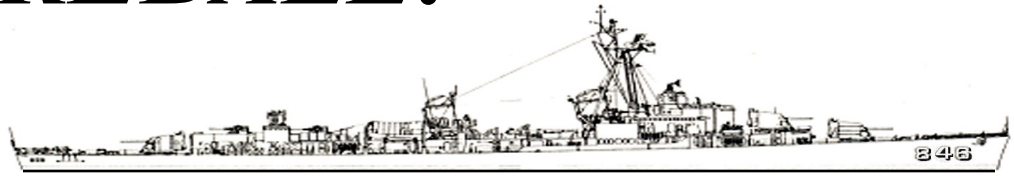


Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn
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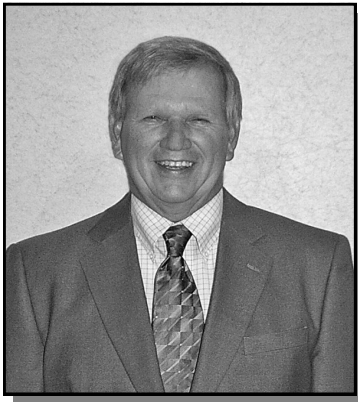
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FROM THE BRIDGE



Greetings to All Shipmates,

Time is slipping away. Be sure and get in on the great reunion coming your way in sunny San Diego California. We have great tours, lots of food and yes, lots of laughter.

It is truly an awesome feeling to reunite with all of your Shipmates and friends. I really can't put it in words, the excitement and fun that we all have. Please make plans to board those planes, dust off all those old Hawaiian shirts, load up the old jalopy and head out to San Diego for a great time that you will not forget.

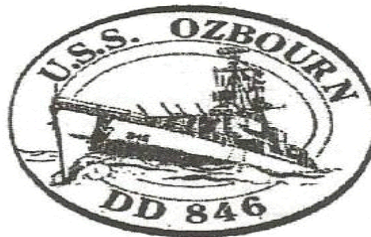
If this is your first reunion, you will not be sorry for attending. Come one come all, shipmates, wives and friends. Hope to see you there.

Let us not forget to hug a member of our Armed Forces, our fellow Veterans and especially our families.

God bless our great country.

Guy Posey, President
USS OZBOURN Association

**2013 BIENNIAL REUNION
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA , SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2013**



NOW HEAR THIS, SET CONDITION ZEBRA, SECURE ALL DOORS AND HATCHES, THE SMOKING LAMP IS OUT THROUGHOUT THE SHIP, PUT THE CAT OUT, AND STOP THE MAIL, IT IS THAT TIME FOR ALL HANDS TO REPORT TO BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, FOR OUR 2013 REUNION, COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2013, AT THE KONA KAI RESORT ON SHELTER ISLAND . ALL HANDS ARE REMINDED NOT TO FORGET THOSE OLD PHOTOS TO SHARE. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN SAN DIEGO.

KONA KAI RESORT HOTEL
1551 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106
Phone: (619) 221-8000 Fax: (619) 819-8101
Reservations: (800) 566-2524

The **Kona Kai Resort Hotel** is located on Shelter Island overlooking San Diego Bay. The Kona Kai is a full service hotel, providing complimentary airport/train station transportation. All rooms have either a view of San Diego Bay or the marina. The Kona Kai has set an excellent rate of \$109.00 + taxes per night, double occupancy, and includes a **complementary fully cooked breakfast each morning**. The above rate has been guaranteed for three days prior and three days following the reunion for those wishing to arrive a little early or extend their stay in San Diego. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-566-2524. Tell the operator you are attending the USS Ozbourn Reunion.



KONA KAI RESORT HOTEL, SAN DIEGO BAY

2013 REUNION UPDATE

The Reunion Committee wishes to update all the members as to what is currently being planned for the 2013 Reunion in San Diego, California, on September 25-29, 2013.

We are currently planning visits to the following sites that we believe all members, including the very loyal Ozbourn wives and other family members will enjoy.

USS Midway Museum

City tour that will include Coronado, the Gaslamp Quarter (Old Sailor Town), shopping at Seaport Village, Lunch at the Bali Hai Restaurant overlooking San Diego Bay and the Cabrillo National Monument

Old Town Sightseeing and Shopping

Private dinner cruise on San Diego Bay aboard the "Emerald Hornblower"

A private tour of an active warship stationed at the San Diego Naval Station with lunch at Tom Lams Lighthouse Restaurant

Fear not, there will be a great deal of time to relax with old shipmates in our hospitality room at the Kona Kai Resort Hotel.

Don't miss the 2013 Reunion, it will certainly be one of the great ones. We are all looking forward to seeing you in beautiful San Diego.

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PUBLICATION DEADLINE

If you have a letter, story or photo you would like to share with other Ozbourn shipmates, the deadline for submitting contributions for the **Winter 2014** issue is **December 9th**. Articles may be rewritten for purposes of editorial style. Due to space limitations, some materials may be used in a future **Fireball** edition.



MAIL CALL

The following letters and e-mails were received by your Association Officers during the last quarter.

TO ALL HANDS

Jeff Parker, Editor

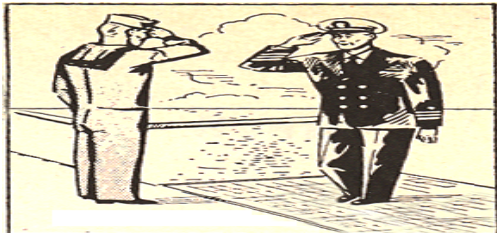
All Shipmates are respectively reminded regarding the procedure to request a donation by the USS Ozbourn Association to any other organization. If anyone wishes to propose a donation be made by the Association to any organization during the Business Meeting at the 2013 Reunion in San Diego, they are requested to have specific information as to the history and mission of that organization.

In addition, don't forget those old photos and memorabilia to share with all your old Shipmates in San Diego.

The Association wishes to thank **Shipmate Terry Sullivan FTG-2 (63-65)** for letting us all know that **Steve Skinner LTJG (63-65)**, is in the hospital in San Pedro, CA. Steve and his wife Babs have been an important part of setting up the 2013 Reunion in San Diego. We of course wish Steve a full and speedy recovery. Thank you Terry.

We also wish to extend our best wishes to **Guy Posey** our Association President as well as other Shipmates and their families affected by the "Foul Weather" that has recently struck the Midwest. Our Prayers to you. All.

Just a quick reminder, this 2013 Summer Issue of the "Fireball" will be the last edition prior to the 2013 Reunion in San Diego. For those Shipmates that are unable to attend the reunion, please do not hesitate to inform me or any other member that may be in attendance if you wish to have a subject discussed during our Business Meeting. My email, Ljparker1@cox.net is open 24/7.



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome aboard to the below listed shipmates. The USS Ozbourn Association officers and members hope that you will become involved in the planned activities.

Roy McDaris (66-70) BM3

Gary D. Shannon



TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

"SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"

The Association is saddened to report the passing of the following long time Friend, Member and Shipmate.

TED (TEDDY) MAY (51-54) FT-1



We lost Ted on February 20, 2013, in Midlothian, VA. Ted's daughter Tara reported how proud her father was to wear his "OZ" jacket and ball cap.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday September 26, 2013

USS Ozbourn Memorial Service

We will all join together on the Kona Kai Resort's open air patio and greenbelt area overlooking the beautiful San Diego Bay Marina to remember those "Shipmates" that remain with us in spirit.

9:00 am-9:45 am

City Tour of San Diego/Lunch/Cabrillo National Monument

Our group will depart the Kona Kai aboard a climate controlled motor coach with step on guide narration, travelling to Coronado, Balboa Park, Gaslamp Quarter, downtown, with an hour stop at Seaport Village with time to browse on foot, purchase souvenirs and enjoy this bayside village. The luncheon will be at the famed Bali Hai restaurant, with sweeping views of San Diego Bay. We will re-board our coach and continue on to the Cabrillo National Monument for more great views of San Diego before returning us to the Kona Kai Resort.

**10:00 am Bus departs Kona Kai1:00 pm Lunch.....3:00 pm Bus returns to Kona Kai
\$59.00/Person, Includes City Tour/Bayside Lunch/Cabrillo Monument**

Hawaiian -Themed Dinner Cruise and Tour of San Diego Bay

After enjoying evening cocktails in our Hospitality Room, the beautiful "Emerald Hornblower" will arrive at the Kona Kai Resort Marina, just a few steps from our Hospitality Room. We will board the "Emerald Hornblower" for a fabulous buffet dinner and private sunset tour of San Diego Bay. **(Cash Bar).**

**6:15 pm Board the "Emerald Hornblower"Buffet Dinner.....9:15 pm Return to Kona Kai
\$90.00 /Person Includes Private Dinner Cruise and Entertainment**

Friday, September 27, 2013

Old Town San Diego and USS Midway Tour

After boarding our climate controlled motor coach, we will drive to Old Town San Diego with 2-1/2 hours to explore this rustic California site, the first Catholic Mission, browsing the many shops and a wonderful lunch on your own in many of the excellent restaurants. We will then re-board our motor coach for transfer to the USS Midway Museum. The USS Midway is handicap friendly with elevators and park benches throughout. Complimentary light weight audio sets allow our group to fan out to visit their favorite exhibits.

**10:00 am Bus departs the Kona Kai for Visit to Old Town and Lunch on Your Own
1:00 pm Bus departs Old Town for transfer to the USS Midway
4:00 pm Bus departs USS Midway and returns to the Kona Kai
\$39.00/Person, Includes Transportation and USS Midway Museum**

Hospitality Room Activities

Friday evening will be spent at the Hospitality Room with a variety of activities, raffle and visiting with our former shipmates

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Bayside Luncheon and Tour of Active Warship

After boarding our motor coach, we will travel to Harbor Island where we will enjoy a bayside lunch at Tom Lams Lighthouse. After lunch, we will travel to Naval Station San Diego for our private tour of an active US Navy warship. **(Govt. Issued Photo I.D. Req.).**

**10:30 am Bus departs Kona Kai, returning at 4:00 pm
\$56.00/Person, Includes Transportation, Lunch and Warship Tour**

Sunday, September 29, 2013

7:00 am-8:00 am

Farewell Coffee Clutch in the Hospitality Room

USS OZBOURN REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour and banquet costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event, meal choice and the total amount. Send this form and your **check payable to USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION** to: **Jeffrey Parker, 1036 Calle Venezia, San Clemente, CA. 92672**. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail before **August 10, 2013**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form for your records before mailing.

	<u>TOURS AND BANQUET CHOICES</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Thursday,	City Tour of San Diego/Bayside Lunch.....	\$59.00	_____	_____
Thursday,	San Diego Bay Private Evening Dinner Cruise.....	\$90.00	_____	_____
Friday,	Old Town State Park/USS Midway Tour.....	\$39.00	_____	_____
Saturday,	Lunch Lam's Lighthouse/ Tour of Active Warship.....	\$56.00	_____	_____
	(Govt. Issued Photo I.D Req.)			
Saturday Banquet (Please Select Entrée Below) Cash Bar				
	Chicken Piccata	\$45.00	_____	_____
	London Broil.....	\$45.00	_____	_____
	Grilled Filet of Salmon.....	\$45.00	_____	_____
	Non Refundable Registration Fee Per Person.....	\$25.00	_____	_____
Total Amount Payable to : USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION.....\$ _____				

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, Are You Flying? _____ Driving? _____ RV? _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Nick Name for Tag _____

Years on Board 19 _____ to 19 _____ Last Rate/Rank Held on Ozbourn _____ Is this you first reunion? _____

Spouse Name (if attending) _____ Date of Birth _____

Guest Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ Telephone No. _____

City, State, Zip _____

Disability / Dietary Restrictions? _____

Must you be lifted hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in the bus trips?

Yes _____ No _____ (We cannot guarantee availability)

Emergency Contact _____ Phone No. _____

Are you staying at the Kona Kai Resort Hotel? Yes _____ No _____ Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

You must contact the Kona Kai Resort Hotel directly to make your room reservations. See Hotel Information Sheet for details. Tour and banquet cancellation refunds will be made before **August 10, 2013**.

All hands are reminded that if they have signed up to visit the ACTIVE WARSHIP on Saturday, September 28, 2013, they must have Government Issued Photo I.D. with them. As an example, State issued Drivers License or I.D., etc.

SKIPPER IN THE SPOTLIGHT
COMMANDER John G. Denham USN
Commanding Officer, USS Ozbourn (66-68)
Submitted by John M. Crowley FTG-2, (62-65)



Commander John G. Denham USN , was born in California December 22, 1924. He attended school mostly in San Francisco, California. He obtained officer training in the Merchant Marine as a Merchant Sea-Cadet. From 1942 to 1945 he served in transports, cargo ships and deep sea tugs in the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean war zones. In March 1945, Commander Denham was graduated from the U.S. Maritime School and was assigned until the end of World War II to the U.S. Army Transport PUEBLA. In 1948, while serving in the Merchant Marine, he was commissioned as Ensign in the U.S. Navy Merchant Marine Reserve and was ordered to the fleet oiler, USS ALLAGASH (AO-97). Shortly thereafter he volunteered for destroyers and was assigned to USS BROWNSON (DD-868). He was selected for augmentation into the regular Navy in 1955 and was ordered to USS ESTERO (AKL-5) as Commanding Officer. Other sea tours include USS TAYLOR (DDE-468), USS O'BRIEN (DD-725), and the USS OZBOURN (DD-846).

Shore duty assignments have included the U.S. Fleet ASW School, San Diego; COMCRUDESPAC Staff; and the U.S. Navy Assistant Director of the Advanced Research Project Agency Field Unit in Thailand, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Editors Note: Captain Denham has published several books related to his service in the United States Navy. One book that would be of special interest to those of us that have served on the USS OZBOURN is titled "DD 891". The Book is roughly based on the real life exploits of the USS OZBOURN (DD-846).



USS OZBOURN (DD 846)
Circa 1967-1968

One only has to view this photograph submitted by an unidentified shipmate to confirm the belief that Destroyermen are some of the toughest Sailors in the United States Navy. Hope the Mess Decks have plenty of saltine crackers on hand.

USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

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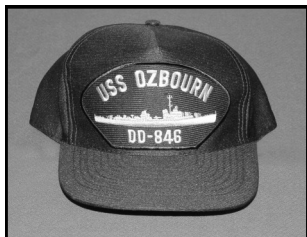
Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozboourn Web site at www.ozboourn.org under the heading Ship's Store.

Orders may be placed with:

Rudy Boff — 1036 Connor Road
Pittsburgh, PA
15234-1033

Tel: (412) 833-0572

New email: boffrudy@verizon.net



CAP cotton twill Navy blue, brilliant gold letters & destroyer silhouette. 1 size fits all.

Item # C01, \$14 ea.

Embroidery on back:

Korea, #C01K \$15 ea.

Vietnam, #C01V \$15 ea.



Windbreaker mesh lined with full front zipper. Navy blue jacket with ship profile in silver thread and lettering in gold thread. \$60 ea.

Item# J01



Logo detail



PATCH fabric, \$6 ea.

Original design, Item #P01

Revised design, Item #P02



Can holder made of foam. Navy blue body with white base. USS Ozboourn logo in white. \$3.00 ea. or two for \$5.00. Item# K01



FRAME, license plate Item# F01 \$5 ea.

SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address at left.

Micro-fiber Jacket, fleece lined-water repellent	\$90
Twill Jacket, fully lined with full front zip	\$80
Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, assorted colors	\$40
Golf shirts	\$30

All items have ship's name and hull number embroidered in gold letters.



T-shirt short sleeve Navy & white with embroidered logo left side. \$20 ea. Item# T01

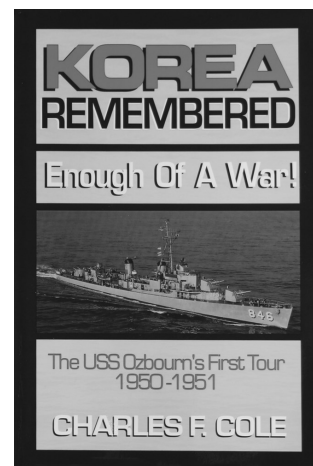
Long sleeve \$35 ea. Item# T02



Logo detail

The book *Korea Remembered: Enough of a War!*, the *USS Ozboourn's First Tour, 1950-1951*, is a first-hand account by shipmate Charles F. Cole, as the war "sandwiched between WW II and the War in Vietnam."

Cole's historic account was first published in 1995, just in time for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial, which is near the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.



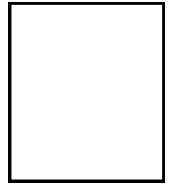
**"Korea Remembered: Enough of a War!,
The USS Ozboourn's First Tour, 1950-1951
By Charles F. Cole**

\$15.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping & handling

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

<u>COST OF ITEM</u>	<u>COST OF POSTAGE</u>
\$0.01-15.00	\$3.00
15.01-25.00	4.00
25.01-35.00	5.00
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Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn
USMC
Congressional Medal of Honor

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DUES ALERT!

Are you overdue on your dues? Only dues-paying members receive the *Fireball* newsletter. Look at the mailing label on your most recent newsletter and find a number such as 12 or 13. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 13 means 2013, 14 means 2014, etc.

Membership dues are \$10.00 annually and are due in January of each year. Please make checks out to the USS OZBOURN Association and forward them to Philip Roberts, Association Treasurer, at 2608 Bentwood Drive, Palestine, Texas 75803.

Your Association officers ask you to...

DO THE DUES TODAY!

We're on the Web at
www.ozbourn.org

The following information can be found on the Association's Web site: Mission statement, complete history, current and past newsletters, a list of Ozbourn shipmates, historical photographs, the ship's store for ordering Ozbourn memorabilia, how to join, and special links.

SHIP AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE USS OZBOURN

- Combat Action Ribbon
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Meritorious Service Medal
- China Service Medal
- World War II Victory Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Asia Clasp
- National Defense Service Medal w/bronze Star
- Korean Service Medal w/5 Bronze Stars
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/2 Bronze Stars
- Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Silver Stars
- Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm)
- United Nations Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

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