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FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends

The plans for our 2019 Biannual Reunion are in place and I believe it will truly be another great one. I sincerely hope that you are all planning on attending.

Our Reunion Committee has once again done an outstanding job preparing great tours and events, with free time to explore the area on your own or just relax with Shipmates and friends.

The Greater Portland Area has lots to do and enjoy, with easy transportation from the hotel to downtown.

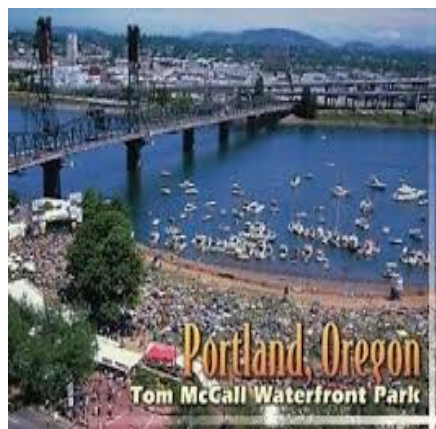
Please come and enjoy the great times with your old Shipmates, families and friends.

Hope all are well and may God Bless you all, our Great Country and all Americans.

Guy Posey, President
USS Ozbourn Association

USS OZBOURN DD846 2019 REUNION, PORTLAND, OREGON

August 28, 2019-September 1, 2019



Waterfront Park



PT 658, Swan Island



Mount Hood

2019 Biennial Reunion Update

"ALL HANDS, NOW HEAR THIS", Portland, Oregon has been selected as the Host City for the **2019 Reunion of the USS OZBOURN** Association. As all hands are already aware, the Association attempts to vary the sites throughout the U.S. so as not to place a burden on those residing around the entire country. As a result of the 2017 Reunion being held in Norfolk, VA, and the 2015 Reunion being held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, it was once again time to meet in the Western part of the country. After surveying several possible Host Cities, **Portland, Oregon**, the last homeport of the "OZ", was ultimately selected.

Clearly, our reunions are a family event and the Association Officers are very grateful for family members that attend and escort those shipmates who may require a little assistance. We are also very pleased with the number of shipmates who are able to attend the reunions.

Our Host Hotel for the 2019 Reunion is the **Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel**, 8235 Northeast Airport Way, Portland Oregon. The Reunion Committee worked very hard and has negotiated an excellent daily rate of \$119.00 plus tax, double occupancy, that also includes a daily breakfast for two. The hotel has also agreed to offer the same rate for three days prior and three days after the reunion for those wishing to arrive early or stay a little longer, based on availability. The hotel can be contacted by dialing **(503) 281-2500**, or Central Reservations at **(800) 325-3535**. When making reservations be sure to tell the operator that you are requesting the **USS Ozbourn Reunion Group Rate**. **The cut off date to make hotel reservations is August 14, 2019**. The reunion commences on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, with check-in and the Hospitality Room will open at **2:00 pm**. On the final day, Sunday, September 1, 2019, Hospitality Room will close at **8:00 am**.

The **2019 Reunion Committee**, **Mark Beaulieu**, **Guy Posey**, **Mike Ward**, and **Harold "Mac" McKeehan**, continue to work very hard to ensure that our 2019 Reunion will be one of the truly great ones. Don't miss out, register early.

Please see the Reunion Schedule and Registration Forms located on Page 4 & 5.

PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE REUNION?

As all of you that have been involved in the planning of one of the great biennial reunions are already aware, it takes a great deal of work to arrange a host hotel, motor coaches, excursions, banquet, guest speakers, entertainment, gifts and of course our hospitality room.

On behalf of the 2019 Reunion Committee, **Mark Beaulieu**, **Guy Posey**, **Mike Ward**, and **"Mac" McKeehan**, we are attempting to ascertain the number of members and guests that plan on attending the 2019 Reunion. We of course realize that some members who indicate that they plan on attending, may be unable to attend by the time September 2019 arrives.

In addition, when making plans, be sure to make your hotel reservations as early as possible. This will allow the committee to add to the number of blocked rooms if necessary.

Please notify **GUY POSEY**, Email: **ppapaguy@aol.com** or forward a quick note to Guy at **419 S. Appleway Lane, Glencoe, OK 74032**

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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 **Summer 2019** issue is **May 15th**. 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.

USS OZBOURN DD846 CELEBRATES HER 21ST BIRTHDAY

Submitted by Shipmate Jerry McKee, YN2, (66-69)

When the 7th Fleet Destroyer, USS Ozbourn DD846, passed her 21st Birthday, she celebrated the occasion in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, reportedly toasting the event with a big drink of NSFO. Ozbourn's a Back Bay type.

She was commissioned at Boston way back in 1946. In August of that year, she steamed through the Panama Canal to her home port of San Diego. A few months later she was on her way for her first tour of the Far East. There were to be many more.

During this tour, Ozbourn helped save a distressed Chinese oil tanker by attaching a cable and towing it to Formosa.

Before that tour of the Pacific was over, Ozbourn was to come to the aid of the crew of another troubled vessel. A foreign merchant ship ran aground and broke in half. Ozbourn picked up the crew and took them to Yokosuka, Japan.

In April, 1950, Ozbourn joined the USS Norton Sound AVM1, to conduct the first guided missile tests at sea. Ozbourn acted as observing ship during the tests.

When the Korean conflict erupted, Ozbourn joined Task Force 77. She participated in the invasion of Inchon and conducted operations off the Korean coast, where she twice won the Korean Presidential Citation.

In February, 1951, she received two direct hits from shore batteries off North Korea. The same day, her crewmen rescued a downed USS Valley Forge, CV45, flyer floating in a mine field.

Ozbourn returned to San Diego for repairs, then departed again for Korea. She steamed with Task Force 95 this time, and at Wonsan, blasted Communist gun emplacements, railroad cars, trucks, and sampans with her five-inchers.

In July, 1951, Ozbourn again played rescue ship, this time saving 18 men from the carrier USS Boxer CV 21. On the following day, the destroyer rescued three downed pilots from the carrier USS Essex.

In February, 1955, Ozbourn played an important role in the evacuation of Chinese Nationalist forces from the Tachen Islands off the coast of China. She followed the minesweepers in on the first day, and remained within easy firing range of unfriendly islands throughout the operation.

In December, 1955, Ozbourn was en route to Yokosuka when she was diverted to search for the survivors of a Japanese fishing vessel sunk in a typhoon. Ozbourn was herself severely damaged by the heavy weather, but managed to save three survivors.

Ozbourn spent the next few years commuting between San Diego and the Far East, with short side trips to Portland for the Rose Festival and Seattle for the Sea Fair.

In 1961, the destroyer received FRAM conversion, and in 1962, changed her home port to Long Beach.

Ozbourn participated in the Fleet Exercises conducted for the President in 1963, during which the destroyer was chosen to demonstrate the capabilities of ASROC.

The following years brought more Far East tours for Ozbourn, with Fleet Exercises in between. She is currently serving with the Seventh Fleet in WestPac.

(Editors Note: It is unclear as to where this newspaper article was published or what publication; however, it is believed that the article appeared in March, 1967.)



TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

"SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"

CAPTAIN RODNEY STEWART, (68-70)

ROBERT MILLER, SN, (49-50)

MORRIS G. McINTOSH, EN1, (46-47)

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

2019 REUNION SCHEDULE and TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Reunion Check-in: 2:00pm—10:00pm, The Hospitality Room will open for Reunion-Check In as well as meeting friends and enjoying a beverage and snacks. (Dinner on your own). **NOTE: As a result of the State of Oregon Alcohol related Laws, all alcoholic beverages must be served by a licensed bar server. The beverages and snacks served in our Hospitality Room will continue to be complimentary; however, although the Hospitality Room may be open for the purposes of meeting old shipmates, there will be Beverage Service Hours that will vary throughout the reunion.**

Thursday, August 29, 2019

PORTLAND and VICINITY ON YOUR OWN

After breakfast, you may choose to just “hang out” or join friends to tour **Portland and the Vicinity on your Own**. You may wish to visit the downtown shopping area of the Pearl District, walk the Waterfront Loop, tour the famous Portland Rose Garden or take a tour of the PT658, a restored World War II PT Boat on Swan Island. **(Complimentary Hotel Shuttle to the Mt. Hood Station of the Metropolitan Area Express, (MAX), the light rail system serving greater Portland. The MAX System offers those over 65, a \$2.50 All Day Pass).**

Thursday, August 29, 2019

DINNER CRUISE on the “WILLAMETTE STAR”

Our motor coach will transport us from our hotel to the dock where we will board the “Willamette Star” for a buffet dinner and a 2.5 hour cruise of the Willamette River, the last Homeport of the “OZ”, that will provide spectacular views of Downtown Portland. (Cash Bar). **(Depart Hotel 5:00 pm, Depart Cruise at 9:00 pm. Arrive at Hotel at 9:30 pm).**

Friday, August 30, 2019

MEMORIAL SERVICE at WASHINGTON PARK VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL, then VISTA HOUSE, with VIEWS of the COLUMBIA RIVER, followed by a BOX LUNCH at MULTNOMAH FALLS

Our motor coach will transport us to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where we will attend our Memorial Service for our shipmates. We will then have a Box Lunch then onto Vista House for views of the Columbia River. We will then travel to the spectacular Multnomah Falls before returning to our hotel. **(Depart Hotel 9:45 am, and Return to the Hotel at approximately 4:30 pm.)**

After returning to the hotel, Friday evening will be designated for relaxation in the Hospitality Room. (Dinner on your own).

Saturday, August 31, 2019

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at **8:30 am**.

Saturday, August 31, 2019

REUNION BANQUET

We will gather at the Sheraton Hotel Banquet Room for our Reunion Banquet that will include entertainment and our guest speaker. (Cash Bar). (Note: The Hospitality Room will be closed during the Banquet).

(5:00pm , Social Hour, 6:00pm Dinner, followed by Entertainment, and Guest Speaker)

Sunday, September 1, 2019

The Hospitality Room will close at **8:00 am**. Farewell until 2021.

USS OZBOURN REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour and banquet costs for the reunion. Please enter the number of persons who will be participating in each event, meal choice and the total cost. Send this form and your **check payable to USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION** to: **Guy Posey, 419 S. Appleway Lane, Glencoe, OK 74032**. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payment must be received by mail before **August 10, 2019**. 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.

	<u>TOURS and BANQUET CHOICES</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Thursday,	The "Willamette Star" Buffet Dinner Cruise (Cash Bar).....	\$110.00	_____	_____
Friday,	Memorial Service, Vista House, Multnomah Falls, Box Lunch..	\$53.00	_____	_____
Saturday,	Banquet (Please select your Entrée Below) Cash Bar			
	#1) Pan seared Salmon filet with Tomato-Caper Vinaigrette...	\$55.00	_____	_____
	#2) Chicken Francaise, breast of chicken, battered with lemon butter sauce.	\$55.00	_____	_____
	#3) 9 oz Prime Rib of Beef with creamed Horseradish.....	\$55.00	_____	_____
	#4) Vegetarian Black Bean Cake w/Pico De Gallo and Avocado Mash .	\$55.00	_____	_____

All dinners include Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Mixed Vegetables, rolls, Caesar salad, tea, coffee, and Harvest Carrot Cake for desert.

Non-Refundable Registration Fee Per Person.....\$25.00 _____

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 _____ If Ret. Last Rate/Rank _____

Spouse Name (if attending) _____ Guest Name _____

Street Address _____ Tel 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)

Emergency Contact _____ Tel No. _____

Are you staying at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel? Yes _____ No _____ Arrival Date _____

**YOU MUST CONTACT THE SHERATON PORTLAND AIRPORT HOTEL TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS
SEE THE HOTEL RESERVATION SHEET ON PAGE-2 FOR DETAILS**

REFUNDS FOR TOUR AND BANQUET CANCELLATIONS WILL BE MADE BEFORE AUGUST 10, 2019

USS OZBOURN DD846 PHOTO GALLERY

CROSSING THE EQUATOR AUGUST 1968

Submitted by Jerry McKee, YN2, (66-69)



The Royal Court



Jim Davis Hosed



The Commodore Receives Special Treatment



New Shellback, David Low

SHIPMATES FOREVER

Submitted by Reed Jones, Ltjg, (65-67)



Mike Krause, Lt, (67-68) Fires .50 cal, on USS Mahan



Mike Krause & Al Frecker, Ltjg, (66-68) "OZ"

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

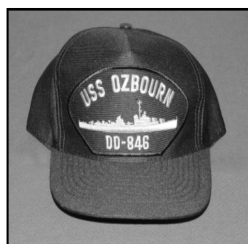
The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address at left.

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



PATCH fabric, \$6 ea. Item #P01

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

All shipmates, family and friends are encouraged to get their Ship's Store orders in early, to be delivered in time for the 2018 Holidays and 2019 Reunion. These items make great gifts.

"OZ" BANNER

Measuring 3-ft X 5-ft with 2-metal grommets, dyed with beautiful bold colors, printed on one side visible through the fabric, double stitched around all edges with 4-rows of stitching on the flying edge.

\$40.00 plus S&H.



Jeffrey Parker
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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 18 or 19. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 18 means 2018, 19 means 2019, 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

