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Ship Store Offers Reunion Specials

Secretary Kovite Continues Discussion about the U.S. Constitution



President's Letter

Shipmates,

President Gil Beyer

Here we are in another year. I guess that it is true that time flies

when you're having fun. To quote the great philosopher, Keith Richards, of the 'Rolling Stones', "If I'd known that I was going to live this long I'd have taken better care of myself.". I've been a member of the Fiske Association for sixteen years now and have never regretted my decision to join up. The Fiske was my first ship of five – two destroyers, two sub tenders and one 'Gator Freighter' – and my memories of being on board the Fiske are still my very best in a 21-year career.

The reunions I've attended – Annapolis will be number nine – bring back the memories of my youth and for a short period make me forget that I'm in the last half of my seventh decade. The friends I made in my years aboard Fiske are still with me, if not in the flesh, in my heart and mind.

I want to encourage everyone to also think about future gatherings. It is not too soon to start thinking of other venues for 2019 while making travel plans to join us in

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Annapolis. Bring your ideas to the General Meeting and be prepared to make a short presentation to sell your idea.

I look forward to seeing what our host, Dick Pettingill, has arranged for us,

.. continued on page 5



Reunion Report, with Host Dick Pettingill....

At the 15th Bi-Annual Reunion in Gettysburg, PA in September 2015 the orders were written for the 16th Bi-Annual Reunion to be held in Annapolis, MD in August 2017.

Almost immediately, the Operations Department set about locating a hotel venue, tour options and all other items necessary to conduct a Reunion. Those plans are now in place and the other Departments are now doing their part to ensure a successful Reunion.

The Engineering Department has boilers # 1 and #4 on the line and has brought up power throughout the ship. The Weapons Department has secured all systems, brought the main batteries to centerline and re-checked all safety systems as this is peaceful port of call for rest and relaxation of the ship's company. The Supply Department has been taking requests for the necessary supplies for the Hospitality Room and will be loading stores aboard shortly. The Deck Division is standing by to enter port as soon as the Sea Detail is set by the OOD.

The only item remaining is where you will be in August 2017, when we tie up at the O'Callaghan Hotel. Will you be aboard for another great Reunion of the shipmates of the USS Fiske or will you be AWOL? The Reservation Form is part of this newsletter, fill it out now and make your plans to be in Annapolis with your shipmates.

- Dick



From the Editor's Desk San ETNO/115



Sandie Siciliano, ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

It's crunch time for the Officers and Appointments of the Association. I love Dick's update on page 1, which outlines with humor, an analogy of how busy we are as we go about our appointed rounds (mixed metaphor here) to get everything shipshape for Annapolis.

It's funny - but Gil's letter made me laugh too. In contrast to his stats, I served six years, have been an Association member for thirty-two (yes, thanks to George Post!), and will have attended seven reunions. The only thing I have on Gil is the length of my membership!

Seriously, in order to sustain the Association, we need to continue to grow our roster. This is one of several reasons why I applaud Gil's continued quest to find new members.

It makes me sad to see so many of our shipmates pass away, but the reality is that time and tide wait for no man and our time will come - for some of us - too soon.

A new feature, "Constitutionally Speaking" has been added to the newsletter, thanks to Secretary Jeff Kovite. Having started out as a filler in his last report, the Editor (that would be me) thought it to be so interesting that she decided to make it a regular feature until Jeff runs out of Articles to write about. (Constitution...Articles... isn't that punny?)

A few years back, I started "Fiske Mates" in this newsletter to highlight the shenanigans and sea stories of some of our shipmates. It makes me happy to see that most of those stories were included in the 1st edition of Gil's book "Tin Can". Gil has put so much time and effort into his book, and in buying it, you lend your support because he donates 100% of all profit to the Association.

Speaking of supporting the Association: It's all about dues. It's always about dues. Everything we do, and try to do, depends on dues payments. We've gone over this many times in the past - if one were to total up the number of members, times \$10.00 each year - well, we'd be in high cotton. In reality, we're rolling with the boll weevils since our only other source of income is Ship's Store, and with that in transition, the Treasury isn't as full as it could be.

Back to *Fiske Mates* - it will return in the future only if I can find those who are willing to send their stories and pictures. It's a duplicate effort, isn't it?

Getting stories and pictures?

Perhaps Gil would share with me so I no longer have to beg! - Sandie

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James R. Rapson ENS/LTjg - 1964-1967

The Treasurer's Report

As an Officer of any organization, the Treasurer is charged with providing management with the necessary information to well govern that organization. To accomplish those goals, the Treasurer must first determine the answers that he and management will need.

To that end, the rule is that "Form Follows Function" whereby the documents created will provide the information for both current use and for historical purposes.

It is not only important to know where you want to go, but where you have been and what you have learned in those travels. These lessons probably apply to many more things than just tracking the numbers.

The second step in all of this is the next rule: "KISS" (Keep It Simple Stupid). If the Treasurer makes it too complicated then neither he nor management will be able to understand it or be able to use the information. Hopefully, I have attained those goals in the management of "your" funds, as they belong to all shipmates.

Each month, a report of the activities is sent to all



Officers, Board Members and interested shipmates.

The report shows each month in the current fiscal year and how we are progressing through the year. ANY shipmate may request a copy of that report at

any time, just send the Treasurer an email address and it will be sent out to you.

One example of the many "Form Follows Function" documents created for the Association is the Reservation

Form for the Reunion in Annapolis in August 2017. The information provided there gives the Reunion Committee the necessary dinner counts, who is going on tours, information for ID badges, etc. and a reconciliation



of the funds charged and received to conduct the Reunion.

Keep in mind that the Reservation Form was prepared ten months in advance of the Reunion, so you can see how important it is to get the right answers.

Once each individual response is transferred to the



Master List of Reservations, the original reservation forms are kept as the backup for any questions that may arise.

Finally, a continued request for all shipmates that are able to send in their dues payment. Dues are the primary source of income for the Association to

pay the necessary bills.

Keep in mind that your Association is staffed by "volunteer" shipmates who receive NO compensation for their efforts. The only expenses incurred are those that provide goods and services to all shipmates.

That is all for this report – May you have fair winds and following seas in all that you do. - James



























Hi Shipmates,

Ship's Store order form is on page 8, which is also the back of the Reunion Registration Form. You'll see some reunion specials that you can order under the "Pre-Order - Pre-Pay Program". Notice that we applied the KISS rule! Just circle the numbered items you want to order, follow instructions for personalization (if needed) and choose your delivery options.

Then, if you are coming to the reunion, fill out the Registration Form on the other side write your checks and send it off to James. It's that simple. Notice that I said "checks", plural! One for the Registration, and the other for Ship Store. Not coming? No worries, just use the 4008 Plumstead Avenue same form for mail order sales. Don't forget that our liquidation sale will be coming up soon! That's all for now - If you have any questions regarding anything in the store, requests, or availability, call or email and I'll get back to you asap! Thanks!

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Chaplain's Corner



W. Frank Stancil GMG3 1959-1963

"To preserve our blessed land we must look to God. It is time to realize that we need God more than He needs us.

Let us, young and old, join together, as did the First Continental Congress, in the first step, in humble heartfelt prayer. Let us do so for the love of God and His great goodness, in search of His guidance and the grace of repentance, in seeking His blessings. His peace, and the resting of His kind and holy hands on ourselves, our nation, our friends in the defense of freedom, and all mankind, now and always.

The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America. Our country is in need of, and ready for, a spiritual renewal. Today, we utter no prayer more fervently that the ancient prayer for peace on earth.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto

you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

And God bless you all."

- Frank



Notable Zuote

Franklin Delano Roosevelt 32nd president of US (1882 - 1945) "There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."





Dear Shipmates,

Three new shipmates have signed on since my last report - welcome aboard!



Lt. Ralph Day served aboard the mighty *Fiske* from 1975 to 1977 Radioman 3rd Class Robert LoFaso sailed on 842 from 1973 to 1976.

and Gregory Callahan, Radarman 3rd Class, who was aboard from 1961 to 1964.

Sadly, shipmate, Don Valentine, ST2, 1962-63, passed on 8-23-16. Don retired as STC and contributed a great deal to the Association, having been Host at the 2011 Milwaukee reunion, and former editor of this newsletter prior to that. We will miss his smile and enthusiasm. We also lost Philip Miceli, BMSN, 1961, who passed on 4-22-16, and Lee Gomez, BT3, 1955-56, who passed on 6-16-16.

Now, it pains me to report that we received notice of two deceased shipmates via returned newsletters from the November edition.

James Anthopoulos, BT1, 1952 - and - Robert L. Burger, ME3, 1955-56 No other information is known at this time. I like to think that all the departed are now enjoying the sunset as they sail the Eternal Seas.

Recently, Sandie received a call from Lee's daughter, Diane, who notified her of his passing. After hearing about the Ceremony of Departed Shipmates, she is hoping to attend the Annapolis reunion with her sister in honor of their father.

This brings up another point: When a shipmate passes, an immediate family member may choose to become an honorary member of the Association, receive newsletters, and attend reunions. We have, in fact, had several family members join us over the years, all of whom were happy to meet shipmates who may have served with, and who gladly shared their stories about the surviving family's loved one.

That's the end of the formal report from my desk, but as a retired teacher, I'd like to continue the discussion about our Constitution. If you'll please turn to page 6, let's look at Article II as it relates to the Office of the President.

Until next time, I wish you fair winds and calm seas.

- Jeff

Excerpts from the Inaugural Address of 1933

"This is pre-eminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today.

This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So first of all let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days. In such a spirit on my part and on yours we face our common difficulties."

Fun in Annapolis!

With plenty of time for private exploration in this beautiful city, our host, Dick Pettingill has arranged two optional tours. On Wednesday, you may choose to join other shipmates for a late afternoon sail around the bay and on the *Harbor Queen*. Thursday will be as busy or relaxed as you wish. You may choose to start the day with a tour of the State House/Capital & US Naval Academy Tour followed by lunch at the Drydock Restaurant, explore on your own, or relax and trade Fiske Tales and Sea Stories in the Hospitality Room.

If you decide to take one or both of these tours, please enter that on the Reservation Form on page 7, and be sure to mark your lunch preferences if you are taking the Thursday tour. Here are some highlights of both tours:

SAIL ON THE HARBOR QUEEN - Wednesday, August 23, 3-4 PM:



Immerse yourself in the history, culture and fun of the Chesapeake Bay region and Harbor Queen is the fun! Step aboard Harbor Queen for a narrated cruise of the Annapolis Harbor and the banks of the U.S. Naval Academy.

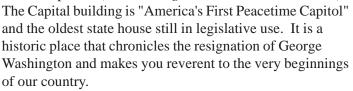
Hear about the history of the

Naval Academy, Annapolis' role as an historic seaport, the region's waterways and even catch a glimpse of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This Annapolis boat tour is the perfect introduction to Annapolis and fun for the whole family. Beer, wine, mixed drinks and non-alcoholic beverages plus snacks are available for purchase.

STATEHOUSE/CAPITAL - Thursday, August 24, 9:15 AM - 1:00 PM & US NAVAL ACADEMY, LUNCH AT THE DRYDOCK RESTAURANT



The State House, with its beautiful grounds, is the centerpiece of the historic downtown. During this tour, colonial attired guides will bring history to life. Stroll through the historic places and rich traditions of downtown Annapolis and be inspired by the sights and sounds of the U.S. Naval Academy, home to over 4,000 midshipmen. (*See building interiors when available*.)



Located at the US Naval Academy in Dahlgren Hall, the legendary Drydock Restaurant offers a menu of delicious



'made to order' deli-style sandwiches and grilled items. It is open to the public with a seating capacity of 150, as well as additional seating for 32 in the indoor Deck (café) area adjacent to the dining room. Seating accommodations are largely dependent on the size of the group. It will be interesting to find out where our group is placed!

Whatever your pleasure, you are sure to have a fine time at the Annapolis reunion. Fill out that reservation form, and start making your plans now! We are looking forward to seeing you again!

- Editor

President's Letter, Con't from page 1 and even more, I look forward to sharing good times with our shipmates - new and old - over a cold beer, and to relive those days when we were all much younger and things were much simpler. See you in August! - Gil



P.S. Can anyone identify these two mystery Officers? Please let me know!





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REUNION RESERVATION

FORM ON PAGE 7

DEPOSITS BEING ACCEPTED!





Ship's Log Entries...

Historian's Report

Gilbert E. Bever. ETSN/ETR3 1960-1963

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s I've told you before in our last newsletter I'm hard at work on the second edition of our book.

I've gotten many new 'Fiske Tales' since our last reunion and I promise that all these new stories will be included.

With these new stories I'm also including many new pictures. I'm always on the lookout for new items to make this whole endeavor more complete.

Over the past few months, I've been reaching out to shipmates that have already submitted stories, to

send pictures to me from their time on the Fiske.

Some results have come in from my emails but to quote Number Five from the movie 'Short Circuit', "More input!" is always good.

I'm hoping to hear from other Shipmates that submitted stories that appeared in the first edition that may have pictures of themselves from when they were onboard. It's always good to have pictures to go with the words.

The window for submissions of pictures will close at the end of June 2017. After that I won't be able



to get them into the second edition, so please don't procrastinate. I'd prefer attachments to an email because that way it is easier to 'cut & paste' into the book.

I'm still trying to flesh out the details of Fiske's last 10 years of stories from people that were actually onboard when Fiske was transferred to the Turks in June of 1980.

And, I'm also still trying to contact some of the first women that served onboard as they must have some great stories to tell (including you, Sandie, you promised!), so, if you're out there ladies, drop me a line at

ddr6063@gmail.com

Time is short before we meet in Annapolis, so please turn to and send your stories and pictures!

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." —United States Constitution, Article II, Section 1, Clause 8





Constitutionally Speaking... Shipmates,

In the November issue, I spoke about the first ten amendments to the Constitution, i.e., the Bill of Rights, that are incorporated within. In the same article, the Oath of Office for the President of the United States was included.

To continue, I have outlined the requirements and responsibilities of the President in the box to the right as they pertain to the Constitution.

Our Constitution is a "Living Document" As such, our forefathers, in their wisdom, took a pragmatic and measured approach during its creation.

In future newsletters, we will continue to highlight other Articles that make this document a beacon to the world, and one that lives and breathes democracy. - Jeff

A Special Report by Secretary Kovite

- 1. Article II states the President is the chief executive, holds the office for four years and is directly elected by the Electors, one for each Senator and member of the House of Representatives.
- 2. The President must be a natural born citizen, at least 35 years of age and a resident of the United States for 14 years.
- 3. He is Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and state militias and, with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, can make treaties, nominate and appoint ambassadors, judges and other federal officers, including military.
- 4. He shall from time to time give to the Congress information on the State of the Union (it doesn't say how-he can send a letter if he likes.)
- 5. He shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.
- 6. He can be removed from office upon conviction for Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.



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16th Bi-Annual Reunion at Annapolis, Maryland
AUGUST 22-24, 2017



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Wednesday, 8-23-17 3:00 to 4:00 PM	Harbor Queen Tour	Number	_ @ \$ 14.40 PP	Total \$		
Thursday, 8-24-17 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM	State House/Capital/ US Naval Academy Tour/Lunch @ Drydock Restaurant					
Indicate sandwich choice	& number					
Roast Beef T	una Salad Turkey					
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Ship Store Pre-Order, Pre-Pay Program

Dear Shipmates, as we return to basics, Pete and I will be finalizing Ship's Store transition in Annapolis. To save money, rather than incur shipping costs, I will be transporting everything to turn over to him at that time. Talk about teamwork! With our Pre-Order, Pre-Pay Program, James is accepting all funds, passing orders to me to process, which I then drop-ship to Pete, who will coordinate who gets what, bringing all items with him to Annapolis, so when you check in at Hospitality, everything will be waiting for you. There will be unannounced surprises too! You can also order by mail from this form.

Hats: Because of the DD/DDR split designation, it has always been a guessing game as to how many of each we should have on the shelf. With your help, we can maintain a healthy Treasury by asking you to order (or indicate your preference of DD or DDR) in advance. We will have extras for mail orders.

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