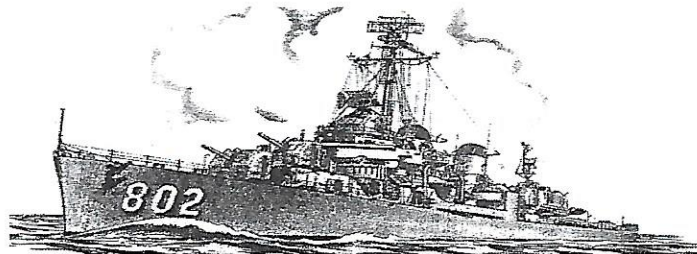


USS GREGORY DD802 ASSOC. INC.

NEWSLETTER

December 2017



FROM THE BRIDGE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Walt Neumann, President

Well, summer is over and a nip is in the air. This means that we are moving closer to our next Reunion. The date is April 22 thru April 26 and the location is beautiful Monterey CA. Loy and Kathy Buley are putting this all together and the information is detailed later in this newsletter. They did a wonderful job with our Pensacola reunion so this one will be extra special.

We should always take a moment to give thanks to and pray for our troops in harms way and for their safe return home. Also in our thoughts and prayers are those of us who are battling health issues and of shipmates who have passed on to be with the others who set sail before them. Please also include Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs and other emergency support personnel in your prayers.

If you have an idea on how to increase the USS Gregory Reunion participation, please contact me or any other Association Officer. Our contact information is listed in this newsletter and on our website. By the way, visit our website -- you will be pleased with what you will see and read.

At this time I would like to sincerely thank Bill Laing for stepping up and resuming the position of Treasurer after Victor Leyland developed health issues.

I am looking forward to seeing and spending time with you in Monterey.
I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

All the best and God Bless,
Walt Neumann
Email: greycat1@hughes.net
Phone: 707-362-0376

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Loy Buley, Vice President

SAVE THE DATE
USS GREGORY DD-802 REUNION
APRIL 22-26, 2018
MONTEREY CALIFORNIA

Hello Shipmates,
The 2018 USS Gregory DD-802 Reunion will be headquartered at the Bay Park Hotel located at 1425 Munras Avenue in Monterey. Their telephone number is (831) 649-1020. The negotiated room rate for rooms with 1 king bed or 2 queen beds for Sunday through Wednesday nights (April 22-26, 2018) is \$109.00 per night plus taxes. Tax rates are currently 10% City tax and \$2.00 per room per night County Tourism Assessment. If you wish to arrive one day early (Saturday, April 21) the rooms will be available at \$149.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Due to heavy demand for events occurring in the Spring months, additional nights can be booked at best available rate, which might be an AAA or AARP rate. Be sure to ask for group rate for USS Gregory DD-802 Reunion when booking your reservations. We have two ADA compliant rooms in our block so be sure to request one if you need it.

We are still working on tours in the area. Hopefully we will have this done fairly soon.

Loy Buley
Email: loylbuley@sbcglobal.net
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SECRETARY'S REPORT
Ken Boyer, Secretary

Greetings of the Season to all USS Gregory Association members! It's cold and snowy here in Minnesota but we are looking forward to the warmth and beauty of Monterey California in April. Loy and Kathy Buley have worked hard to put together another USS Gregory Association Reunion. Details are in the Vice President's Report. When the itinerary is complete we will be sending out another newsletter with sign-up sheets. Make plans to attend and encourage any shipmates you know to attend the Reunion. .

Our 2017 membership is at 71 as of this writing. We have located Plank Owner Earl Swartz in Minnesota and he joined the Association. Harold Howell, also a Plank Owner

and a former member of the Association rejoined this year. If you know of any shipmates who are not members, encourage them to join -- it's only \$12 per year! Spouses and children are also invited to join. The 2018 Membership form is attached to this letter.

Again we encourage you to check out the USS Gregory website. Also check out the Tin Can Sailors website and consider joining -- it's a great organization for us former destroyer guys to belong to. TCS publishes a newsletter several times a year with many interesting navy stories in it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion in April!

Ken Boyer
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Laing, Treasurer

USS Gregory Accounts for 2017:
CASH ON HAND **\$6,970.49**

Bill Laing
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Phone: 630-858-2076

SHIP'S STORE

Ed Richardson, Store Keeper

The Ship's Store has in stock:

- Billed caps in either Navy blue or Khaki - \$ 13.00 each
- Watch caps - \$ 13.00 each
- License plate frames - \$ 11.00 each
- One jacket XXX size - \$ 49.00. These jackets run small so this will fit an XX as well.

All items are plus shipping. Checks should be made out to Ed Richardson.

Ed Richardson
Email: EDRICH294@GMAIL.COM
Phone: 580-677-2288

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GERALD YOURCZEK, USN RET. (the following in his words)

Enlisted US Navy in Nov. 1944. Served as a SeaBee during invasion of Okinawa., Re-enlisted in 1946 & spent couple years on assignment in Washington DC.

Spent the next year in Navy schools. San Diego then an ARD28 in Guam & Enewitok bomb test & in the Fall Nov. or December of 1950 I was assigned pre commission crew at US Navy Destroyer Base for the USS Gregory.

I received my Destroyer indoctrination on the USS Maddox. I was a crew member for the commissioning of Gregory.

I truly enjoyed my tour on Gregory as a metal smith 1st Class.

Our tour in Korea was very intensive & we also spent time in the Formosa Straits.

I departed Gregory on 7-2-52 as a result of injury from the collision with USS Marshall DD-676 & spent 3 ½ months at Corona Naval Hospital without air-conditioning. After release from hospital I was assigned to USS Lofberg DD-759. The Gregory had superior speed and was able to maneuver to lead the Carrier task Force.

(Editor's note: Jerry told us he just turned 91 years old and is hoping to attend the Reunion in April)

USS GREGORY DD-802 ASSOCIATION, INC.

SHIPMATE MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE __ () _____ EMAIL _____

DATES SERVED ON THE GREGORY: FROM _____ TO _____

LAST RATE (MM,BM,GM, etc.) _____

SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

FORMER SHIPMATE'S NAME _____

RELATIONSHIP TO SHIPMATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE __ () _____ EMAIL _____

DUES: \$12.00 per person per year

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USS Gregory DD-802 Association, Inc.

If you wish to contribute to the Association Operating Fund, you may add that to your dues check or you can write a separate check. Any amount is appreciated.

SEND DUES AND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

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