

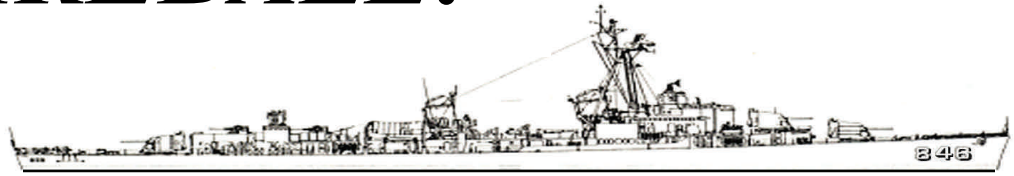


Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn  
Tinian, Marianas Islands  
28 July 1944

# ***FIREBALL!***

VOLUME 18, NO. 1

WINTER 2009



**The official newsletter of the USS Ozbourn (DD 846) Association**  
Dedicated to perpetuating the memory of a gallant Marine and the history of a fine ship  
Visit our website at [www.ozbourn.org](http://www.ozbourn.org)

## **FROM THE BRIDGE**



**A**nother year has gone by and I hope it was a good year for everyone. Sallae and I have moved into our new home and we are finally getting everything put back into order. It's really been a good year for us. Our new address is: 419 S. Appleway Lane, Glencoe, OK 74032.

We are looking forward to the USS Ozbourn's ninth biennial reunion in September. This will be a great time to get together as friends and shipmates and recount our lives aboard the Oz.

I've been busy talking to some of the younger shipmates, trying to persuade them to join the USS Ozbourn Association. I would like as many of this newer group of shipmates to attend our reunions. A lot of them are still working which makes it a little more difficult for them to make plans to take time off from work. **As your Association president, I am hoping for the best that many of these younger shipmates will attend the St. Louis reunion.**

It's often hard to find so many great people that enjoy getting together and sharing those special memories. Sallae and I have enjoyed attending the reunions, meeting with old friends and taking the many tours that our reunion committee have planned.

I want to thank everyone for being so dedicated to the Ozbourn Association all of these years. A special thanks to all past and current officers and committee members for all of their work. God bless everyone and everyone have a Happy New Year!

**Guy Posey, President, USS Ozbourn Association**

## **MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS**

### **SHIPMATES AHOY!**

If you are interested in learning more about the history of the Ozbourn, meeting other shipmates who served aboard the Oz, or if you want to share your "sea stories" with others, then plan on attending the **next reunion scheduled for Sep. 23-27.**

The reunion will be held in historic **St. Louis, Missouri, Gateway to the West.** If you do plan on attending, bring some of your old photos and share some of your stories with your old shipmates. Who knows, maybe your story and photos will be used in a future issue of the *Fireball*.

### **ATTENTION SHIPMATES!**

Ozbourn shipmates, make your plans to attend the ninth biennial reunion in **St. Louis, Missouri, September 23-27.** This year's reunion includes:

**Bull sessions, a time to meet with shipmates**

**Several tours, beautiful and historic**

**A solemn memorial service**

**Shopping St. Louis style**

**Annual meeting**

**Photo opportunities galore**

**Great meals**

## **SHOW YOUR OZBOURN PRIDE AT THE NEXT REUNION!**

Show your Ozbourn pride by purchasing Ozbourn-logo-embazoned windbreakers, caps, patches, license plate frames, t-shirts, golf shirts and more from the **Ship's Store.** Please see page 7 for prices and ordering instructions.



## HILTON ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

10330 Natural Bridge Road — St. Louis MO 63134  
Phone: (314) 426-5500 — (800) 314-2117 — Fax: (314) 426-2924  
www.hiltonstlouisairport.com

The Hilton Hotel is located near the airport just off I-70, with a total of 397 guest rooms and 25 meeting rooms. There is complimentary 24-hour airport shuttle service running about every 10 minutes. Parking is complimentary for registered guests and RV parking is available. There is a business center, health club, indoor heated pool and Jacuzzi, gift shop, the Veranda's Restaurant and Posh's Lounge. Veranda's Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Check-in time is 3 p.m. and check-out is noon. All reservations must be received by the hotel before **August 26, 2009**.

If driving to the reunion, the hotel is just south of I-70 at exit 236. If coming from the west, use exit 236 to Pear Tree Lane, turn left (east) onto Pear Tree Lane. Pear Tree Lane will become Natural Bridge Road at Airport Access Road. Proceed straight on Natural Bridge Road to the hotel. If coming from the east, exit I-70 at exit 236 Natural Bridge Road. At the end of the off ramp, turn left (south) on Airport Access Road and again to the left (east) on Natural Bridge Road. Proceed on Natural Bridge Road about one-half mile to the hotel.

If you need to rent a wheelchair while at the reunion: AAA Home Medical — 4473 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108, phone (314) 371-7800. Also check with Camela Medical Equipment — 3546 S. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63118, phone (314) 664-5522.

RV Parks in the area include: Historic Route 66 KOA, 18475 Old Rt. 66 — P.O. Box 128, Eureka, MO 63025-0128, phone (636) 257-3018. St. Louis RV Park, 900 N. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63016, phone (800) 878-3330 or (314) 241-3330. Sundermeier RV Park, 111 Transit Street, St. Charles, MO 63301, phone (800) 929-0832 or (636) 940-0111.

**CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HILTON HOTEL**

### USS OZBOURN DD-846 — HOTEL RESERVATION FORM REUNION DATES — SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing room with? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. time \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date \_\_\_\_\_

No. of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ No. of people in room \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap access \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_  
Double queen \_\_\_\_\_.

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned. Due to limited number of handicap accessible rooms available, please reserve early if you require this service. Specify if a roll-in shower is needed.

**RATE:** \$79 + tax (currently at 15.075%) = \$90.91/day, for 1-2 people in room. Rate honored three days before and three days after the official reunion dates, based on availability.

**CUT-OFF DATE:** **AUGUST 26, 2009.** After this date, reservations will be processed on space and rate availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled by 4 p.m. on the day prior to your arrival day. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ DINERS \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ CARTE BLANCHE \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXP. DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** (Regardless of payment method) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Hilton St. Louis Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO. 63134**

### Officers of the Association

#### President

**Guy Posey (69-71)**  
419 S. Appleway Lane  
Glencoe, OK 74032  
Tel: 405 747 0686  
Email: ppapaguy@aol.com

#### Vice President

**Kenneth E. Keene (71-74)**  
9995 Perry Highway  
Meadville, PA 16335-6445  
Tel: 814 337 3197  
Email: kkeen@gremlan.org

#### Corresponding Secretary and Fireball Editor

**Richard N. Johnson (61-64)**  
5899 North Bronco Lane  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-5892  
Tel: 928 775 4205  
Email: johnsonsimivalley@yahoo.com

#### Recording Secretary

**William L. Jones (51-52)**  
15721 Piccadilly Road  
Goodyear, AZ 85395  
Tel: 623 935 1073  
Email: arizonawill@cox.net

#### Treasurer and Historian

**Warren Zschach (52-55)**  
1311 Ponderosa Dr.  
Petaluma, CA 94954-4393  
Tel: 707 762 0469  
Email: hwz@comcast.net

#### Past Presidents

Years served aboard ship/Assoc. Pres.  
**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 Ozboourn shipmates, the deadline for submitting contributions for the spring 2009 issue is **Monday, March 16**. 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.

**Hey Richard:**

I just stared and stared at page 3 (winter 2008 *Fireball*) hundreds of memories came flooding through my head. The unknown officer with the unknown lady (December 1955 I believe) is Ens. Charlie Kanenbley, R Div, working for Lt. Jg. George Frazer from the Parker Ranch in Hawaii. The unknown lady is Yoki. Does anyone else remember Jimmy Sans in Yokosuka? Of course you do!



But the memories. I remember Satch, and after seeing Bill LaFerve I remember his face, but non of the others.

In 1955, I had just arrived at the Pacific Ocean from Missouri U. I attended Damage Control School at Treasure Island. (The island is all commercial now, no more Navy.) I then caught the Might Oz for Hawaii, Yokosuka, Hong Kong, then Formosa Patrol, protecting Quemoi and Matsu Islands for President Ike. We returned to Yokosuka, then were assigned to steam east into a typhoon to rescue survivors of two capsized Japanese fishing boats. It's a little fuzzy with time but I think we saved seven of the 42 crew members.

The storm beat the ship to hell and we limped into Subic Bay, P.I. for repairs. The 1955-56 West Pac cruise in retrospect was a real kick.

### Gedunk Call Answer!

**T**he Gedunk Call question from the fall 2008 issue of the *Fireball* was, (it's a two part question), "when is an oscar used and what is it made of?"

The answer to the last Gedunk Call question came from shipmate Tom Perkins. Tom's response was, "Oscar was the dummy that went overboard during man overboard drills in order to practice the skills of the steaming watch standers. In my time, Oscar was usually made of some worn out dungarees or wash kakis filled with an old worn out kapok life jacket."

So sorry to see Taps for a guy I remember well — Sam Yancy. He was quite a jokester and a very entertaining young man. I believe on the 1955 West Pac cruise, Sam worked for Charlie Shryock, Lt. Jg. Ops. Officer who I believe still lives on the Southern California beach city of Emerald Bay.

I read the Charlie Bell article. What a great story and pictures. Thanks for the work you do for us "old" ex "sea dogs."

**Charles H. Kanenbley (55-56) Ens.**

**Dear Mr. Johnson:**

I've intended to write to you way before now but I've been busy with paper work and the time flew by.

My children and I would like to express our appreciation for the article that was printed in the fall *Fireball*.

We were all so impressed as was everyone that read it. I know Charlie (Bell) would have been very happy.

Although Charlie was in the service a short time, he was a "true blue Navy man" as his father (WW I), and his brother who served on the small destroyer, "Roberts or Reynolds." I never can remember which it was in WW II.

I was wondering if any of the other men mentioned Charlie's pictures ever got in touch with you?

**Yours truly, Lois Bell**



### HOW THE USS OZBOURN LICENSE PLATE FRAME SAVED ME \$130!

With a plethora of license plate designs blanketing the state of Arizona, law enforcement agencies requested that the state's legislature pass a law prohibiting any license plate frame from covering the name of the state.

The state has numerous photo radar sites taking photos of car licenses. When reviewing photos for speeders and red light runners, law enforcement officials couldn't always determine if they were looking at an Arizona license plate or one from another state.

The fine for having a license plate frame that covers the state of Arizona's name is \$130.



## TOUR DESCRIPTIONS



### ARCH & CITY TOUR Thursday, September 24

We will travel by bus directly to the **Gateway Arch**, arriving near the Old Cathedral, the first church in St. Louis. If you wish to go up to the top of the Arch, you can purchase a ticket for \$10. Allow one hour for the ride up, the view from the top and the return ride. We recommend you do this soon after arrival as tickets will be reserved for us at that time. Two movie theaters show 45 minute movies, one about the construction of the Arch and one about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. There is also the Museum of Westward Expansion located near the Arch. It is recommended that you have lunch before leaving the Arch area. There are several restaurants within a few blocks west of the Arch and one about one-half mile north of the Arch. More restaurants are located at Leclides Landing. We will board the bus about 1:45 p.m. for the city tour and other points of interest, returning to the hotel about 4 p.m.

**9 a.m. bus departs Hilton, 1:45 p.m. bus departs the Arch, 4 p.m. arrive Hilton**  
**\$25/person — tram rides to the top of the Arch and lunch are on your own**



### MEMORIAL SERVICE & LECLEDES LANDING Friday, September 25

The bus will take us to the **Soldiers Memorial Military Museum** for our Memorial Service. Weather permitting, we will conduct the service on the landing on the north side of the museum near the handicap ramp. In the event of inclement weather, we will go to the second floor of the museum. Elevators are available. You will have time to view the museum and there are memorials to the veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam in the park across Chestnut Street. We will board the bus for **Leclides Landing** and lunch at 11:45 a.m. Leclides Landing is the location of the original settlement of St. Louis. The Leclides Landing area consists of many historic buildings housing restaurants and small shops. The bus will leave at 2:15 p.m. returning to the Hilton Hotel.

**9 a.m. bus departs Hilton, 11:45 a.m. bus departs Memorial, 2:15 p.m. bus departs Leclides Landing, 3 p.m. arrive Hilton**  
**\$28/person — lunch and shopping are on your own**



### RIVERBOAT DINNER CRUISE Friday, September 25

On Friday afternoon, the bus will take us to the riverfront across from the Arch where we will board the **Riverboat** for our **dinner cruise**. You will have the choice of four entrees for dinner and there will be a live Dixieland Duo for our entertainment.

**5:45 p.m. bus departs Hilton, 7 p.m. board the Riverboat, 10:15 arrive at Hilton**  
**\$62/person — includes transportation and dinner**



### GRANT'S FARM TOUR Saturday, September 26

**Grants Farm**, once the home of President Ulysses S. Grant and now owned by Anheuser-Busch Inc., is the home of the Brewer's well known Clydesdale stable and Dalmatian kennels. There is the restored cabin that President Grant built when he was first married as well as a miniature zoo, animal feeding area and wildlife park. The Tier Garten and the Bauernhof offer snacks, lunches and shopping. Tram rides are also available.

**9 a.m. bus departs Hilton, 11:45 a.m. bus departs Grant's Farm, 12:30 p.m. arrive at Hilton**  
**\$20/person — includes bus and general admission, snacks and shopping on your own**

### GRATUITIES AND BOARDING PROCEDURES

*Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to board the bus at least five minutes prior to the scheduled departure times.*

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION REUNION IN ST. LOUIS 2009

For attendees canceling reunion tours prior to the registration cut-off date of August 12, 2009, a full refund will be provided with the exception of the non-refundable registration fee. Attendees cancelling tours after the cut-off date will receive a refund to the fullest extent that the vendor commitments and guarantees will allow. For cancellations, contact: Ken Keene — 9995 Perry Highway, Meadville, PA 16335-6445. Phone 814-337-3197.

# USS OZBOURN REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all the registration, tour and meal costs for the **USS Ozbourn Association's Ninth Biennial Reunion**. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and the total amount for each event in the far right column and the total amount due the USS Ozbourn Association at the bottom of the column. Send this form and the total amount due and payable to the **USS Ozbourn Association** in the form of a check or money order to: **Kenneth Keene, 9995 Perry Highway, Meadville, PA 16335-6445**. Your cancelled check will serve as your reunion participation confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by **mail no later than August 12, 2009**. After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. Your Association Officers suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

| <u>TOURS AND MEALS</u>                                              | <u>PRICE EACH</u> | <u>NO. OF PEOPLE</u> | <u>TOTAL COST</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday City Tour and Gateway Arch                                 | \$25.00           |                      | \$                |
| Friday bus to Memorial and Leclides Landing                         | \$28.00           |                      | \$                |
| Friday eve. Riverboat Dinner Cruise ( <i>Please select entrée</i> ) | -----             | -----                | -----             |
| Chicken champagne                                                   | \$62.00           |                      | \$                |
| Roast prime rib of beef                                             | \$62.00           |                      | \$                |
| Alaska Pollack                                                      | \$62.00           |                      | \$                |
| Manicotti with ricotta cheese                                       | \$62.00           |                      | \$                |
| Saturday tour to Grant's Farm                                       | \$20.00           |                      | \$                |
| Saturday evening banquet ( <i>Please select entrée</i> )            | -----             | -----                | -----             |
| Chicken wellington                                                  | \$43.00           |                      | \$                |
| Grilled salmon                                                      | \$41.00           |                      | \$                |
| Beef tenderloin                                                     | \$43.00           |                      | \$                |
| Sunday farewell breakfast buffet                                    | \$21.00           |                      | \$                |
| Non refundable registration fee per person                          | \$25.00           |                      | \$                |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO: <u>USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION</u></b>      |                   |                      | <b>\$</b>         |

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** Are you flying? \_\_\_\_\_ Driving? \_\_\_\_\_ RV \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Nick name for tag \_\_\_\_\_

Years aboard Ozbourn 19\_\_ to 19\_\_ Last rate/rank held on Ozbourn \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first reunion? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (We cannot guarantee availability.) Disability/dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the Hilton Hotel? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date \_\_\_\_\_

You must contact the hotel directly to make your room reservations. See hotel registration form on page 2 for details.



## TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

**PETER ATHANUS**

May 2008  
SN (1946-48)

**BECKY AKERS**

May 2008

Becky Akers, beloved wife of former USS Ozbourne skipper, the late Charlie Akers, passed away in May 2008.

We loved seeing Becky and Charlie at the reunions. They were always ready to go and enjoyed all the fun. She will be missed by many as she joins Charlie.

**Warren Zschach**

I queried Becky's son-in-law at the University of Virginia to learn how she was doing and learned that she had passed away. I think that all of the Ozbourne shipmates loved Charlie and Becky.

**Bob Whitten**

CDR C.O. Akers, USS Ozbourne skipper, September 1950-April 1951

## WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard to the below listed shipmates. The officers of the USS Ozbourne Association hope that you will become involved in the planned activities such as this year's **Ninth Biennial Reunion** scheduled for **September 23-27 in St. Louis, MO.**

**Arthur Boyson**

IC2 - 1957-59

**Dale Jones**

MM3C - 1949-52

**Bob Benson**

QMSN - 1948-49

My name is **Bob Benson**. I was a QMSN from July 13, 1948 until June 24, 1949.

I was on board and at GQ on the bridge the night we collided with the USS Chandler (a very scary night). The only other crew members' names that I recall serving with me that night were **Walter Sheets** and **Schafer**. See story and photos below.



The **Ozbourne** collided with the **Chandler** during night training operations on November 23, 1948.

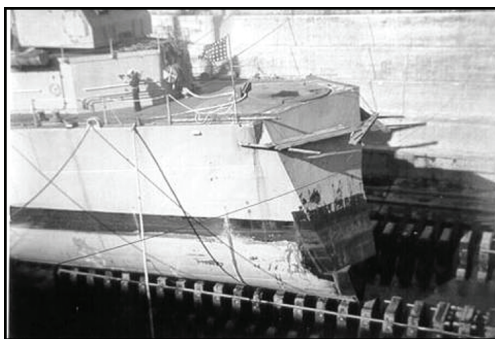
## USS OZBOURN DD 846 AND USS CHANDLER DD 717 COLLISION

On 1 October 1948, the **USS Ozbourne** departed San Diego for a West Pac cruise. This proved to be a short tour of duty because on November 23, 1948, the **USS Ozbourne DD 846** collided with the **USS Chandler DD 717**.

The crew was at general quarters during darkened ship operations when the collision occurred, resulting in the loss of two **Ozbourne** crew members. The quick thinking and hard work of the damage control parties saved the ship.

The ship turned back from its West Pac cruise and returned to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for replacement of the heavily damaged bow and for general repairs.

**USS Ozbourne history and photos as seen on the Ozbourne's Web page.**



A false bow was installed in a dry dock in Tsingtao, China for the trip home. Notice that Mount 51 has been removed. A new bow was installed at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.



Most of the **Ozbourne's** bow was sheared off during the collision with the **Chandler**.



# USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

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

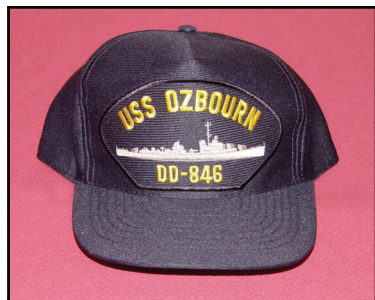


Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourn Web site at [www.ozbourn.org](http://www.ozbourn.org) under the heading Ship's Store. Orders may be placed with:

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

Tel: (412) 833-0572

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 \$15 ea  
Vietnam, #C01V \$15



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



FRAME, license plate  
Item #F01 \$5 ea

## SAVOR THE REUNION MEMORIES WITH HISTORIC CDs & DVDs

Limited edition photo CDs and DVDs of the USS Ozbourn's Eighth Biennial Reunion are available from the Ship's Store. What better way to relive those special moments with friends and shipmates from our stay in Seattle than to purchase one of these discs. For those shipmates who were unable to attend the 2007 reunion, the purchase of one of these discs is an excellent way to catch up with the history of our Association. The USS Ozbourn Association purchased these CDs and DVDs from the reunion photographer.

- Disc #1 — DVD flowing video of reunion & interviews
- Disc #2 — Photo CD with 500+ digital photos

**\$35 for each disc plus \$3 for shipping**

## SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

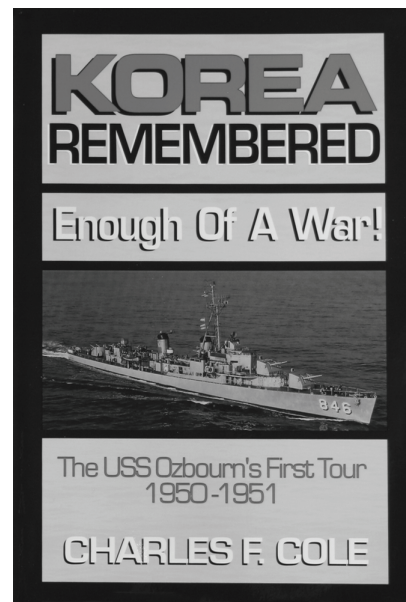
The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address at left.

|                                                  |               |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Micro-fiber Jacket, fleece lined-water repellent | \$90          |
| Twill Jacket, fully lined with full front zip    | \$80          |
| Windbreaker, mesh lined and full front zip       | \$60          |
| Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, assorted colors        | \$40          |
| T-shirts, both long and short sleeve             | \$35 and \$20 |
| Golf shirts                                      | \$30          |

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

The book *Korea Remembered: Enough of a War!*, the USS Ozbourn'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 in site of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.



While the book mainly focuses on Cole's life aboard the Ozbourn during the Korean War, it also includes some of the time he spent as a UDT team member and his Navy Reserve years. The book is no longer in print through Yucca Tree Press.

Charles Cole has graciously donated a box of his book *Korea Remembered: Enough of a War!*, the USS Ozbourn's First Tour, 1950-1951 to the USS Ozbourn Association. The proceeds from the sale of his book will go into the Association's treasury.

The USS Ozbourn Association wishes to express its gratitude to Charles F. "Pete" Cole for his generous donation.

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

**\$15.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping & handling**

Richard N. Johnson, USN Ret.  
5899 North Bronco Lane  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314-5892



### The Flag and the Arch

The Arch in St. Louis, site of this year's Ozbourn reunion, frames an American Flag. One of the four tours planned by your USS Ozbourn Association will stop and visit the Arch. See inside of this newsletter for more details.

## FIREBALL! The official newsletter of the USS Ozbourn Association

### DUES ALERT!

Are you overdue on your dues? Only dues-paying members receive the *Fireball* newsletter. Look at the mailing label on your last newsletter and find a number such as 09, 10 or 11. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 09 means 2009, 10 means 2010, etc. 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.

## THE USS OZBOURN'S NINTH BIENNIAL REUNION

**SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2009  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

**SEE DETAILS ON PAGES 1, 2, 4, 5**