

USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)

Association

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San Diego Reunion Edition

September 29 – October 3

Arlington, Va. – In the last newsletter, we gave you an overview of the events planned for San Diego, and **in this edition**, we are providing everything you need to get registered and to set up your tours.

A registration form is included in this package.

Please fill it out, cut it out, and return it to our Treasurer, Joe Hill, as soon as possible.

NOTES

The association received a note from **Daniel Godzicki** the stepson of Shipmate **Michael Ward**, E- Division, ('51-'53). He reports that Mike is in a serious battle for his life back in Libertyville, IL. He says that he's sure Mike would appreciate hearing from his old shipmates. Mike is at (847) 816-6448, add: 207 W. Park Ave., Apr 201, Libertyville, IL 60048. If you know Mike, give him a call or drop him a letter.

NEW MEMBERS:

We wish to welcome aboard (again) the new USS ROCHESTER Association Members:

Thomas E. Lynch

Membership & Mailing Information

Cookeville, TN--- The Association runs on its active membership. We can't thank you enough for renewing your memberships and doing it on time. Membership dues cover the period 1 January through 31 December. If you wish verification of your status or further information, Joe Hill will be glad to talk with you. He can be reached at 4011 Ditty Road, Cookeville, TN 38506-7663. Phone (931) 432-4848; FAX (931) 432-2534. E-Mail is: joehillsr@multipro.com. Joe will also provide members' addresses and phone numbers upon request. If you haven't paid your dues, do it now!

Ship's Store

Shipmate Larry Stone will be taking over as Storekeeper *after* the San Diego reunion. Larry, we appreciate your volunteer spirit and look forward to working with you.



Association Officers

Garry L. Phillips, President
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Storekeeper – Unfilled

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Chaplain's Corner

Frank West
Chaplain

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22: 37-40

TAPS

The following shipmates were reported to have passed away recently. If anyone has additional or different information, please let us know.

<u>Name</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>OnBd</u>
Johnnie B. Brooks	CA	2004	R	56-59
Angelo "Joe" Costello	CA	2003	Fox	50-54
Robert W. Cox	CA	2004	S-1	52-55
Peter DeHart	UT	2003	Fox	50-54
James E. Flot	AZ	2003	Fox	51-54
Roy L. Lambert	MD	2004	R	50-52

from Secondary Conn

by Garry Phillips

I talked with Mike Ward today, and I was encouraged by his attitude and enthusiasm for getting on with life. I, too, had a bout with cancer in 1998, but we caught it early, and there has been no reoccurrence so far. Talking with Mike drove home to me the fact that we must make the absolute best of every day, for they are numbered, even from birth. We must never despair – never give up.

This brings me to the reunion in San Diego, where we have a grand opportunity to see old friends and continue the joy of our days. I encourage you to seize the day, call an old shipmate, and say, "Let's get together in San Diego!" Hope to see *you* there.

Garry

Word of the Day

Eight Bells

The practice of using bells stems from the days of the sailing ship. Sailors couldn't afford to have their own timepieces and relied on the ship's bells to tell time. The ship's boy kept time by using a half-hour glass, each time the sand ran out, he would turn the glass over and ring the appropriate number of bells.

Bells were struck to designate the hour of the watch. Each watch is four hours in length. One bell is struck after the first half hour and so on until the end of fourth hour when "Eight Bells" was struck completing the end of that watch. Completing a watch with no incidents to report was; "Eight Bells and all is well!"

The Registration Package follows. The Registration Form is at Page 9. Cut it out and send it in!

