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FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends

Wow, what a great time we had in Virginia Beach, VA. I am pleased that we had such a great turnout for our 2017 Reunion. I want to thank everyone in attendance for your very kind remarks. I wish I could put into words to show how much these reunions mean to me. We had great tours, meals and a fantastic hotel. The hotel staff were outstanding. The Fun Tours bus drivers wanted me to pass on that they were honored to serve as our hosts and they enjoyed each day. I feel lucky when everything turns out the way you planned.

Thanks to all who attended and as to ones that could not, you were missed greatly. Please start making plans to attend in 2019, which I am sure will be just as great as this one.

Again, a big OORAH to everyone.

Lets all pray for America, our active and past military veterans and our law enforcement and first responders.

Guy Posey, President
USS OZBOURN Association

USS OZBOURN DD846 2017 REUNION, VIRGINIA BEACH-NORFOLK, VA



2019 Biennial Reunion

Jeff Parker, Editor

Now that the 2017 Reunion held in Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA, is now in the history books, the entire membership wishes to thank the 2017 Reunion Committee, **Guy Posey, Randy Humphries, Mark Beaulieu, Harold McKeehan** and **Mike Ward** for all of their very hard work. This of course includes their lovely wives, **Sallae Posey, Becky Smith, Mary Beaulieu, Linda McKeehan** and **Bonni Ward**, for all of their assistance and patience in the great deal 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. The 2017 Reunion was truly one of the great ones and we as an Association are very grateful.

As we enter the Holiday Season, the last thing on your mind is the 2019 Reunion to be held in the Western part of our great nation. However, its never to early to discuss our next reunion. During the 2017 Business Meeting a request went out for volunteers to accept the responsibility of planning and organizing the 2019 Reunion. After doing a great job on the 2015 & 2017 Reunions, **Mike Ward** and **Harold "Mac" McKeehan**, have once again stepped up to the plate. In addition, **Mark Beaulieu, V.P.**, and **Guy Posey, President**, also threw their hats into the ring. **Mark Beaulieu** was selected as Chairperson for the 2019 Reunion.



Mark Beaulieu Guy Posey Harold McKeehan Mike Ward

Election of Association Officers

During the 2017 Business Meeting of the USS Ozbourn DD-846 Association taking place on 30 September 2017, the following shipmates were elected to serve as the Officers of the Association.



Guy Posey, President



Mark Beaulieu, V.P.



Ken Keene, Secretary



Phil Roberts, Treasurer



Jeff Parker, "Fireball"

Association Officers

President

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Past Presidents

Years served aboard OZ/Assoc. President

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 2018** issue is **February 15th**. Articles may be re-written for purposes of editorial style. Due to limitations, some materials may be used in a future **Fireball** edition.

MAIL CALL



The following letters and emails were received by your Association Officers during the last quarter.

SHIPMATE JOHN MONTOYA, RD3, (64-67), STILL SERVING THE MILITARY

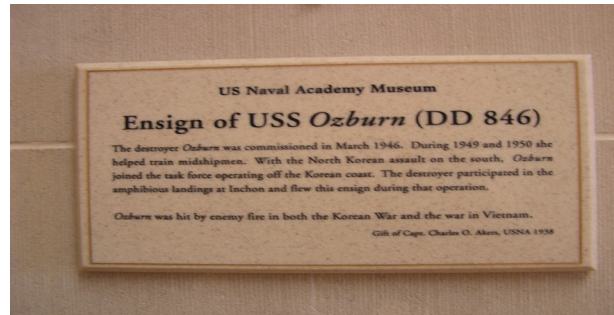
Submitted by Jeff Parker, Editor



The Association wishes to recognize long term member and official reunion photographer Shipmate John Montoya, RD3, (64-67), for his service to the Bob Hope USO Center at Ontario, CA. John has volunteered at the USO for the past 3-years where he has served in excess of 2000 hours. We are all very proud of you John. Keep up the great work.

BANCROFT HALL, US NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD

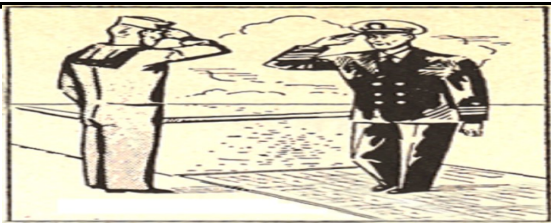
While en route to the 2017 Reunion, Shipmate Mike Machalleck and his lovely Wife Katha, toured the US Naval Academy. What a surprise when their tour guide directed the group's attention to the Ensign from the USS Ozburn DD-846, hanging in Bancroft Hall, the mid shipman's dormitory.



(Note: During an earlier visit to the USNA, longtime Shipmate Trifon & Gerogia Tripsas, noted the misspelling of the USS Ozburn on the US Naval Academy Plaque. The Association will be contacting the USNA).

RANDY HUMPHRIES, THANK YOU

The Association wishes to thank **Randy Humphries** for his eight years of service to the Association as Vice Pres.



WELCOME ABOARD

The Association wishes to Welcome Aboard the following shipmates as our newest members.

THOMAS SHERLOCK, Ltjg, (66-67)
JEFFREY PETERSON, ET3, (63-66)
JOSEPH KLEKOTA, SC3, (48)
RONALD LEWIS, EN2, (69-70)
STEVE NOFZIGER, STG3, (69-70)



TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

"SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"

FRED P. KNUST, LCDR, (Ret.)

"May fair winds and calm seas be with you always"

Minutes of the 13th Biennial Reunion Business Meeting

30 September, 2017—Virginia Beach, VA

At 0733 hours, 30 September 2017, the Business Meeting of the USS Ozbourn DD-846 Association was called to order by President Guy Posey with 36 shipmates in attendance. All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

The Minutes of the 2015 Business Meeting in Baton Rouge were read by Recording Secretary Ken Keen. With no additions or corrections, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read; vote to approve passed by majority.

The Treasurers Report was given by Guy Posey in the absence of Treasurer Phil Roberts. Beginning and ending balances of the treasury were given for 2014, 2015, 2016 and an estimated current balance not including dues paid at the 2017 Reunion and final bills for the reunion. The estimated balance following the 2017 Reunion will be approximately, \$14,824.98. Motion was made to approve the Treasurers Report as read; vote to approve passed by the majority.

Jeff Parker, the Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the "Fireball" Newsletter gave a financial report on the expenses involved to publish and mail the Fireball. The costs to produce and mail seven issues since the 2015 Business Meeting were \$1,483.02. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report as read; vote was approved by majority.

Guy Posey gave the Reunion Report for 2015 and 2017 Reunions. The 2015 Reunion, a total of \$16,301.00 was collected. The total expenses were \$15,871.12 for a profit of \$429.88. The 2017 Reunion, Guy gave a detailed list of expenses to date and a total of \$16,255.00, was collected, the total expenses were \$15,867.25, as of the meeting for an estimated profit of \$387.75 Motion was made and seconded to approve the Reunion Report as read; vote to approve passed by majority.

Ship Store Report was read by Ken Keene for Store Operator Rudy Boff. The number of mail order sales and the total amount of those sales for recent years was given along with the dollar amount of sales at the 2013 and 2015 Reunions. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Store Keeper's Report as read; vote to approve passed by majority.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was brought to the floor for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Association 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 for the Office of Vice President to run against Randy Humphries. Jeff Parker explained that due to hurricane damage to his residence, Mark Beaulieu was unable to attend the reunion but requested to be nominated for the Office of Vice President in his absence. A vote for Vice President was taken with Mark Beaulieu receiving the majority of the votes.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers, President Guy Posey, Vice President Mark Beaulieu, Recording Secretary Ken Keene, Treasurer Phil Roberts, and Corresponding Secretary and Editor Jeff Parker. Vote to approve the slate of officers to serve until the next business meeting scheduled for 2019 passed by majority.

Minutes of the 13th Biennial Reunion Business Meeting (Cont.)

NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

Donations:

In keeping with Section IV, Paragraph E, of the Association By-Laws, three requests for donations were received at least 90-days prior to the meeting for research and recommendations by the Association Officers. They were, Tin Can Sailors Association, Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled American Veterans, the same organizations as in the past. Ken Keene gave information on each charity as to the percentage of donations used for Programs, Fund Raising and Administration. It was recommended by the officers that Tin Can Sailors Thomas J. Peltin Fund receive \$550.00, Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled American Veterans receive \$275.00 each. This amounted to about 8.5% of the balance of the treasury 90 days prior to the reunion in keeping with the 10% maximum donation. Motion was made and seconded to approve the donations; vote to approve passed by majority.

An inquire about donating to hurricane relief was brought to the floor for discussion. In view of the hurricanes, (Harvey, Irma and Maria) taking place after the 90 day deadline, a motion was made and seconded to temporarily suspend the 90 day requirement; vote to suspend passed by majority. It was pointed out that the Association has members who experienced damage in Houston, TX, Florida and Puerto Rico, therefore, the funds should be given for hurricane relief in general. Information was available for the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army and with approximately \$423.00 available to stay below the 10% of the treasury maximum, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 each to the aforementioned organizations; vote to approve passed by the majority. Motion was made and seconded to reinstate the 90 day prior to the meeting requirement in Section IV, Paragraph E, of the Association By-Laws; vote to reinstate passed by majority.

Next Reunion:

Guy Posey pointed out that in keeping with Section VII, Paragraph B, of the Association By-Laws that the 2019 Reunion is to be held in the Western part of the Country. Volunteers for the 2019 Reunion Committee were: Mark Beaulieu as Chairman, Mike Ward, Harold McKeehan and Guy Posey. Mike Campbell and Dave Vrba both offered to assist the committee since they both reside in California.

With no further New Business brought to the floor, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; vote to adjourn passed by majority. The 2017 Business Meeting was adjourned by Association President Guy Posey at 0834 hours.



FALLEN COMRADE TABLE

Jeff Parker, Editor

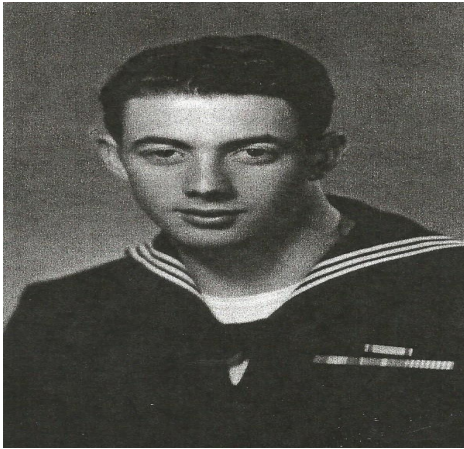
A well done goes out to **RICK JOHNSON, RD2, (61-64)**, for suggesting and assisting in the establishing of a new tradition to the USS Ozbourn Association's Reunion Banquet. Rick, assisted by **Guy & Sallae Posey**, created a **Fallen Comrade Table** in the banquet room.

The Fallen Comrade Table symbolizes those shipmates who are no longer with us. A list of all shipmates who have passed was part of the display. Well Done Rick!!!!!!!

USS OZBOURN DD846 PHOTO GALLERY

BEFORE and AFTER

Shipmate Jack Clements BT3 (54-58), now 82 years young.



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2017

2017 REUNION, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA



**Gene & Jane Stagner and
Dr. John Glick & Dr. Cheryl Aiken**



Guy Posey, President



**Terry Cristiano and
Bob & Rita Prabila**



Vic & Barbara Isca



**Memorial Wreath
Randy Humphries & Alan Walker**



**Michael & Jan Campbell and
Paul & Susan Czamara**

USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week — Rudy Boff, Proprietor

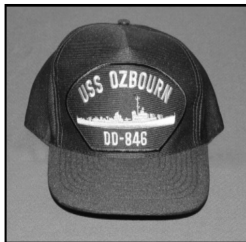


Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourn website at www.ozbourn.org under the heading Ship's Store. Orders may be placed with:
 Rudy Boff — 1036 Connor Road
 Pittsburgh, PA
 15234-1033
 Tel: (412) 833-0572

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"



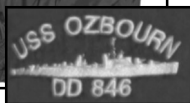
CAP cotton twill Navy blue, brilliant gold letters & Destroyer silhouette. 1 size fits all. Item #C01, \$14 ea. Embroidery on back: Korea, #C01K \$16 ea. Vietnam, #C01V \$16 ea.



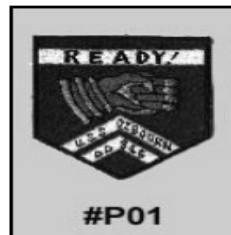
T-shirt short sleeve, White or Navy Blue with embroidered logo left side. \$25 ea. Item #T02
 ← Long sleeve. \$35 ea.



AUBURN COACH'S JACKET
 Navy Blue 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. Item #P01

SHIPPING AND HANDLING	
<u>COST OF ITEM</u>	<u>COST OF POSTAGE</u>
\$0.01 – 15.00	\$3.00
15.00 – 25.00	4.00
25.01 – 35.00	5.00
35.01 – 45.00	7.00
45.01 – 55.00	8.00
55.01 – 65.00	10.00
65.01 or more	11.00

All shipmates, family and friends are encouraged to get their Ship's Store orders in early for delivery in time for the 2017 Holiday Season.



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 annual dues? Only dues paying members receive the *Fireball* newsletter. Look at your mailing label on your most recent newsletter and find a number such as 16 or 17. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 16 means 2016, 17 means 2017, etc. If you wish, you may pay for multiple years.

Membership dues are **\$15.00** annually and are due in January of each year. Please make checks payable 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

The following information can be found on the Association's website: Mission Statement, a list of Ozbourn shipmates, historical photos, Ship's Store and how to Join the Association.

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.	November 1955-Sept. 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
CDR E.W. Numbers	June 1970-December 1971
CDR K.L. Costilow	December 1971-March 1974
CDR F.J. Furtado	March 1974-May 1975

