



# Fireball!

## USS OZBOURN DD 846 "the Happy Ship"

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### Reno Reunion -- 100 Attend!

Sixty shipmates plus wives, relatives and friends gathered at the Sands Regency Hotel and Casino in Reno last May 2nd to 5th for the first *OZBOURN* reunion ever. The proceedings featured a tour of lake Tahoe and Virginia City, a visit to the National Auto Museum, a banquet on Tuesday night and breakfast Wednesday morning before we all left for home. However, the most popular part of the program seemed to be the hospitality room open every afternoon from 1600 until whenever the crew got tired and closed up.

Some nine plank owners and two former skippers were in attendance; the plank owners were Peter Athanas, George Burrows, Gordon Harris, Paul Hecht, Jim Helland, Steve Pleasants and Richard Lay. The skippers, Charlie Akers and Bill Fargo and their wives Becky and Tut enjoyed themselves immensely and say that they are ready to "get the ship underway" for the next reunion! Bill, as some shipmates know, returned to "OZ" as ComDesDiv 112. During our conversations in the hospitality room he mentioned that his elder son has just been selected for rear admiral, the youngest on the list. All hands can take pride in his son's success in the Navy.

Charlie Akers told us about his early experiments with ASW helicopters on Gearing class destroyers. They worked out extremely well and, of course, became standard equipment but not before upsetting an unimaginative admiral in San Diego!

Former XO Barr Palmer and his wife Marge drove up from the San Diego area. Those of us on board in '51-'52 remember Barr as an outstanding XO. A reservist who was called up for the Korean War, Barr went on to a very successful career in the regular Navy, retiring as Captain.

The banquet on Tuesday evening was highlighted by a tape produced by plank owner Paul Hecht from some old movies taken in the late '40's. Narrated by Paul, it has a musical background and is well worth the \$12 that Paul is (continued on page 2 -- **Reunion**)

### Chairman's Report

Fifty shipmates gathered for a business and organizing meeting on Tuesday morning, May 4th with the objective of organizing ourselves sufficiently to plan for the next reunion. Seven shipmates were elected to the organizing committee which also serves as a nominating committee

Curtis Anderson  
Peter Athanas  
George Burrows  
C.F. "Pete" Cole,  
William "Bill" Ellis  
Paul Logan  
Robert "Bob" Whitten (Chairman)  
Charles Akers (Advisor)  
H. Barr Palmer (Acting secretary)

An early order of business is the approval of bylaws and the election of officers (president, secretary, treasurer). The proposed bylaws agreed upon by the committee appear on page 7. Ballots will be included with the October '93 issue of *Fireball!*

The assembled shipmates also agreed on annual dues of \$10 (see bill on page 5). I have been serving as acting treasurer for the past year and a half and am happy to report a balance of \$2584 as of 21 June 1993. This sum should go a long way toward providing "seed money" for the next reunion. I am also happy to report a muster roll of 199 shipmates although this number includes a number who have never responded and will be placed in an "inactive" file following this mailing. (unless, of course, we hear from them).

Other positions that will need to be filled are newsletter editor ( I am content to do it for the time being) and reunion committee. The last will need to be formed before the end of this year. if we are to have a reunion in '94.

*Bob Whitten, Chairman*

USS OZBOURN (DD 846)

Association

**Organizing Committee**

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William Ellis

Paul Logan

Barr Palmer (Acting Sec'y.)

Robert Whitten (Chairman and  
Fireball! editor)

## A Voice from the Past

To the 1993 Reunion  
USS OZBOURN DD 846

Attached is a letter I wrote in 1988 in response to a solicitation for "coincidences" that were thought to be significant. I never heard from Mr. Clark [the editor] so I don't know how my example stacked up with others he may have received. I now forward the letter to you as a matter of possible interest. Furthermore, it is long past time to express my gratitude -- a long and interesting naval career and a happy marriage of 42 years to the same wonderful woman ensued, all of which was possible because of the valiant crew members of OZBOURN! During subsequent duty on board Atlantic Fleet carriers, I would check the roster of screen and pickets on each sortie to see if OZBOURN was in company. Alas, she never was and I suspect she sailed mostly in the Pacific. I hope the reunion is a happy success. Best wishes to all.

Very Respectfully,

R. M. Tvede

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### Reunion

charging. I have ordered a copy and strongly recommend it to all shipmates. Following dinner Pete Cole showed some slides from his tour on board in the early 50's and then the two skippers addressed the assembly. They were followed by John Fleming and Bill Ellis who presented an apple pie to Bill Fargo.

Peter Athanas, David Jones and Tom Perkins conducted the raffle of W.P. Mack's South to Java, four OZBOURN baseball hats, and an OZBOURN jacket donated by "Artistic" (see below) and a bottle of Louis Martini wine from Napa Valley. Unfortunately, I don't recall the winners.

All hands are looking forward to '94.

A memoir of Professor Pete Cole's service in OZBOURN in 1950 - 1952 is currently in draft manuscript form. Pete would like to receive recollections from those years that shipmates may have, especially of the first cruise to Korea.

The OZBOURN hats raffled at the reunion were provided by "ARTISTIC" 17197-J Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708, Tel. 714/540-9170. Items available are:

1. Hats - with scrambled eggs, \$13.50, without s/e \$10.50
2. Windbreaker - Navy blue or white, SM 36-8, MED 40-2, LG 44-6, XLG 48-50, \$28.00
3. Golf shirt - Navy blue or white, SM 34-6, MED 38-40, LG 42-4, XLG 46-8, \$19.50

Add 3.00 shipping plus 7.25% for CA residents.

### USS OZBOURN (DD846) Association -- Membership Form (for those shipmates who DID NOT reply to previous questionnaires)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Period served in OZBOURN (Mo./Y) \_\_\_\_\_ Billets(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Help in the planning/execution of the reunion?  If so, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your address, telephone no. and years of service on board OZBOURN in future newsletters?

Yes No

Names/Addresses of shipmates not on the list: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip the foregoing and return to Bob Whitten at your earliest convenience. Do NOT return if you have previously replied.

## Water Color Auction

A beautiful water color of our ship was auctioned at the reunion. The artist, George Watts of Mission Viejo, California was a shipmate of Charlie Akers during his command of USS HOBBOY (DD610) in 1944-5. Although Mr. Watts donated the painting to our Association, we saw fit to send him an honorarium of half the selling price. After furious bidding the water color went to Peter Athanas for \$250. Thanks, Peter.

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### Tvede

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The events that I relate happened beginning in 1951. The names of many of the others involved have long since escaped memory, and only scant documentation remains.

On 18 Feb 1951, about 4 pm local time, I ditched an F4U-4 Corsair in the Sea of Japan somewhat south of Wonsan, Korea, evidently in a mine field. This was prior to the establishment of the helicopter rescue unit in Wonsan Bay (à la *Bridges at Toko Ri*) so rescue by surface means was the only resource available. The mine situation precluded sending a destroyer or other similar vessel into the area. The only alternative was to launch a crew in a motor whale boat to try the job [this was the captain's gig -- the whale boat had been holed by a North Korean shore battery (*Ed.*)]. While the weather was clear, it was bitter cold, became very dark and the seas were heavy. With help from airborne observers, the boat arrived at my location about 7:30 pm and took me aboard. I was in pretty bad shape (hypothermia) and was not very lucid during the two hour trip back to the destroyer (*USS OZBOURN*). The boat crew was by that time almost as cold and wet as I was. It was after midnight when I "came around" and all I wanted was something to eat and a hot shower. I left the destroyer via high-line transfer to a supply ship (*USS CHARA*) at dawn. I mention this detail only to indicate that I never had the opportunity to meet with my benefactors, let alone to review the events of the evening before.

At this time my mother was working at the San Francisco Board of Public Works as PBX telephone operator. I had long since left home and, except for fairly frequent letters, I had not kept close contact with the family and had no idea where or with whom my mother worked. It was amazing to all concerned then, to discover that the officer-in-charge (LTJG John Moriarty) of the boat was the son-in-law of a coworker of my mother. Neither of these women had been aware

## Missing Photo

Shipmate Bernie Kern of Virginia Beach, Virginia kindly loaned us his collection of photos dating from the 1940's. Two vanished but one ("Signal Gang") turned up and was returned to Bernie; however, the other ("Wharf Rats") is still missing. We think that someone gathered it up thinking it would be lost if it was not picked up. If the current holder would kindly return it to me or to Bernie (see Directory), we would appreciate it much.

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### Former Skipper III

Former skipper Captain Bill Fargo underwent surgery recently leaving him temporarily unable to speak. We know that he would love to hear best wishes for a speedy recovery from former shipmates. His address appears on page 4.

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that the other had a son or son-in-law in the Navy!

On 18 Feb 1958, seven years later, I was in Naples, Italy on shore leave with a couple of friends. Although I was not specifically invited by the host, I joined my friends in a dinner date they had arranged with an officer they knew from the NATO staff. I knew neither the officer nor his wife. Before taking us to a restaurant, we went to their home. After a few moments of conversation, the wife asked me if my wife's name was Barbara. When I said "Yes," she mentioned that she had worked at the telephone company in San Francisco with Barbara before she, Barbara, left to go to Pensacola with me. Then the surprise: "My brother-in-law was the officer-in-charge of the boat that picked you up off Korea." I looked at my watch; it was about 7:30 pm!

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From page 16 of the Tvede diary

... about 3600 rpm. Climbed out and started to circle -- engine quit, not sure why. But I couldn't get it started. Landed in the water about 1615 -- a nice landing (with belly tank). Was picked up by a motor whale boat from DD Osborne (sic) about 1930 and was aboard at 2000. Was conscious until about half way back to Osborne and regained consciousness about 2400 when I went to bed. The Osborne couldn't get closer than 13 miles from where I was due to mines.

19 Feb Transferred from DD Ozbourn about 0830 to AK58 Chara. Spent day in sick bay and had dinner with the captain, Captain Palmer.

20 Feb Aboard Chara -- down to about 60 miles from Sasebo to pick up Guadalupe. Am also 22 today! Great guns, I (continued on page 6 - Tvede)

## Shipmates Directory

Name	Years	Address	Telephone No.
Akers, Charles O. (CO)	50-52	3261 Falkland Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649	310/592-1053
Alexander, Stephen R.	66-68	10211 Sitkun Drive, Olympia, WA 98513	206/491-6306
Athanas, Peter	46-48	2205 Preston Drive, Richland Center, WI 53581	608/491-6306
Anderson, Curtis O.	53-56	7172 Killen Place, SW, Port Orchard, WA 98336	206/895-3190
Badger, George	55-56	1171 Island Drive, Alameda, CA 94501	510/865-7241
Barber, John	51-54	7047 Parfet Drive, Arvada, CO 80004	303/424-1294
Berriman, Joseph (XO)	52-53	3248 Petunia Court, San Diego, CA92117	619/273-1159
Blonsick, John S.	50-51	7970 Southwest 147 St., Miami, FL 33158	305/238-0254
Boff, Rudolph, J.	52-55	1036 Connor Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234	412/833-0572
Brian, James W.	46-48	3185 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch, CA 94509	510/778-9644
Brown, George	46-47	P.O. Box 718, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768	704/884-9763
Burrows, George	46-48	5712 Holiday Park Blvd., Northport, FL 34287	813/423-1384
Butler, Thomas V.	60-62	173 Dexler Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063	415/364-8428
Bybee, Billy Baker	49-51	14423 Locke Lane, Houston, TX 77077	713/493-2438
Carvalho, John	57-59	13641 Lorina Street, Garden Grove, CA 92644	714/893-5544
Chapman, Joseph R.	?	1825 Gillespie Street, Santa Barbra, CA 93101	805/563-5801
Cole, Charles F. "Pete"	50-52	1040 Woodman Drive, Columbus, OH 43085	614/846-0326
Cole, Lloyd J.	47-53	Route 1, Box 144C, Coloma, WI 54930	715/228-2385
Conley, Paul	66-69	160 Dameron Street, Long Beach, CA 90805	310/639/9818
Connelly, Gene	46-47	361 Main Street, Keansburg, NJ 07734	908/787-8926
Conwell, Fred R.	50-52	4780 Stratford Ave, Fremont, CA 94538	510/656-8208
Courtney, Royce F.	56-57	710 S. Holley Street, Columbia, SC 29208	803/765-0178
Crabtree, Walter W.	68-69	8115 John Dower Road, SW, Tacoma, WA 98499	206/581-3804
Creagle, Willis L.	48-50	6685 Indian Drive, Magalia, CA 95954	916/877-0508
Cressey, Wesley O.	58-62	23 Jersey Avenue, Portland, ME 04103	207/797-2514
Curl, Kent W.	60-63	111 Vista Del Lago, Los Gatos, CA95030	408/376-0430
Davis, Joe R.	48-52	102 Cedar Lane, Haslet, TX 76052	817/439-3077
Deeter, Wallace S.	48-49	2917 227th SW, Brier, WA 98036	206/776-0338
Denham, John G. (CO)	66-68	2749 Grande Camino, Walnut Creek, CA 94598	510/939-1143
Dickerhoff, Donald	51-52	828 Stone, Ballwin, MO 63021 314/256-8511	
Dolson, Frank J.	68-69	P.O. Box 102, Stockbridge, MA 01262	413/298-3488
Ellis, William M.	50-54	17011 12th Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98148	206/242-6333
Escajeda, Joe	48-51	2000 Judes Ferry Road, Powhatan, VA 23139	804/596-3229
Fargo, William B. (CO)	52-54	903 First Street, Coronado, CA 92118	619/435-8643
Farquhar, Richard	56-58	46 Timothy Lane, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	614/837-1007
Fink, George	46-48	1142 Spanish Oak Court, Fort Collins, CO 80525	303/223-1956
Fleming, John D.	54-57	Route 2, P.O. Box 183, Guymon, OK 73942	405/338-1680
Flowers, Charles	59-63	11748 Brown Ridge Road, Riverdale, GA 30209	706/787-6124
Hadley, John U.	50-51	13006 Shorewood Drive, Seattle, WA 98146	206/244-3490
Hanson, Jimmie O.	52-54	2300 14th Street, Bellingham, WA 98226	206/733-0615
Harris, Hiram G.	46-47	415 West Third Street, Gastonia, NC 28052	704/865-4466
Hecht, Paul	46-47	P.O. Box 3534, Portsmouth, VA 23701	804/488-2419
Helland, James M.	46-46	P.O. Box 487, Daphne, AL 36526	205/626-1056
Henderson, Keith A.	48-50	120 Hall Lane, Trout Creek, MT 59824	406/827-3942
Holloway, Harry	48-52	1655 East Main Street, Montrose, CO 81401	719/589-5269
		211 Edgemont, Alamosa, CO, 81101 (alternate)	303/249-3411
Huppert, Jack G.	53-54	747 Magellan Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243	813/455-6340
Huston, A.A. "Sam"	54-57	1225 Comanche Drive, Auburn, IL 62615	217/753-6895(B)
Ihme, Philip	46-48	Route 1, Box 1144, Moncure, NC 27559	919/542-2711
Jackowski, John	60-62	3184 Crisfield Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49505	616/363-1867
Jarrett, Charles B.	50-52	1414 Grant Bldg, 300 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219	412/683-4239

Jensen, K. V. ✨	57-59	Park Blvd Stamps, 4980 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk, FL 33565	813/544-3533
Johnson, Harold D.	55-57	P.O. Box 552, Lonegrove, OK 73443	405/657-3165
Jones, David L.,	67-68	7441 Varsity Lane, Bremerton, WA 98310	206/692-5096
← Kamrath, William	64-68	4223 Bobray Drive, Sublimity, OR 97385	503/873-2268
↪ Kapocius, Algis	69-60	6264 Thorncrest Drive, Greendale, WI 53129	414/425-1909
Kern, Bernard J.	48-50	4745 Deerfield, Virginia Beach, VA 23455	804/497-0371
Kirby, Joseph	65-70	15 Walnut Drive, Lakeinthehills, IL 60102	708/658-8865
Koch, Alfred J.	47-51	270 Chapel Avenue, Cheektawaga, NY 14225	716/633-8174
La Crosse, Dennis	63-70	37000 Cypress Drive, Hansville, WA 98340	206/638-1500
La Fond, Richard	46-48	76 Front Street, Suncook, NH 03275	603/485-3547
Lay, Richard	46	22 Cranberry Lane, East Brewster, MA 02631	508/255-7364
Le Breton, Guy J.	47-50	1000 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA 94109	415/776-9219
↪ Lee, R. E. "Bobby"	46-?	112 Quail Run, Prattville, AL 36067	205/365-1021
Lindhurst, Henri	50-52	P.O. Box 1244, Pleasonton, CA 94566	
Lofgren, Theodore T.	52-54	20073 Pugh Road, NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370	206/779-4215
Logan, Paul G.	46-47	165 Pilgrim Road, Braintree, MA 02184	617/843-4713
Lopez, Raymond B.	46-49	184 Idaho Street, Gridley, CA 95948	916/846-2614
Lukefahr, Paul	51-52	172 North Del Mar Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910	619/426-7756
Marshall, Daniel L.	?	55 East Ironside Road, Harrisville, RI 02830	401/568-8106
McCord, Vernon H.	48-49	860 South 136th Street, Tacoma, WA 98444	206/531-2748
McElravy, Don	60-65	1505 West 5, Port Angeles, WA 98362	206/457-7285
McIntosh, "Mhoire" G.	46-49	South Gundurimba, Australia 2480	066/29-0311
↪ Milas, Matthew	68-72	1 Terrace Way, Lincoln, RI 02865	401/728-4694
Minter, W. P.	52-55	4206 Buchanan Loop Road, Texarkana, TX 75501	903/794-4748
Mitchell, Melvin J.	66-69	7543 Greenhaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831	916/421-4951
Nelson, Roger A.	64-65	526 Melcher Drive, Port Orchard, WA 98366	206/876-2510
Nixon, Paul E.	50-52	2800 Plaza del Amo # 144, Torrance, CA 90503	310/783-0358
↪ O'Halloran, A.C.	46-47	P.O. Box 846, Ehrenberg, AZ 85334	
Ousey, Walter M. (XO)	50-51	10 El Patio, Vallejo, CA 94950 707/648-2823	
Palmer, H. Barr (XO)	50-52	P.O. Box 503, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067	619/756-4579
Parker, Jeffrey W.	70-74	936 Falcon View Street, Upland, CA 91786	714/981-4624
Paulson, David D.	52-57	477 West Cessna Drive, Elko, NV 89801	702/753-5390
Peich, Lester	52-?	3542 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109	619/274-3914
Pellizon, Frank	57-59	3825 Grand View Place, Bonita, CA 91902	619/479-7993
Perkins, Thomas M.	50-53	2240 Pine Tree Drive, Port Orchard, WA 98366	206/871-3361
Peruchiti, R. D.	57-60	9105 Barnveld Street, Spring Valley, CA 91977	619/479-4764
Planck, Richard	51-52	509 South 78th Street, Omaha, NE 68114	402/393-2890
Pleasants, Stephen C.	46-48	14602 Lilva Drive, Centreville, VA 22020	703/631-9081
Quinn, Mike	54-58	P.O. Box 90231, San Jose, CA 95109	408/287-2007
Ramirez, Anthony	48	P.O. Box 390402, Anza, CA 92539	909/763-5295
Rauch, Frank	62-64	1124 Marcy Loop Road, Grants Pass OR 97527	503/476-0503
Riedel, William F, Jr	46-47	15 Warren Street, Litte Ferry, NJ 07643	201/641-9121
Rigby, Bert	69-72	Star Route, Box 13A, Conrad, MT 59425	406/627-2397
Rogers, Robert G.	50-51	P.O. Box 1856, Port Townsend, WA 98368	206/385-9016
Root, Daryle	59-63	4475 Mixedwood Drive, Ladson, SC 29456	803/873-6763
Satchell, Richard E.	55-58	404 East River Boatway, Orange, CA 92665	714/974-1429
Schwerr, Gary L.	58-61	61 North 69th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32506	904/453-0267
Scott, Howard T. (CO)	54-56	791 King Street, Chappaqua, NY 10514	914/238-3484
Sedlacek, David	70-73	2323 32nd Street, Columbus, NE 68601	402/563-2793
Sheets, Wilson J.	62-65	40392 Diane Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620	714/527-1788
Sheldon, Warren R.	46-48	3233 Elgin Drive, Akron, OH 44883	216/666-4082
Simon, Jerome "Abe"	50-52	P.O. Box 2942, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636	602/458-8129
Smith, Bernard A. (1st CO)	46-47	9110 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-2917	
↪ Smith Donald L.,	65-69	375 McClellan Drive, Carson City, NV 89784	702/849-2864

Sommer, Robert F.	46-48	RR 1 P.O. Box 272, Augusta, NJ 07822	201/875-1874
Speers, Bill	62-64	1953 Lawrence Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601	503/885-1394
Spittle, Frank	48-50	23521 Lipari, Laguna Hills, CA 92653	714/581-8377
Sturm, Herbert W.	60-64	P.O. Box 203, Santa Paula, CA 93061	805/525-7716
Sundquist, Allen	72-75	12050 Fifth Street #204, Douglas, WY 82633	307/358-2119
Swigard, Philip	64-66	P.O. Box 414, Kingston, WA 98346	206/297-9537
Tvede, Ralph M.	51	3051 Woodhills Drive, Memphis, TN 38128	901/388-4243
Tyree, Billy R.	52-53	302 West Maryland Ave., Evansville, IN 47710	812/423-9670
Tyree, Jackson R.	52-55	3405 Sheridan Road, Evansville, IN 47710	812/426-0784
Ulicni, John	46-48	29 Dowling Way, West Paterson, NJ 07424	201/256-7284
Vorhees, Ferdinand F.	66-70	4340 West Elm Street, Lima, OH 45807	419/991-3753
Whitten, Robert C.	50-52	1117 Yorkshire Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014	408/252-9213
Williamson, Monte	67-70	RR3, P.O. Box 196, Rockville, IN 47872	317/569-5938
Williamson, Paul (XO)	64-66	4 Victoria Rise, Fairport, NY 14450	716/223-8871
Witte, Dwight E.	56-57	33401 Breezy Place, Dana Point, CA 92629	714/240-2979
Wood, Clarence	52-55	118 18th Street, Great Falls, MT 59404	406/454-1994
Wood, Jim	71-73	10 Hathaway Crescent, Aurora, IL 60506	708/466-4510
Woodward, William "Bill"	57-59	3813 Lowe Street, Panama City, FL 32405	904/785-7215

\* These are the shipmates who agreed to publication of addresses

### Tvede

say!

21 Feb Came aboard Valley at 0730 via high line -- everyone seemed glad I was back! Replenished at sea.

#### *San Francisco Daily News*

Small world note . . . Two women who work in the Board of Public Works office at 11th and Bryant had more than casual interest in a dramatic story out of Korea last Thursday. It told of the daring rescue of a downed Navy pilot, Ensign Ralph M. Tvede, from icy, mine-infested waters, by a Navy crew in a small boat commanded by Lt. John Moriarty . . . . The two women who work within a

few feet of each other are Helen Tvede and Ann Doherty, mother-in-law of Lt. Moriarty.

We are making a strong effort to locate John Moriarty. If anyone who can identify the boat crew members please let us know.

### Gearing Class Destroyers -- as built

Displacement -- 2425 tons  
 Length -- 390-391 ft., beam -- 41 ft., draft -- 18.5 ft.  
 Armament -- 6 - 5"/38, 5-10 21" torpedo tubes  
 Machinery -- 2 geared turbines (60,000shaft HP), 4 boilers  
 Complement -- 355

### Bill for 1993 Dues -- USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION

**Your Organizing Committee adopted an annual dues rate of \$10 at the business meeting held in conjunction with the Reno Reunion, May 2-5, 1993. Dues are payable on June 30th, 1993.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues

Additional Amount

# USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION

## Bylaws

### I.

*NAME:* The name of the organization is the USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### II.

*PURPOSE:* The purpose of the Association is to further the friendship, comraderie, fellowship, association and communication between its members on a non-profit basis.

### III.

*MEMBERSHIP:* Regular membership in the Association is limited to those members of the Naval Service who served on board USS OZBOURN (DD 846) during the period of her commissioned service as a ship of the United States Navy. The wives and widows of those who served are associate members. Honorary members of the Association may be elected by a majority vote of the elected officers of the Association or by a majority vote of the regular members attending a reunion.

### IV.

*DISTRICTS:* To facilitate operation of the Association, the membership is divided into six districts based on the place of domicile of each member. This division by domicile is as follows:

District 1: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont, West Virginia;

District 2: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia;

District 3: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin;

District 4: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana,

Oregon, , Washington, and Wyoming;

District 5: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Pacific Islands.

### V.

**ELECTED OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The elected officers of the Association and their responsibilities are as follows:

President: Presides over meetings, provides direction for the operation of the Association, appoints committees as necessary and conducts activities of the Association;

Vice President: In the absence or disability of the President; performs the duties of the President and otherwise assists the President in the operation of the Association;

Corresponding Secretary: Prepares or assists in the preparation of and mailing of newsletters and other notices to the membership and serves as a communication center for the Association;

Recording Secretary: Keeps and promulgates minutes of meetings held at reunions and of other meetings which he attends; maintains, updates and expands membership rosters and keep general records of the Association.

Treasurer: Receives and collects dues and funds of the Association, maintains an accounting of such funds, pays bills of the Association, and provides an annual written accounting of the funds;

District Chiefs: Manage, direct and coordinate matters of the Association relating to their respective Districts.

### VI.

**COMMITTEES:** The Committees of the Association are as follows:

Nominating Committee: At least six months prior to each reunion, the President will appoint a chairman and committee members to propose a slate of officers for consideration for election by the membership attending the reunion.

Reunion Committee: The President will appoint a chairman and committee members at least eighteen months prior to each reunion; the committee will be responsible for proposing a site for the reunion and for managing the necessary logistic arrangements.

Other Committees: The President will appoint other committees for carrying out Association business as he deems necessary.

## VII.

*ELECTION OF OFFICERS:* Officers of the Association will be elected every two years or less often to coincide with and during ship's reunions. Prior to each reunion the President will appoint a Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers. The proposed slate will be promulgated to the membership not less than one month prior to the reunion. At a business meeting announced in advance, during the reunion, or by notice in writing to the President prior to the meeting, nominations from the floor may be made to propose other candidates for the offices. Votes by absentee ballot may be mailed or otherwise delivered to the Recording Secretary prior to the election. A majority vote of regular members present at the election plus absentee votes of regular members received prior to the date of the election (quorum) will elect officers of the Association other than District Chiefs. At this election District Chiefs will be elected similarly by a majority vote of those whose domicile falls within the respective District boundaries. If a business meeting/reunion is not held within three years since the last election, the election will be conducted by mail ballot.

## VIII.

*REUNIONS:* To further the purpose of the Association, periodic reunions will be held at intervals of not more than three years. The Reunion Committee will be constituted and appointed as in article V. Initial financial support will be provided by the Treasurer from funds of the Association but each reunion is expected to be financially self-supporting. Reunion sites should be scattered across the country in order to provide a reasonable coverage of the nation and accommodation of the dispersed membership.

## IX.

*DUES AND ASSESSMENTS:* Dues or assessments may be established by majority vote of the elected officers of the Association but payment of such dues will not be a requirement for membership.

## X.

*COMMUNICATIONS:* In order to keep all members informed of Association activities, reunions and other affairs, a newsletter to be called Fireball! will be issued at least semiannually. The editor will be appointed by the President. Other modes of communication with the membership will be provided as necessary.

## XI.

*CHANGES TO BYLAWS:* Changes to the bylaws of the Association may be proposed by any elected officer of the Association or by any five regular members. Proposed changes must be made in writing and signed by the member or members proposing them. The proposed changes will be promulgated to the membership not less than one month prior to a planned reunion. The vote on the proposed changes will be held during a business meeting, announced in advance, during the reunion or by mail. A majority vote of the regular members present at the meeting (quorum) will decide the question of the proposed changes. If a business meeting/reunion is not held within three years since the last election, the vote on changes to the bylaws will be conducted by mail ballot.

## XII.

*FLEXIBILITY:* The difficulty in operating an association whose membership is widely dispersed is recognized. Therefore these Bylaws are intended to be flexible and to provide general guidelines for operation of the Association rather than fixed rules. Accordingly, elected officers of the Association and other members are authorized to delegate portions of, or all of, their authority to other members on a limited time basis in order to expedite the business of the Association.

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**Note:** These Bylaws will be voted on following their final publication in Fireball! in October. If you have recommendations for modification, please submit them to the Chairman before August 15, 1993.