

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

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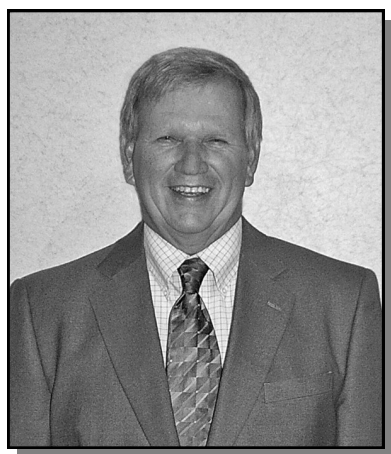
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FROM THE BRIDGE



I hope everybody had a great year in 2010. I've been looking back through my Ozbourn cruise book reminiscing about some of the great times I had of which I'm sure all of you also experienced while you served aboard the Oz. Now is the time to start planning on attending our next reunion in Philadelphia, PA in September 2011. Attending the Ozbourn's 10th biennial reunion provides all shipmates with the opportunity to share their stories with others in attendance. If you have not been able to attend our past reunions, you have really missed some great times.

We have located more shipmates and have new members serving on the USS Ozbourn Association's list of officers.

Our reunion committee worked very hard and spent many long hours planning meaningful and fun events. It's going to be a lot of fun so please mark your calendars. Look inside the pages of this issue of the *Fireball* for detailed information about our next reunion.

We will be electing new Association officers at this year's reunion business meeting.

At this time, I am recommending that Ken Keene retain his job as recording secretary. For the position of treasurer, shipmates Dick Clark and Chief Philip Roberts are on the ballot for this office. We still need shipmates to step up and run for the positions of president, vice president, corresponding secretary and *Fireball* editor. The term of office for the people currently holding these positions will expire at the reunion in Philadelphia. Please contact me or any of the current officers if you are willing to run for office. The "Officers of the Association" appears on page two of this newsletter.

I know that someone out there just can't wait to get involved in the Association as an officer, so please contact us.

Guy Posey

President, USS Ozbourn Association



**USS OZBOURN'S DD-846
10th BIENNIAL REUNION**

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2011

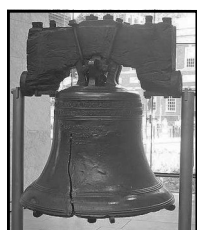
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The Ramada is located near the airport on Industrial Highway, RT 291 just south of I-95 near exit 9A, RT 420 south. There is on demand complimentary 24-hour airport shuttle service (phone 610-521-6247). Parking is complimentary for registered guests and RV parking is available. Amenities include fitness center, coin laundry, wireless Internet service, Fliers Lounge and Gabriella's Restaurant. The hotel is seven stories with 294 rooms and was completely renovated in 2008. **Individual Reservations** must be received before **August 21, 2011** by the Ramada Philadelphia airport reservation department (610) 521-9600. Check-in is 3 p.m., check-out is 12 noon. **Canceling** a reservation after 4 p.m. or failing to show on the day of arrival will result in a charge that is equal to the first night's stay. Failing to call or show before 2 a.m. after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation. A \$50 early departure fee will be charged if a guest checks out prior to scheduled departure date. To avoid the early departure fee, notify the hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay. **Packages** may be sent to the hotel. Put your name and USS Oz-bourn reunion September 21, 2011 on the package.

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.

—CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL OR BY PHONE LISTED ABOVE—

USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION REUNION RESERVATION FORM **SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2011**

Name _____ Sharing room with _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone no. _____ Arrival date _____ Approx. time _____ Depart. date _____

No. of rooms _____ No. of people in room _____ Handicap access _____ Single _____ Double _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned. Due to limited number of handicap accessible rooms available, reserve early for this service.

RATE: \$89 + tax (currently 9%) for 1-2 people in room. Rate honored three days before and three days after official reunion dates based on availability.

CUT-OFF DATE: **AUGUST 21, 2011.** After this date, reservations will be processed on space and rate availability. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ **EXP. DATE** _____

SIGNATURE (Regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Ramada Philadelphia Airport, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA 19029

If you have a problem with your reservations, contact: Sales Manager, Lisa Cella,

(610) 521-9600 x 1172

Or Ken Keene (814) 337-3197, kkeene@windstream.net

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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 FALL 2010

Editor's note: When the Ozbourn pulled into Pearl Harbor, HI on 13 June 1962 (my first WestPac cruise), we were one of the first ships to render honors to port for the newly dedicated USS Arizona Memorial (May 30, 1962). This interesting bit of historical information about the Ozbourn was used as a time frame for the **Gedunk Call** question for fall 2010.

When I went ashore on liberty in Honolulu, I encountered the H.A.S.P. So the **Gedunk Call** question for fall 2010 was: **What does H.A.S.P. mean and what did they do for a living?** Your *Fireball* editor received two correct answers.

Rick, Hawaiian Armed Services Police. Their job was to hassle sailors (on liberty).

Frank Rauch, (61-64)

Rick, H.A.S.P. stands for Hawaii Armed Forces Police. I believe it was formed in the late 1940s and was comprised of Navy Shore Patrol and Army Military Police. The ones that I saw looked like NFL linebackers and they had a reputation for being tough, no nonsense unit that policed the streets and night spots in Honolulu and outlying areas.

Tom Perkins, (50-53)

Editor's historical note:

In June 1948 the Hawaiian Sub-Committee of the National Munitions Board recommended that all military police and shore patrol off-post activities on Oahu be consolidated in a joint operation. Accordingly, the Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific, Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, and the Commanding General, Pacific Air Command, on 26 October 1948 published a joint agreement between the three services, setting up the **Hawaiian Armed Services Police** Detachment (H.A.S.P.).

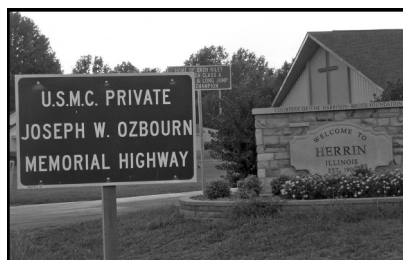
GEDUNK CALL QUESTION FOR WINTER 2011

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

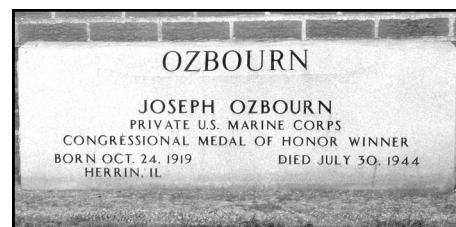
If you think you know the answer to this issue's **Gedunk Call** questions, please e-mail your response to: Rick Johnson at: johnsonsimivalley@yahoo.com



The following letter was received from the family of Joseph W. Ozbourn wishing to share some of their experiences with members of the USS Ozbourn Association.



Sign honoring Joseph W. Ozbourn.



Stone marker in front of VFW building.

Editor's note: The below listed letter was sent to shipmate **Rudy Boff**.

Hello:

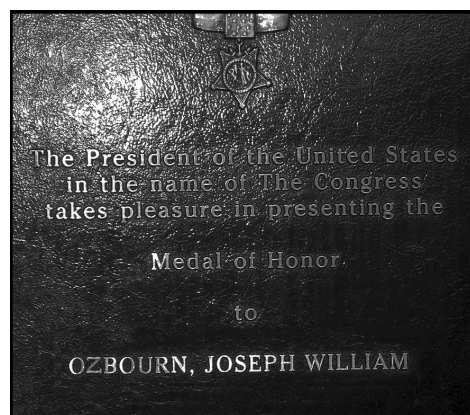
Here are some of the pictures that we took in Herrin, IL. As you are entering town there is the welcome to Herrin (sign), and they just put up the temporary sign. The VFW has a beautiful sign with a picture of the USS Ozbourn that isn't ready yet. In front of the VFW (building) they have this stone (sign) for Joseph Ozbourn. We had the pleasure of going inside and seeing this picture that someone painted in honor of Joseph.

Also on main street in town there is a small area for our veterans. I will send you a better picture of the plaque that is on the wall. I'm not the best photographer as you can tell. The VFW has my number so when the new sign is ready, I can take more pictures.

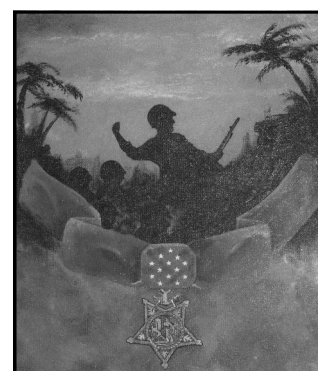
Have a nice day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ozbourn

Painting of Pvt. Ozbourn in action.



Bronze plaque honoring Joseph William Ozbourn as a Medal of Honor recipient.



On main street in Herrin, IL. there is a small area for its veterans. The statue with plaque lists the town members who served during WWI.



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. Please plan to board the bus at least five minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. 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

	<u>Price each</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Thursday , Memorial service, USS New Jersey -----	\$86.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Evening Dinner Cruise -----	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday , City Tour and Historical District -----	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday , Rittenhouse Row Lunch & Shopping -----	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Please Select Entrée Below) -----	-----	-----	-----
Chicken Cordon Bleu -----	\$39.00	_____	\$ _____
Roast Prime Rib of Beef -----	\$39.00	_____	\$ _____
Grilled Salmon Filet -----	\$39.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday , Farewell Breakfast Buffet -----	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Non Refundable Registration Fee Per Person -----	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Payable to: USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION -----	-----	-----	\$ _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Are You Flying? _____ Driving? _____ RV? _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nick Name for Tag _____

Years on Board 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 _____

Disability / Dietary Restrictions? _____

Must you be listed hydraulically onto the bus while seated in your wheelchair in order to participate in the bus trips?
Yes _____ NO _____ (We cannot guarantee availability)

Emergency Contact _____ Phone No. _____

Are you staying at the Ramada? Yes _____ NO _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

You must contact the hotel directly to make your room reservation. See Hotel Information Sheet for details.
Tour and banquet cancelation refunds will be made before August 10, 2011. Refunds after that will be as available.
See Hotel Registration Form for hotel cancelation policy.

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome aboard to the below listed new shipmate. The USS Ozbourn Association officers and members hope that you will become involved in the biennial reunions which are held on odd-numbered years. There are several opportunities in which shipmates can serve in a leadership role as an association officer.

Philip DiMaggio

HM1 — (69-72)

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The following information can be found on the USS Ozbourn's Association's Web site:

- Mission statement of the Association
- Complete history of the Ozbourn
- Current and past newsletters — The Fireball
- List of Ozbourn shipmates
- Historical photographs
- Ship's store for ordering Ozbourn memorabilia
- How to join the USS Ozbourn Association
- Special links to other associated Web sites

HELP THE OZBOURN ASSOCIATION SAVE MONEY

MAIL IN YOUR DUES BEFORE WE ASK!

TAPS FOR SHIPMATES



John Jugen

FN — (52-56)

July 2, 2010

John Jugen (photo left), Richard Benedetti, and Rudy Boff (both not shown), were three Pittsburgh buddies who joined the Navy together, went to boot camp together and served aboard the Ozbourn together.



Ray Gargus

QM3 — (51-54)

August 16, 2010

In a letter in her Christmas card, Mary Ann Gargus told me her husband **Ray H. Gargus** died on August 16, 2010 as a result of a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a quartermaster and I believe he served aboard the Ozbourn from 1951-54. He was a very good friend and I shall miss him. God bless you Ray.

Warren Zschach (52-55)

USS OZBOURN (DD 846) ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

This form is intended as a reminder for payment of dues and to update your personal information in our data base.

Association dues are \$10 per year and the membership period runs from 1 January through 31 December each year. Your dues' status is indicated by a two digit number or letter combination on the mailing label found on the outside cover of the *Fireball* newsletter. For example: "11" indicates a regular member is paid-up through 2011, "12" means a regular member is paid-up through 2012, and so on. The letter "n" indicates a new member with membership in process. The letter "c" indicates a complimentary copy or honorary member. Please complete this form when renewing your annual dues.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ **E-MAIL** _____

YEARS SERVED ON THE SHIP (i.e. 50-51) _____ **HIGHEST RANK/RATE HELD** _____

AMOUNT PAID — \$ _____ **Make checks payable to the USS Ozbourn Association**

Complete this form and mail it along with annual dues payment to: **Warren Zschach**
1311 Ponderosa Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954-0469

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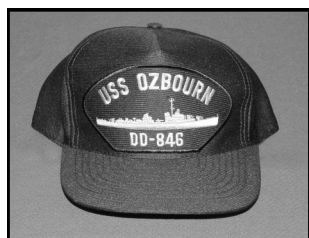
Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourn Web site at www.ozbourn.org under the heading Ship's Store.

Orders may be placed with:

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Pittsburgh, PA
15234-1033

Tel: (412) 833-0572

New email: boffrudy@verizon.net



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Item # C01, \$14 ea.

Embroidery on back:

Korea, #C01K \$15 ea.

Vietnam, #C01V \$15 ea.



Windbreaker mesh lined with full front zipper. Navy blue jacket with ship profile in silver thread and lettering in gold thread. \$60 ea.

Item# J01



Logo detail



PATCH fabric, \$6 ea.

Original design, Item #P01

Revised design, Item #P02



Can holder made of foam. Navy blue body with white base. USS Ozbourn logo in white. \$3.00 ea. or two for \$5.00. Item# K01



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 \$90

Twill Jacket, fully lined with full front zip \$80

Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, assorted colors \$40

Golf shirts \$30

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



T-shirt short sleeve Navy & white with embroidered logo left side. \$20 ea. Item# T01

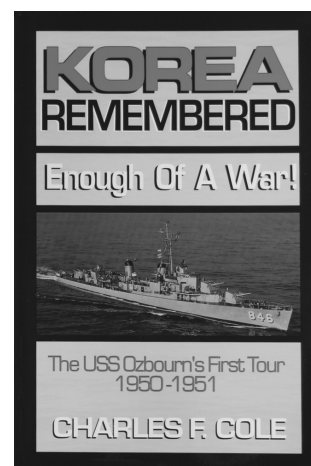
Long sleeve \$35 ea. Item# T02



Logo detail

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 near the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.



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

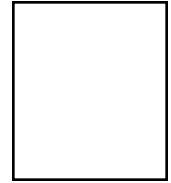
By Charles F. Cole

\$15.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping & handling

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

<u>COST OF ITEM</u>	<u>COST OF POSTAGE</u>
\$0.01-15.00	\$3.00
15.01-25.00	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

Richard N. Johnson, USN Ret.
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MONUMENT TO NTC, SAN DIEGO — The American flag flies a short distance from the USS Recruit (photo at right). The training ship was designed as a 2/3-scale replica of a WWII DE. The land-locked ship helped instruct nearly 50,000 Naval recruits in various shipboard duties. The ship was commissioned on July 27, 1949 and was the only Navy ship not to reach water. Three other training ships were also in use, however, the Recruit is the only one left. Affectionately called the “Neversail” by recruits who trained aboard her, she was decommissioned on March 7, 1967 because it could not be classified in a computerized Naval inventory. Reconditioned in 1982, it was briefly used as a training guided missile frigate. On August 13, 2005, the Neversail was dedicated as California Registered Historic Landmark No. 1042.

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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 11, 12 or 13. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 11 means 2011, 12 means 2012, etc. Your Association officers ask you to...

DO THE DUES TODAY!

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 2011 issue is **Monday, March 14, 2011**. Articles may be rewritten for purposes of editorial style. Due to space limitations, some materials may be used in a future *Fireball* edition.