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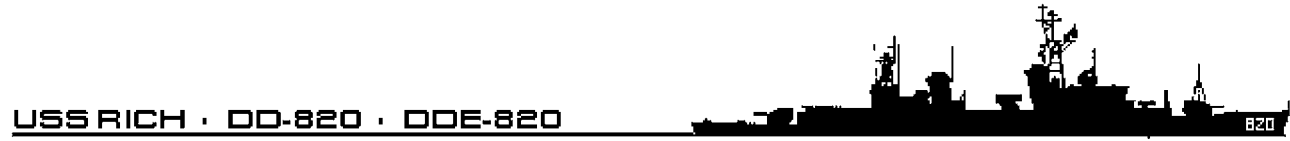
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TO: ALL HANDS - USS RICH (DD/DDE 820)
SUBJ: STEAMING ORDER
1. DETACH FROM DAILY ROUTINE AS
NECESSARY. PROCEED TO VTREOPA
(VERMONT REUNION OPS AREA)
2. RONDEVOUS WITH SHIP'S COMPANY AT BARRE
(44N 13' 15" 72W 34' 03")
3. REMAIN ON STATION 13 MAY 01 TO 17 MAY 01
TO PARTICIPATE IN REUNION ACTIVITIES.
4. THIS OPERATION WILL REQUIRE
HOLIDAY ROUTINE
5. UPON COMPLETION, ALL HANDS DEPART AREA
AND RETURN TO INDIVIDUAL HOMEPORTS UNTIL NEXT
REUNION IN 2002.
    
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... TO WEIGH ANCHOR AND GET UNDERWAY!

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REUNION DEADLINE LOOMS

There is still time for you to register and be with us in Vermont.

The plans are set and final preparations are being made in beautiful downtown Barre, Vermont, site of the 2001 USS Rich Ship's Company Reunion. It's the 8th annual event where crew members from every decade come to share memories, photos, cruise books and sea stories (all true, of course) while renewing old friendships and making new ones.

- The Dates: **JUNE 13-14-15-16, 2001**
- The Place: **LAGUE INNS** — 3472 AIRPORT ROAD — **BARRE VERMONT 05602**
- The Cost: **\$50.00 per person** (plus motel)
- The Events:

WEDNESDAY... Check in and greet friends old and new. Enjoy the HOSPITALITY in our exclusive party room at the main entrance. Sit and entertain each other with stories of past exploits and reunions. (i.e. sea stories).

THURSDAY... ALL DAY BASH at Hutch's place in Washington, Vt. Drive yourself or transportation will be available from the motel. Bring your appetite, eat large, stay late.

FRIDAY... Sightsee to your heart's content. Plenty to see and do. Tours of local places of interest are being set up. Just get back in time for the big **BARN DANCE AND BUFFET**. Music that everyone will like. Dress informal because you will be in an old Vermont barn. Transportation to this event will be provided!

SATURDAY... We start out with our **Annual Business Meeting** in the party room. After that it's just another day to enjoy the sights of Vermont. Gather lots of souvenirs to take home with you. Tonight we have our **BANQUET** at the motel followed by a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** and an **AUCTION**.

SUNDAY... Hate to say it but we're done here in Vermont. This morning we say goodbye for now to all our good friends. You will be greatly missed until 2002 when we get together for another great reunion. Have a good trip home. Until we meet again.

Reunion Registrations should be sent to:

USS RICH DD/DDE-820 ASSOCIATION
Walter Becker, Treasurer
1102 Wedgewood Lake Road
Stroudsburg PA 18360-8733

\$50.00 per person

Motel reservations should be made direct:

Motel Rates for the USS Rich Reunion

- SINGLE.....One person \$50 + tax/per room
- DOUBLE.....Two persons \$60 + tax/per room

RESERVE NOW! Cut Off Date: May 13, 2001

They will be happy to accommodate any special services you will need. Please ask at the time of reservation.

LaGue Inns - 1-802-229-5766

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DE 695 SURVIVORS HOLDING REUNION

The USS RICH (DE 695) Survivors Association will be holding their annual reunion one week ahead of DD 820's. They will gather Tuesday, June 5th through Saturday, June 9th in Branson, Missouri. Quarterdeck/Hospitality will be located at the **Lodge Of The Ozarks** in Branson.

Planned activities include "Slice of the Ozarks" Tour, "Remember When Show" with Mike Radford, "Shoji Tabuchi Show", a Memorial Service and "The Lawrence Welk Show" and winding things up with the Grand Banquet. Sounds like they have quite a week in store. Good luck, fellas!



US NAVY OATH OF ENLISTMENT

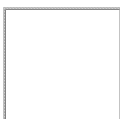
"I, (say your name), in lieu of going to prison, swear to sign away four years of my life to the UNITED STATES NAVY because I want to hang out with Marines without actually having to be one of them, because I thought the Air Force was too 'corporate,' because I didn't want to actually live in dirt like Army, and because I thought, 'Hey, I like to swim... why not?' I promise to wear clothes that went out of style in 1936 and to have my name stenciled on the butt of every pair of pants I own as well as on my underwear just like Mommy used to do. I understand that I will be mistaken for the Good Humor Man during summer and for Nazi Waffen SS during the winter. I will strive to use a different language than the rest of the English-speaking world, using words like 'deck, bulkhead, cover, geedunk, scuttlebut, scuttle and head', when I really mean 'floor, wall, hat, candy, water fountain, hole in the wall and toilet'. I will take great pride in the fact that all Navy acronyms, rank, and insignia, and everything else for that matter, are completely different from the other services and make absolutely no sense whatsoever. I will muster, whatever that is, at 07:00 hours every morning unless I am buddy-buddy with the Chief, in which case I will show up around 09:30 hours. I will also knowingly accept that I may one day be called upon to sacrifice my career so

some fat-ass officer can look good by 'catching me' following his orders that later turn out not to be what his boss wanted, and he then denies giving me. I vow to hone my coffee cup handing skills to the point that I can stand up in a kayak being tossed around in a typhoon, and still not spill a drop. I consent to being promoted and subsequently busted at least twice per fiscal year. I realize that once selected for Chief, I am required to submit myself to the sick, and quite possibly illegal, whims of my new 'colleagues'. So Help Me Neptune."

Signature _____ Date _____

US MARINE CORP OATH OF ENLISTMENT

I, (have someone recited your name for you), swear... uhhhh... high-and-tight... grunt... cammies... ugh uh women... OORAH! Semper Fi!

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Membership

If you're not a paid up member of the USS RICH DD/DDE 820 ASSOCIATION shame on you! C'mon... be a part of this great organization. It's fun, nostalgic and enlightening. Send your membership dues of \$15.00 to:

USS RICH DD/DDE-820 ASSOCIATION
Walter Becker, Treasurer
1102 Wedgewood Lake Road
Stroudsburg PA 18360-8733

Be sure to include your Name, Mailing Address, Rate, and Tour Dates aboard **RICH**. Please note we do not make our master database available to anyone for any reason. We do, however, provide addresses to other shipmates who may be looking for you. Guess what? **Now you can [join or renew ONLINE](#) at our website using your credit card.**

Know what? You'll sleep better knowing you're a member.

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Shipmate To Shipmate

I am looking for anyone who served on the Rich 46-48. My father **Gene B. Frey** was a SA during that time. I would like any information or stories relating to my father, or about life aboard the ship during the time. Thank You. [Gina E. Frey](#)

I served on the Rich between Jan75-July77. Looking for **Alvin Miranda**, a BT and **Brian Cummings**, a Diesel Mech. to hash over the good and bad times. [Richard E \(Schultz\) Shenberger](#), MR3

Looking for any shipmates from 1949 - 1952. [Charlie \(Chuck\) Cowperthwait](#), MM3

I am looking for **Dennis Daman**, EM3 and **Bob Pierson**, YNSN. Served on Rich from 67 or 68 through 1970. [David E. Paxton](#), IC3

Looking for shipmates from the forward or aft engine room. (62-68) [Mike Aeschlimann](#)

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