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FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends

Hope all are doing well.

Well its that time again to start saving your pennies and making plans to attend the next USS OZBOURN REUNION. It will be held somewhere on the Eastern part of the great United States of America. I know our Reunion Committee is working very hard the 2017 Reunion one of our best. If you haven't ever attended one of our reunions, you have missed out on some great times with old shipmates, their families and friends. The time we have telling those old sea stories and enjoying the tours, meals and banquets is one of the best times in the whole world.

As the Reunion Committee continue with the planning of the 2017 Reunion, location, etc. watch for updates in future editions of the Fireball Newsletter. We look forward to having another GREAT TIME together.

Hope all are well and may God Bless you all. Always remember, hug a veteran and their families.

Guy Posey, President
USS Ozbourn Association

USS Ozbourn DD846, 2015 Reunion, Baton Rouge, LA



Start thinking about attending our Association's 2017 Reunion



2017 Biennial Reunion Update

Jeff Parker, Editor

The Reunion Committee continues to seek out a site for our 2017 Reunion to be held somewhere in the eastern portion of the Country. Since the last update,

Mark Beaulieu in the 2017 Spring "Fireball", the Reunion Committee has received several recommendations as to potential host cities and other venues for the 2017 Reunion. The Committee is continuing their search for a venue that will not only be of interest to all Association Members but also will be within the budgets of all members as well as close proximity to major airports. As stated in previous updates, several locations have been proposed as Host Cities that include, Buffalo, NY, Norfolk, VA, Virginia Beach, VA, Charleston, SC, Savannah, GA, and others.

The Reunion Committee wishes to thank all of the members who have come forward with suggestions as the selection process continues.

As the Chairperson for the 2017 Reunion Committee, Mark "Blue" Beulieu wishes to continue to reach out for input of all members who have suggestions or comments as it relates to the 2017 Reunion. Mark can be contacted via email at mrkbeaulieu@aol.com or simply give Mark a call at (832) 728-1352.

I will be providing 2017 Reunion updates in future issues of the "Fireball" Newsletter as the picture becomes clearer.



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Randy Humphries



"Mac" Mckeehan



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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 **Fall 2016** issue is **September 1st**. 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 e-mails were received by your Association Officers during the last quarter.

UPDATING ASSOCIATION WEBSITE-SHIPMATES

Jeff Parker, Editor

As the Editor of the Fireball and Corresponding Secretary, I have received several requests from Shipmates to update their identities in the Shipmates Section of our Association website. I for one am identified by name and years onboard which does not include my rate. Additionally, although most of our Shipmates that have passed are identified as such, a few are not. Therefore, I am reaching out to all Shipmates to review the Association website to ensure that their information is accurate. Please forward any additions or corrections to **Ken Keene** via email: **kkeene51@twc.com** or **Jeff Parker** via email: **Ljparker1@cox.net**, or drop me a note to be mailed to my residence, **1036 Calle Venezia, San Clemente, CA 92672**. Ken is currently working to update our website and is the liaison with our webmaster.



OUR PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

Jeff Parker, Editor

The Association would like to thank Reed Jones Lt. (65-67), for updating us regarding one of our Shipmates and long time friend Marty Zipser MD, Lt. (65-66). Marty has been hospitalized and we wish him a speedy recovery. Please say a little prayer for Marty and his family.

GREAT WEBSITE

Those Shipmates who wish to obtain a great deal of information regarding the "OZ" as well as other ships of the U.S. Navy can query **HULL NUMBER.COM**.

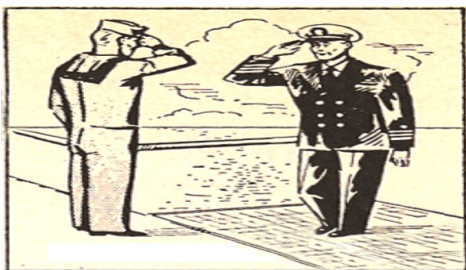


TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

"SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"

LARRY DARRRINGTON (61-65)
DAVID "GROVER" CLEVELAND BT2 (70)
JEFFREY STOUT MM2 (71-74)

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



WELCOME ABOARD

RALPH O. FOSTER BT2 (51-54)

BEFORE & AFTER PHOTOGRAPHS

Although we were all much younger when we served aboard the "OZ", we are requesting those Shipmates wishing to provide a Before & After photographs from anytime in their life, their Navy days and what is commonly referred to as the "Golden Years", to be published in future editions of the "Fireball" Forward copies of the photos to me, Jeff Parker, 1036 Calle Venezia, San Clemente, CA 92672.

PLAYMATE OF THE YEAR 1968, USS OZBOURN FAN CLUB

Submitted by Randy Lee, Private Citizen

I am writing in behalf of Victoria Vetri (AKA Angela Dorian). In 1968 she was Playmate of the Year and as you can see by the photo that was sent to her in 1968, it was sent by sailors from the USS Ozbourn.

I represent Victoria at this time. We are getting ready for her autobiography and came across the photograph. She wanted me to follow up on this photo by sending it to the USS Ozbourn Association.

She would like to be able to identify the sailors in the photograph so she could write a letter to each of them to thank them for their service. *(Editors Note: It should be noted that this contact has not been vetted by the Association.)*

*The Angela Dorian Fan Club
USS Ozbourn (DD 846) Chapter*



MEMORIAL DAY & VETERANS DAY

Jeff Parker, Editor

As we celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans Day, both Holidays that we hold a very special place within our hearts, let us always remember all of our Shipmates and Military Veterans. As you can see, Veterans come in all shapes and sizes, as clearly shown in the attached photograph, including our wives, sisters and daughters as well. Clearly, each of these veterans deserve the respect of our entire Country for theirs and all veterans' service. *(Editors Note: I would like to thank Shipmate Reed Jones LT. (21-67), long time contributor to the "Fireball" for the attached photograph.)*



BEFORE & AFTER



1970



2013

Association President Guy Posey

USS OZBOURN DD846 PHOTO GALLERY

Jeff Parker, Editor

As you all have seen in past issues of the Fireball, from time-to-time I receive photographs from many of you wishing to share them with our Shipmates. I wish to encourage any and all Shipmates to forward those old photos to me with their identity and as much of a description related to the photographs as possible. *(Editors Note: Please forward copies that can be placed in the archives as it can be quite expensive for return postage.)*



Battle Flag, USS Ozbourn DD846

Jerry McKee, YN2 (66-69)



BOMB FRAGMENTS

Ernest "Vince" Nahr LTjg (57)

USS OZBOURN DD846, FIRES TORPEDO

US Navy Photo, August 1957



MOUNT 51 ANSWERS THE CALL



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

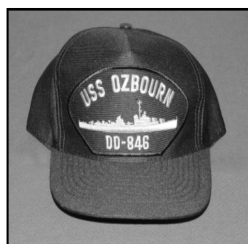
The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address at left.

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

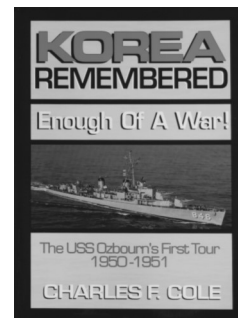
Navy Blue with fleece lining, six matching metal snaps, profile of the ship in silver thread and lettering in gold. \$45 ea. Item #J01

← Logo detail



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

1951, is a first hand account of 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, 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

\$5.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping & handling



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



FRAME license plate Item #F01 \$5 ea.

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

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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 15 or 16. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 15 means 2015, 16 means 2016, 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

