peter Bailey (58-60) has obtained some copies of the RICH'S New Year's eve deck logs for the 820 Newsletter and so here is one from January 1, 1960 written by R. M. Hill, Jr., ENS USN.

	"Our ears are cold, our feet are too, But as we hear the whistles blow, Moored Starboard To at Pier two-oh, Five- nine is gone for good we know.	And plus those, too, of lighter draft The usual yard and distract craft. Now the time is just past one, The Watch and verse are nearer done.
	Berth two-oh-one is our own spot At Des-Sub Piers, Norfolk, Virgin'ny While Standard mooring lines we've got Keep us secure and snug as any.	ComNavAir and is SOPA here. And as we greet the brand new year We'd rather be ashore than here To gulp a bit of liquid cheer.
	And if those lines are not enough, Then we've got fore and aft wires tough, To keep us 'longside R.A. Owens who number Eight-two-seven's showin.'	We of the RICH, the dee-dee-eee, (Our number's eight-two-zero) The future petty clearly sees as busy nineteen sixty!"
	Our ship is not so lonely here "Cause all around us far and near. We see all sorts of Units throng Which to Atlantic Fleet belong.	Top

LOOKOUT TRAINING.

Answers to the Ship Recognition Quiz appearing in Vol 3, No. 4 NOV '96: (a) Oriskany (Essex Class conversion) CVA/CVS, (b) Forrestal Class, CVA, (c) Saipan Class, CVI, (d) Des Moines Class, CA, (d-should be e) Fletcher Class DDE, (f) Forest Sherman Class DD.

Return this Form to our Reunion Chairman by March 1, 1997;
Gary Wilson, 1006 Saratoga Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027

Name: _____
Years on Board RICH _____ Rate/Rank/Division _____
Spouse or Guest Names _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone Number: _____ Arrival Date: _____
Staying at Shoney's Inn _____ Yes/No. Room # _____ If not, where? _____

Do you require RV/Camping Arrangements? _____
Do you need any special assistance? _____

Events	Price Per Person	Number of Persons	Total Amount
Reunion '97 Registration Fee (Single fee/Individual/Couple)	\$10	_____	\$10.00
General Jackson Cruise, Thurs April 24, 1900 Dinner and Show	\$50.87	_____	_____
Grand Ole Opry, Friday, April 25 1930 Show Time	\$17.05	_____	_____
1997 Reunion Banquet, Saturday April 26, Buffet Style	\$24.00	_____	_____
		Total Amount	_____

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THIRD ANNUAL RICH GOLF OPEN
RAVENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
NASHVILLE, TN
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1997
\$40.00 Per Golfer
Includes Green Fees/Cart/Prizes

Yes, I want to play in the THIRD ANNUAL RICH GOLF OPEN. My foursome will consist of:
(Print Names)

Name:	Address:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please assign me to a foursome. Contact Name: _____
Address: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____. For this event make a separate check payable to Gary Wilson and send it to him with your general Event and Reservation Form.

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