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

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FROM THE BRIDGE



ood day to all Ozbourn shipmates and their families.

The time has come to make plans to attend the USS Ozbourn's 10th biennial reunion. This year's reunion is being held in Philadelphia, PA between September 21-25.

Our reunion committee has once again done an excellent job in planning tours, meals along with many fun and interesting activities. If you have been unable to attend one of our reunions, you have missed a wonderful opportunity to meet shipmates from your own era aboard ship as well as others from different service years during the Ozbourn's nearly 30-year career.

From the minute you get to the hotel and start renewing old friendships and making new ones, your life will change.

We will be electing new officers at this reunion. If you are interested in holding an office, please contact any of the current officers. Their names and contact information are listed on page two of this newsletter.

Please bring any stories from your time aboard the Ozbourn so we can put them in the *Fireball* newsletter for the next two years. I'm certain we all have something interesting to share with others including the photographs you may have taken of the ship and shipmates. This will make the job easier for the next *Fireball* editor.

I'm very excited about this year's reunion and I'm looking forward to meeting all of those who attend. Please come and join the fun.

Hug a vet and your family — smile and pass it on.

Guy Posey, President, USS Ozbourn Association



USS OZBOURN'S DD-846 10th BIENNIAL REUNION

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2011

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If you need a Wheelchair or Walker while at the reunion to go on tours, one can be rented from: Rio's Medical Supplies, 35 South Morton Ave. Morton, PA 19070 or phone (610) 543-1858.

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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.

GEDUNK CALL ANSWER FOR WINTER 2011

The Gedunk question for winter 2011 was: Where is Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn buried? Clue: Look up the answer on the USS Ozbourn Association's Web site.

Editor's note: The correct answer to the above **Gedunk Call Question** came from shipmate Tom Perkins. Tom's response was: Section F, Grave 77, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at the Punchbowl, Honolulu, HI.

As a matter of interest, I have noted a discrepancy in the documentation regarding the actual date that Joseph Ozbourn was KIA. The grave marker in the Punchbowl Cemetery lists the date as 28 July 1944. The MOH citation lists the date as 30 July 1944 as does the stone marker in Herrin, IL. However, Eddie Newman, one of the Marine squad members (who was with Joe at his death on Tinian, Mariannas Islands) who attended the reunion at San Antonia in 2003 was certain that the date was 31 July and the other three Marines in attendance seemed to agree. I think this discussion was on the audio tape that I forwarded to you. **Tom Perkins**, FC 1/c (50-53)

Editor's note: On the official commissioning program (5 March 1946) for the USS Ozbourn (DD 846), Joseph Ozbourn's death is listed as 30 July 1944.



The following letter was received from an Ozbourn shipmate wishing to share some of his experiences with other members of the USS Ozbourn Assoc.

I served on the OZBOURN from September 1948 to February 1951. These are some pictures I kept of the Ozbourn. I hope that someone might enjoy them.

The pictures are marked on the back. Those marked with numbers were taken when the Mighty "O" (as we called her) returned to Tsingao, China. Those marked with letters were taken at the Yokosuka, Japan Shipyard.

The comic strip was cut out from a newspaper someone received from home. At that time, I was serving on the USS Pittsburgh (CA 72). I believe that it came from Hurley, WI, but not sure. It has been a long time.

The picture of the squadron (lower right) is from the inside front cover of the January 1950 issue of *All Hands*.

I was 17 years old and was a mess cook at the time of the collision.* We were at general quarters and my GQ station was in the after fireroom. After things quieted down I mustered with the mess cooks and went to my bunk to sleep. They continued to search for people, mainly me. Nobody looked in my bunk but when they found me, chiefs Knight, Manning and Murdock as well as the Chief Engineer had a great time chewing my butt. I told them that I had mustered with the mess cooks as I was instructed. They all calmed down but by then it was time to start my chores and I didn't get much sleep.

I stayed in the Navy for 30 years and loved it. The time that I served on the Ozbourn was the most rewarding and I think of the ship and the great guys that I served with on a frequent basis.

Sometime back, the **Gedunk Call Question** was "what was the most important rate in getting the ship underway." Someone answered Boiler Technician and these were all wrong. There were never any Boiler Technicians in the Navy. The rate was Boilerman "BT". Before Boilerman it was called Water Tender.

Joe Escajeda, (48-51)

*Editor's note: The collision mentioned in shipmate Escajeda's letter happened on November 23, 1948 between the Ozbourn and the USS Chandler (DD 717).

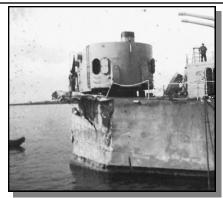




Photo Gallery (Left to right, top to bottom) — Bow damage, Tsingao, China, bow repair, Yokosuka, Japan, "Fighting Ships" cartoon strip, ships in a nest Pearl Harbor, HI late 1949 are (l. to r.) USS Wiltsie (DD 716), USS Theodore E. Chandler (DD 717), USS Hammer (DD 718), USS Ozbourn (DD 846) which comprised DesDiv 111. In background are USS Mansfield (DD 728), USS Collett (DD 730) and the USS DeHaven (DD 727).





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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Thursday 9-22-2011

Memorial Service

We will travel by motor coach to the USS New Jersey BB-62 in Camden, New Jersey where we will have our memorial service. Following the service we will be given a guided tour of the ship. Those who do not wish to tour the ship can view videos of the ship in the wardroom. There will also be a 45 minute WWII USO type show for our enjoyment as well as a buffet lunch.

9:00 am Bus Departs Ramada

2:30 pm Bus Departs USS New Jersey

\$86/Person

Includes Transportation, Memorial Service, Show, Tour and Lunch

Dinner Cruise

The motor coach will take us to Penn's Landing where we will board the Philadelphia Belle, a paddle wheel river boat which was completely renovated and placed in service in the Delaware River in late 2010. The ship has its own kitchens on board and we will be ordering Starter Plate, Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert from the menu. The current Entrée selections are: Chateaubriand, Oven-Roasted Free Range Chicken Tuscan Style, Pan Seared "Jail Island" Salmon, and Wild Mushroom Ravioli. Menu selections are subject to change. There will be entertainment while dinning and enjoying the sights of the Philadelphia and New Jersey water front on our two and a half hour cruise.

5:30 pm Bus Departs Ramada

6:30 pm Board Ship

10:30 pm Bus Departs Penn's Landing

\$100/Person

Includes Transportation, Dinner, and Entertainment

Friday 9-23-2011

City Tour and Historical District

We will have a guide to give us information about the city of Philadelphia as we tour points of interest before arriving in the historical district of the city. The Constitution Center, Independence Visitor Center, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Christ Church, Independence Living History Center, Betsy Ross House, and many other attractions are all located in about a six block area. You will be on your own for lunch and to tour the points of interest you wish. To enter Independence Hall you must first get a Dated and Timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center, there is no charge. Lunch is on you.

9:00 am Bus Departs Ramada

4:15 pm Bus Departs Historical District

\$30/Person

Lunch is on You

Hospitality Room Activities

Friday evening will be spent at the hospitality room with a variety of activities and visiting with our former shipmates.

Saturday 9-24-2011

Rittenhouse Row

Following our business meeting from 8:30 am to 10:30 am we will board the bus to Rittenhouse Row, a seven block square area of restaurants and small shops with Rittenhouse Square (a park) near the center. Located just west of the historical district, it should be a good place for lunch and a little shopping.

11:00 am Bus Departs Ramada

3:30 pm Bus Departs Rittenhouse Row

\$25/Person

Lunch and shopping is on You

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour price. <u>Please plan to board the bus at least five minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.</u> All trips require a minimum of thirty people

Sunday 9-25-2011

Farewell Breakfast

Served 7:00 am to 8:30 am \$20/Person

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: **Kenneth Keene / 9995 Perry Hwy. / Meadville, PA. 16335-6445**. Your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail before **August 10, 2011**. 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.

TOURS AND BANQUET CHOICES	Price each	# of People	Total Cost
Thursday, Memorial service, USS New Jersey	\$86.00		\$
Thursday Evening Dinner Cruise	\$100.00	distance of the second	\$
Friday, City Tour and Historical District	\$30.00		\$
Saturday, Rittenhouse Row Lunch & Shopping			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$39.00		\$
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$39.00		\$
Grilled Salmon Filet	\$39.00		
Sunday, Farewell Breakfast Buffet	\$20.00		4
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SHIP'S MUSTER ROLL — ENLISTED USS OZBOURN DD 846 COMMISSIONING DAY — 5 MARCH 1946

The below listed shipmates appeared on the Commissioning Program of the USS Ozbourn's (DD 846) commissioning at the Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, MA, 5 March 1946.

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Barker, D. E	S2c
Belviy, C. J. Jr.,	S1c
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Blount, L. L.	S2c
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Braden, J. N	S2c
Brechtel, F. E	FC2c
Brewton, W. H. Jr.,	S2c
Bridges, Y. I.	S1C
Burchess, B. J	52C
Burke, J. H	EIM3C
Burningame, J. O	520
Burrows, G. R. Burton, K. L. Jr., Butler, R. J. Byrd, C. G.	S20
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Welcome aboard to the below listed new shipmates. The USS Ozbourn Association officers and members hope that you will attend the 10th biennial reunion in Philadelphia, PA between September 21-25. There are several opportunities in which shipmates can serve in a leadership role as an association officer.

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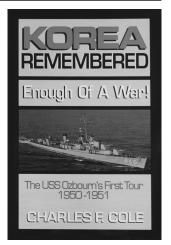


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If you have a letter, story or photo you would like to share with other Ozbourn shipmates, the deadline for submitting contributions for the summer 2011 issue is **Monday**. **June 13, 2011.** Articles may be rewritten for purposes of editorial style. Due to space limitations, some materials may be used in a future *Fireball* edition.

GEDUNK CALL QUESTION FOR SPRING 2011

The Gedunk Call question for spring 2011 is: What does the word COMSHAW (sp?) mean?

If you think you know the answer to this issue's **Gedunk Call** question, please e-mail your response to Rick Johnson at: johnsonsimivalley@yahoo.com.

Editor's note: Your *Fireball* editor has a new mailing address. For those shipmates who use the U.S. mail to send correspondence, please forward your answer to: Rick Johnson, 1326 Foal Street, Ranson, WV 25438.

FAST FACTS

Since the USS Ozbourn was decommissioned in June of 1975, more time has passed than when the ship was actually in commissioned service.