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Tinian, Marianas Islands  
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# ***FIREBALL!***

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The official newsletter of the USS Ozbourn (DD 846) Association  
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## FROM THE BRIDGE

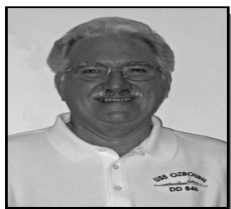
### **Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends**

We just completed another great reunion in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We had a great hotel, great food, great tours and a lot of fun. As always we had a lot of shipmates that could not attend for a number of reasons. We of course are always thinking about them and hope to see them at the 2017 Reunion, to be held somewhere on the East Coast.

Several cities are currently being looked at by our 2017 Reunion Committee to include Buffalo, NY, Virginia Beach, VA or Norfolk, VA. Please start making plans to attend the next reunion. Watch for updates in future editions of the "Fireball"

Guy Posey MM3 (69-71)  
President, USS Ozbourn DD846 Association

## SHIP'S STORE



Rudy says, don't forget to get that holiday shopping done early. Many gift items are available with some at reduced prices. Check out the Ship's Store on Page-7. A reminder to all shipmates, family and friends, shop early to ensure delivery for the Holidays.

Rudy Boff, Proprietor



USS OZBOURN BATON ROUGE REUNION 2015

## 2017 Biennial Reunion

Jeff Parker, Editor

Now that the 2015 Reunion held in Baton Rouge, LA, is now in the history books, clearly the entire membership wishes to thank the 2015 Reunion Committee, **Guy Posey**, **Harold McKeehan** and **Mike Ward** for all of their very hard work. This certainly includes their lovely wives, **Sallae Posey**, **Linda McKeehan** and **Bonni Ward** for all of their assistance and patience in the large amount of work required to plan and see any reunion to a successful conclusion. We would also like to thank all of the members in attendance that jump in and help during each of our reunions. Clearly, it requires many hands to plan, coordinate and pull off each of our reunions. The 2015 Reunion was truly one of the great ones and we as an Association are very grateful.

Now you are all going to think that Jeff, your faithful editor of the "Fireball" is crazier than you already thought. Oh well, you of course may very well be right; however, it is never too early to discuss our next reunion.

During the 2015 Business Meeting, a request went out to the membership for volunteers to accept the responsibility of planning and organizing the 2017 Reunions. After successfully cutting their teeth on the 2015 Reunion, **Mike Ward** and **Harold "Mac" McKeehan** once again stepped up to the plate. In addition, **Mark Beaulieu** and **Randy Humphries** also threw their hats into the ring, with **Mark Beaulieu** being selected as the 2017 Reunion Committee Chairman.



Mark Beaulieu      Mike Ward      "Mac" McKeehan      Randy Humphries

### Election of Association Officers

During the 2015 Business Meeting of the USS Ozbourn DD-846 Association taking place on 26 September 2015, the following shipmates were re-elected to serve as the Officers of the Association.



Guy Posey, President



Randy Humphries, V.P.



Ken Keene, Secretary



Phil Roberts, Treasurer



Jeff Parker, "Fireball"

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### Officers of the Association

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**Robert Whitten, Jr.** (50-52)/(93-99)  
Cupertino, CA  
**W.D. Minter** (52-55)/(99-03)  
Texarkana, TX  
**Rudy Boff** (52-55)/(03-07)  
Pittsburgh, PA

#### 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 **Spring 2016** issue is **March 15th**. 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.

### “THANK YOU NORM”

*Jeff Parker, Editor*

A big thank you goes out to **Norm Seidel Ltjg (63-65)** for all of his hard work on producing the great plaques provided as gifts for the attendees at the 2015 Reunion. Thank you Norm, the plaques are great.

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### BIG THANK YOU FROM PLANK OWNER

*Jeff Parker, Editor*



One of our Plank Owners, **Al Walker, S2c, (46)**, wrote, I have received the Ozbourn plaque and was quite touched by the officers and shipmates who wanted me to have it. Glad the 2015 Reunion was enjoyed by all and I must say I missed seeing all the OZ shipmates. I will certainly try for the next reunion if the good Lord see's it in my cards. Again thank you so much. And thanks from my family. Four months ago I became a Great Grandfather.

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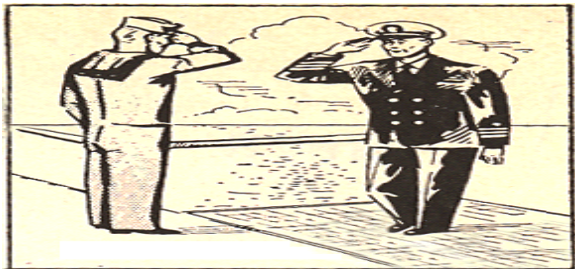
### FAREWELL TO A TRUE SAILOR

*Jeff Parker, Editor, “Fireball”*



It is with a heavy heart that we must say farewell to longtime shipmate and friend **Paul Logan, FN1st Class, (46-47)**, who passed away on February 24, 2015. Paul and his dear wife Mary worked tirelessly on Association Business including many of the Memorial Services held during the Biennial Reunions. May God Bless you shipmate, along with Mary and the entire Logan Family.

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## WELCOME ABOARD

**WILLIAM MARION, QMC (66-69)**

**ARTHUR ROWLES, FNHT (73-74)**

**AL FRECKER, LTJG (66-69)**

**WILL MORTZ MM3 (74-75)**

**WILLIAM HOPPER CS3 (50-55)**

**ROGER PARSLEY SO1 (57-58)**

**LLOYD KOENIG RD3 (57-60)**

**JOHN PETRITSCH SN (64-66)**

## TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

### “SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER”

The Association is saddened to report the passing of the following long time Friends, Members and Shipmates.

**CALVIN BARFIELD TM2 (54-56)**

**PAUL LOGAN FN 1st Class (46-47)**

**KENNETH T. CLYNE RM (53-57)**

**RONALD D PARKER MM3 (54-57)**

*“May fair winds and calm seas be with you always”*

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## **Minutes of the 12th Biennial Reunion Meeting**

**26 September, 2015 — Baton Rouge, LA**

At 7:15 AM, 26 September 2015, the business meeting of the USS Ozbourn DD-846 Association was called to order by President Guy Posey with 35 shipmates in attendance. All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

The minutes of the 2013 Business Meeting in San Diego were read by Recording Secretary Ken Keene. With no additions or corrections, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read; vote to approve passed by the majority.

The Treasurers Report was given by Treasurer, Phil Roberts. A summary of costs pertaining to the “Fireball”, maintenance of the Association web site and membership in American Military Reunion Foundation was given. With outstanding bills related to the reunion an estimated balance of the treasury is approximately \$19,000.00. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report as read; vote to approve passed by the majority.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, President Guy Posey gave a report on the costs of publishing and mailing the “Fireball” newsletter. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Corresponding Secretary Report as read; vote to approve passed by the majority.

Rudy Boff, the Ships Store Operator reported that due to the lack of sales of the CD of the Memorial Service in San Diego and the books Authored and donated by Charles Cole, the price would be lowered in order to clear the inventory.

The Reunion Report was given by the Reunion Committee Char Guy Posey. The preliminary finances were \$16,301.00 collected from 70 registered guests. Expenditures were broken down to what each tour cost as well as the Banquet and Hospitality Room. There were some refunds made to shipmates who had to cancel. The final balance will not be known until after the reunion and the final bills are totaled. Guy believes the reunion will finish in the Black with an approximate \$2,500.00 profit. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Reunion Report as read; vote to approve was passed by the majority.

### **Old Business:**

### **By-Law Changes:**

The Changes to the Association By-Laws that were voted on at the San Diego Reunion in 2013 pertaining to donations of the Association monies, Dissolution of the Association and Ships Store were read. With no further discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve the new Association By-Laws; vote to approve passed by the majority.

### **New Business:**

### **Election of Officers:**

With none of the current slate of officers expressing a desire to resign, a call for volunteers and nominations for each office was made. The only volunteer was Mark Beaulieu for the Office of Vice President. A vote was taken with Randy Humphries, incumbent Vice President receiving the majority of the votes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of current officers, President Guy Posey, Vice President Randy Humphries, Recording Secretary Ken Keene and Corresponding Secretary Jeff Parker. Vote to approve the slate of officers passed by the majority. **(Continued on Page-5)**

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## Minutes of the 12th Biennial Reunion Meeting (Continued from Page-4)

### New Business (Continued):

#### Donations:

In keeping with the new regulation in the By-Laws, it was reported that three requests for donations were received and approved by the Association Officers for recommendation for a vote by the membership. Recommendations were: \$500.00 to Tin Can Sailors Thomas J. Pelton Destroyer Museum Grant Program; \$250.00 to the Wounded Warrior Project and \$250.00 to Disabled American Veterans. A brief summary of the use of the Associations donation to each organization was given by Secretary Ken Keene. Motion was made and seconded to approve the donations. Vote to approve passed by the majority.

#### Next Reunion:

President Guy Posey pointed out that in keeping with Section 7, Paragraph 2 of the Association By-Laws, the 2017 Reunion should be held in the eastern part of the country. A request for volunteers to serve on the 2017 Reunion Committee was made. Mike Ward, Harold McKeehan and Mark Beaulieu volunteered with Mark Beaulieu being appointed Chairman.

A discussion of the Association Policy to make available to the Reunion Committee the amount of \$500.00 to cover expenses incurred by committee members while planning the reunion was brought to the floor by President Guy Posey. It was pointed out that the amount is insufficient. A recommendation by the Association Officers to increase the amount to \$1,000.00 with the requirement of receipts for reimbursement was made. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended increase in funds available to the Reunion Committee. Vote to approve passed by the majority.

With no further New Business brought to the floor, the 2015 Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

### **\*2016 ASSOCIATION \$15.00 ANNUAL DUES, PAYABLE JANUARY 2016\***

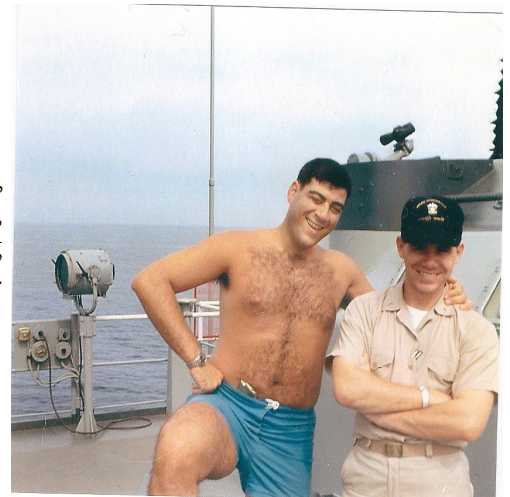
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#### **“UNIFORM OF THE DAY?”**

*Jeff Parker, Editor, “Fireball”*

Based on this photograph supplied by Tom Sherlock, Ltjg, (66-67), pictured here with Marty Zipser, Lt, (65-66), attired in his swim suit, clearly one of these fine “OZ” officers missed the teletype regarding the approved Uniform of the Day. Where are the Chippendale Recruiters when you need them?



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# USS OZBOURN DD 846, 2015 REUNION, BATON ROUGE, LA

Submitted by John Montoya RD2 (64-67) Official Photographer



USS OZBOURN DD 846 WIVES



John Montoya RD2 (64-67) & Dave Varisco RD2 (66-70)  
Still looking sharp in their dress whites



Memorial Ceremony  
Guy Posey MM3 (68-70) & Tom Dumstorf FT2 (52-54)



USS OZBOURN KOREA ERA CREW

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## USS OZBOURN DD 846, REFUELING OPS, GULF of TONKIN 1967

Submitted by Jerry McKee, YN2, (66-69)

Captions by Jeff Parker, Editor

The following photos of the USS Ozboorn DD-846 refueling from the USS Guadalupe AO-32, September 1967, in the Gulf of Tonkin were provided by longtime contributor to the "Fireball", Shipmate Jerry McKee, YN2, (66-67).



Ding Ding Ding Ding, Filler up Mac



Guadalupe's maze of Pipes & Valves



Any Mail?



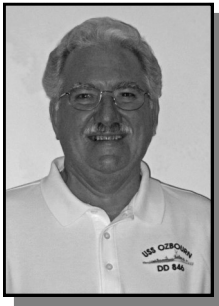
That wonderful aroma of NSFO (Oil)



The always impressive "Breakaway"

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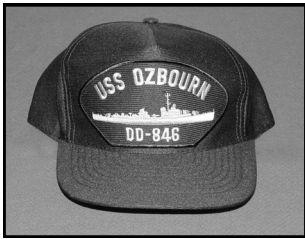
**USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE**  
*Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week — Rudy Boff, Proprietor*



Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozboourn Web site at [www.ozboourn.org](http://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](mailto: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 \$16 ea.  
 Vietnam, #C01V \$16 ea.



**AUBURN COACH'S JACKET** Navy Blue, 100% nylon shell with fleece lining, six matching metal snaps, profile of the ship in silver thread and lettering in gold. \$45 ea.

Item# J01



Logo detail



**PATCH** fabric, \$6 ea.  
 Original design, Item #P01  
 Revised design, Item #P02



*(Editors Note)*  
 This artwork is Not for Sale. It has been added to this space after the previous item, the Aluminum Can Holder was discontinued. Enjoy.



**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 \$95  
 Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, White or Navy Blue \$40  
 Golf shirts, White or Navy Blue \$35

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

"Add \$5.00 for size 2XL"



**T-shirt** short sleeve Navy & white with embroidered logo left side. \$25 ea. Item# T01  
 Long sleeve \$35 ea. Item# T02

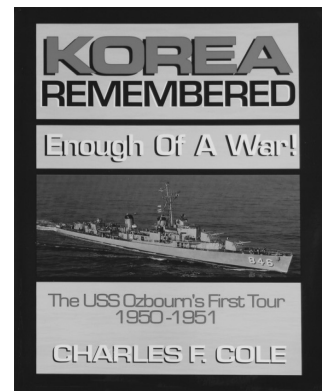


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The book *Korea Remembered: Enough of a War!, the USS Ozboourn's First Tour, 1950-1951*, is a first-hand account by shipmate Charles F. Cole, as the war "sandwiched between WW II and the War in Vietnam."

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

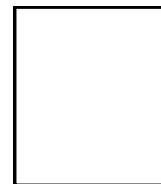
\$5.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping & handling



DVD used in Memorial Service in San Diego listing names of shipmates that have passed away. \$5.00.

<b>SHIPPING AND HANDLING</b>	
<b>COST OF ITEM</b>	<b>COST OF POSTAGE</b>
\$0.01-15.00	\$3.00
15.01-25.00	4.00
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55.01-65.00	10.00
65.01 or more	11.00

Jeffrey Parker  
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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 15 or 16. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 15 means 2015, 16 means 2016, etc.

Membership dues are **\$15.00** 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, TX 75803.

Your Association officers ask you to...

**DO THE DUES TODAY!**

**We're on the Web at  
[www.ozbourn.org](http://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.

### USS OZBOURN COMMANDING OFFICERS

The USS Ozbourn has had 18 different commanding officers during its 29-year history. Do you remember which skippers you served under? If you have an interesting story about any of the Ozbourn's commanding officers to share please forward your experience for possible inclusion in a future issue of the *Fireball*.

CDR B.A. Smith	March 1946-October 1947
CDR N.E. Blaisdell	October 1947-March 1949
CDR R.E. Freeman	March 1949-September 1950
CDR C.O. Akers	September 1950-April 1951
CDR. W.B. Fargo	April 1951-April 1954
CDR. H.T. Scott Jr	April 1954-November 1955
CDR. A.J. Toulon Jr.	Nov1955-September 1957
CDR. C.A. Kuhl	September 1957-July 1959
CDR. W.W. Turner	July 1959-March 1961
LCDR D.V. Gorman	March 1961-December 1961
CDR W.W. Lancaster	December 1961-October 1963
CDR D.W. Berger	October 1963-July 1964
CDR N.D. Nelson, Jr.	July 1964-April 1966
CDR J.G. Denham	April 1966-September 1968
CDR R.L. Stewart	September 1968-June 1970
CDRE.W. Numbers	June 1970-December 1971
CDR K.L. Costilow	December 1971-March 1974
CDR F.J. Furtado	March 1974-May 1975

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