

# FIRE BALL!

USS OZBOURN (DD 846)

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## Editor's Remarks

More replies from shipmates have come in since the last issue of Fireball! We now have almost sixty on the list. About a month ago I signed a contract with The Sands Regency in Reno for May 2nd to 5th, 1993 for our first reunion. (more particulars below). Please mark your calendars accordingly.

As I mentioned in the last issue, I have received stories, newspaper clippings, material from the commissioning, excerpts from cruise books, etc. for use in the newsletter. Please send me more if you have such. This issue contains segments from the commissioning ceremony. The next issue, like the last, will feature a story from a shipmate. I should mention that here that one of my former skippers, Captain Charlie Akers, USN-Ret. is quite an author. He recently published in the monthly journal of the Naval Academy Alumni Association an article ("Where Were You, Sir Thomas or When the Engineers Failed Us," *Shipmate*, March 1992) dealing with the old "four pipers;" it is one of the funniest that I have ever read. If he concurs, I will try to have some copies at the reunion. My other skipper, Captain Bill Fargo, USN-Ret. returned to the "OZ" in the late fifties as DesDiv 112 ("Mobilize Dog" in Korean Days). He has at least one interesting story of trying not to be captain during the latter tour!

## Reunion

The first reunion for shipmates from USS OZBOURN (DD846), also known as *Fireball*, *Spread Eagle*, and the *Dirty 'O,'* is scheduled for May 2nd (a Sunday afternoon/evening) for arrival at *The Sands Regency Casino/Hotel* in Reno, Nevada. Departure is May 5th (Wednesday). The cost is \$36 per night single or double plus 8% room tax (plus whatever you wish to put into

the "one-armed bandits"). Your editor/self-appointed chair-man has reserved 30 rooms. Let's try to fill them! We will arrange a program something like the following: a day trip (probably on Monday) to Lake Tahoe, discount tickets to Harrah's Automobile Collection (perhaps the world's most outstanding), a banquet on Tuesday evening, and the *inevitable business meeting*. The last is necessary so that I can give the shipmates an accounting and so that we have an opportunity to plan a future reunion if that is felt to be in order. There will be some costs associated with the enterprise so I hereby request that those of you who have not sent me \$5 please do so. More than \$5 will not be refused! Because we do not yet have enough funds to warrant a bank account, please write your checks to me. I will provide a full accounting of all funds at the reunion. In order to get an idea of how many we may expect as on summer 1992, please respond on the attached form if you are planning to attend. A response of "yes" does not commit you to anything.

## OZBOURN Hats

An outfit named *Artistic* in Fountain Valley has USS OZBOURN hats available for \$14.00 (without "scrambled eggs"), \$16.00 (with "scrambled eggs") plus \$2.50 shipping and (for CA residents) 7.75% sales tax. I have one and it is a very nice hat indeed. We can order by group (reduced price) or you may order individually. Address: 17197-J Newhope Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Tel. (714)540-9970. Owner is Joe Mollica. . . He has other items such as jackets and golf shirts available.

## Book

Coming: *Sumner-Gearing Class Destroyers: Their Design, Weapons, and Equipment*, U.S. Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, MD; in press, spring 1993. Price: TBD.

# Replying ShipmateS\*

	Name	Years	Location
Akers, Charles O. (CO)	50-52	Huntington Beach, CA	
Athanas, Peter	46-48	Richland Center, WI	
Badger, George	55-56	Alameda, CA	
Barber, John	51-54	Arvada, CO	
Berriman, Joseph (XO)	52-53	San Diego, CA	
Boff, Rudy	52-55	Pittsburgh, PA	
Burrows, George	46-48	Northport, FL	
Cole, Lloyd J.	47-53	Coloma, WI	
Connelly, Gene	46-47	Keansburg, NJ	
Conwell, Fred R.	48-51	Fremont, CA	
Cressey, Wesley O.	58-62	Portland, ME	
Curl, Kent (XO)	60-63	Baldwinsville, NY	
Denham, John G. (CO)	66-68	Walnut Creek, CA	
Dolson, Frank J.	68-69	Stockbridge, MA	
Engel, William R.	72-75	Muncie, IN	
Fargo, William B. (CO)	52-54	Coronado, CA	
Farquhar, Richard	56-58	Canal Winchester, OH	
Flowers, Charles	59-63	Riverdale, GA	
Hadley, John U.	50-51	Seattle, WA	
Harris, Hiram G.	46-47	Gastonia, NC	
Helland, James M.	46-46	Daphne, AL	
Henderson, Keith A.	48-50	Trout Creek, MT	
Hergenreder, A. L.	70-74	LaCrosse, KS	
Holloway, Harry	48-52	Alamosa, CO	
Jackowski, John	60-62	Grand Rapids, MI	
Kamrath, William	64-68	Sublimity, OR	
Kapocius, Algis	69-60	Greendale, WI	
Kirby, Joseph	65-70	Lakeinthehills, IL	
La Fond, Richard	46-48	Suncook, NH 03275	
Lee, Bobby	46-?	Pratville, AL 36067	
Logan, Paul G.	46-47	Braintree, MA	
Milas, Matthew	68-72	Lincoln, RI	
O'Halloran, A.C.	46-47	Ehrenberg, AZ	
Ousey, Walter M. (XO)	50-51	Vallejo, CA	
Palmer, H. Barr (XO)	50-52	Rancho Santa Fe, CA	
Parker, Jeffrey W.	70-74	Upland, CA	
Peich, Lester	52-?	San Diego	
Pellizon, Frank	57-59	Bonita, CA	
Perkins, Thomas M.	50-53	Port Orchard, WA	
Pleasants, Stephen C.	46-48	Centreville, VA	
Riedel, William F., Jr.	46-47	Little Ferry, NJ	
Root, Daryle	58-63	Ladson, SC	
Sedlacek, David	70-73	Columbus, NE	
Simon, Jerome "Abe"	50-52	Sierra Vista, AZ	
Sommer, Robert F.	46-48	Augusta, NJ	
Spittle, Frank	48-50	Laguna Hills, CA	
Sundquist, Allen	72-75	Douglas, WY	
Whitten, Robert C.	50-52	Cupertino, CA	
Williamson, Monte	67-70	Rockville, IN	
Williamson, Paul (XO)	64-66	Fairport, NY	

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



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Reply to Proposed Ship's Reunion - USS OZBOURN (DD846)  
(for those shipmates who DID NOT reply to the questionnaires in vol 1, nos. 1 or 2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State, Zip

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

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

Should we form an Association? Yes No

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:

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Comments:

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Please clip and return to Bob Whitten at your earliest convenience.

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## **The Navy League of the United States**

2300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: Robert C. Whitten #2139417 Council Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Regular Member \$30 Husband/Wife \$50  
Five Year Member \$125 Life Member \$325

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