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President's Report



Newly elected President,
Gil Beyer

Excuse me, but having my name under the heading of 'President's Report' is still a bit disconcerting. I have been asked – hell - I've been told – that I must submit a report on our recent gathering in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for our November newsletter, so here it is.

Having been the host of the 12th Bi-Annual Reunion in Post Falls, Idaho, I was as fully aware of the magnitude of heartburn that went with the job of putting one of these things together. Every detail from organizing tours to the hours of operation of the Hospitality Suite had to be tracked, verified and documented. Yes, it is only three or four days every two years, but the organizational work fills the entire two year period between them. My hat is off to Don and Diane Valentine for pulling it off with aplomb and panache.

The Bi-Annual Association business meeting was held on Saturday afternoon. Reports were read and made. Motions were made and seconded as has been routine for over twenty years. Nominations were made, and somehow or another yours truly was elected to serve as your President for the 2011 to 2013 term. I hope to fill this position at least as well as my predecessors and to maintain the high standards set by them.

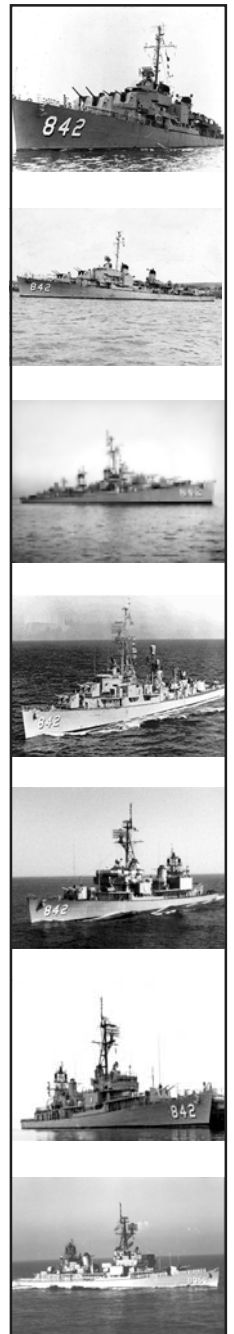
With the assistance and guidance of the people that were elected to the positions of First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and those that agreed to remain in the appointed positions of Chaplain, Ship's Store Clerk, and Master-at-Arms (*I kept my appointment of Historian because I'm still having fun doing it*), I hope to be able to make all our members proud to be part of this association. No organization can function without the help of those that fill the appointed positions. We are fortunate to have retained Frank Stencil, Sandie Siciliano and John Degan in these essential positions. John is one of the Association's unsung heroes and has agreed to remain as our MAA. He is responsible for maintaining good order during the bi-annual general meeting. Without him, I'm afraid that our meetings might disintegrate into an unruly mob and our business

would not be accomplished within the time allotted to it.

Those members present in Milwaukee voted to hold our next reunion in Charleston, SC. Charleston is steeped in history – naval and otherwise - and I'm looking forward to what they have to offer as far as tours are concerned. We also decided to look into the feasibility of contracting with professionals to organize this reunion. Believe me when I say that the devil is in the details and the people we are talking to are pros at this. Jeffrey Kovite will be the Host, while James Rapson and myself will assist him with the heavy lifting of selecting a hotel, organizing the tours, etcetera, etcetera.

We all understand that this is a complex task that requires constant oversight even when pros are involved. It is our stated desire to make the 14th Bi-Annual Reunion so attractive that our members will be eager to join us at the confluence of the Cooper and

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This special edition is being brought to you in full color. We hope you enjoy it!

From the Editor's Desk



Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR 1975-1980

Dear Shipmates,

Being your SK for the past several years, and your 2nd Vice President has brought me great pride and joy. Pride for having been part of the crew, and joy in doing something I love.

Because nothing is constant but change, we pay tribute to Don Valentine, who headed up this newsletter for many years. Don's special talent and contributions were of great benefit to us all.

Newsletters, however big or small, are detail-oriented productions that require the combined skills of a writer, an editor, one's imagination to create the design and layout of the text and graphics, followed by proofing, production, and finally, the distribution, a major project in itself.

This is all transparent to the reader, but the massive effort behind the scene becomes apparent when you understand the process. Reduce the tasks to one person and you begin to understand how Don took the newsletter to a new level and delivered something we could all be proud of. Thank you, Don, for a job well done!

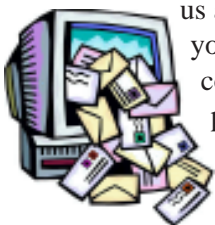
Now, wearing another hat as the new editor of this publication, I hope to be able to fill his shoes and continue in his footsteps. As with any creative project, you will see many changes and a different flavor in the content as I take the helm on my own.

In addition to the customary reports from the officers as to the status of the Association, my goal is to send you a newsletter that you look forward to receiving, something enjoyable, and something fun for you to read.

As we get older, our contributions for having served our country, and of the Fiske's thirty-five years of honorable service need to be passed down to our children, and grandchildren. This is one reason Gil and I are still working on "Fiske Tales" - a book with your stories and adventures aboard our beloved tin can. A perfect example is the new column "Fiske Mates" on page 8 - all we need from you is a photo and a few paragraphs.

We would love to receive your letters, cards, photos, or voice recordings. Please help us in this effort by sending us a short story and a favorite photo of one of your experiences. Who knows? You might connect with a long-lost shipmate from years past, or discover someone with whom you share more than a common bond.

Sandie



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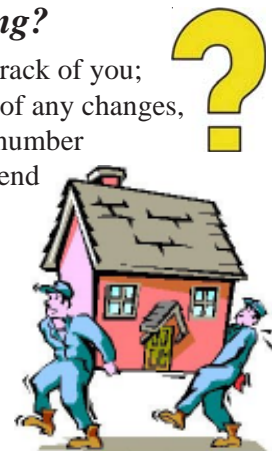


Are You Moving?

We don't want to lose track of you; be sure to let us know of any changes, including your phone number and email address. Please send

your new information, including Ship's Store orders and "Fiske Mates" stories to:

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President's Message.... con't from page 1

Ashley Rivers. Charleston has so much more than Fort Sumter, so start making your plans to join us in 2013.

I know that I'm looking forward to going, as I haven't been there since I was enroute to Spain in 1964 to serve aboard a Submarine Tender in Rota – but that's another story.

In closing I want to assure you that I do not take the job of being President of the Association lightly. I want to do at least as good a job as Jeff Kovite and James Rapson did while wielding the gavel. My grandfather used to say to me, "If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well." I've tried to live my life in accordance with that simple truism. I'm much too old to change now.

Until the next newsletter, I offer the traditional seafarer's wish to all of you - 'Smooth seas and following winds, Shipmates'.

Gil

**Designed exclusively for the Fiske!
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**Price Break - Now \$25.00!
Great Gift! Order on Page 12!**

1 7/8" drop point blade, 420HC stainless steel, 2 3/4" closed, lockback. Handle has the Fiske hull numbers and image.

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Attn. All Hands! If you have internet access but receive the newsletter by "snail mail", we urge you to visit the website to view the entire ship's store - your support helps keep the Association afloat!



Shipmates:

If you missed the great reunion in Milwaukee, you also missed a very productive and informative business meeting. The decision of where to hold the 14th Bi-Annual Reunion was high on the list of issues and resulted in a very lively discussion. After a series of votes narrowed the field to either Charleston or Newport, the majority chose Charleston. Since I live in South Carolina, I agreed to be the host. Hosting a reunion is a huge project, as Don Valentine and others can attest to.

As past president of the Association (which I enjoyed), I now act in my new capacity as Secretary, and am happy to report the following election results of the officers for the period of 2011-2013:

- President - Gil Beyer
- 1st VP – Frank Nicastro
- 2nd VP – Sandra Siciliano
- Treasurer – James Rapson
- Secretary – Jeff Kovite

President Beyer appointed Steve Gilbert as Web Master, Frank Stancil as Chaplain, John Degnan as Master-at-Arms and Sandra Siciliano as both Ship Storekeeper and Newsletter Editor.

Gil is also continuing his labors as Ship Historian and requested that everyone send personal memories and experiences while aboard to him so that he can further expand on the ship's history he is editing.

Notes from the Secretary

Jeff Kovite
SOG2 1959-1961



Elected Officers, (L-R), Sandie, Gil, James, Jeff
(not shown - Frank Nicastro)
- photo by John Frazer

The following organizations were each approved for a \$250 donation from the ship's fund:

- Tin Can Sailors Association
- Wounded Warriors
- Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy
- .308 pen project

Finally, as we look forward to the next reunion, there is much work to be done to ensure that everything is ship-shape. I must say that I am grateful that Gil Beyer and James Rapson (both past reunion hosts), have volunteered their assistance in putting together the 2013 reunion. With the team we have in place, including the other officers and appointments, you can plan on it being one of the best ever! Until next time, fair winds and smooth sailing!

Jeff

Editor's Hint ...Did You Know? Reading the newsletter is easier on your eyes if you get it by Email! Why? **Because you can adjust the view to make it larger! It's in full color too!** Don't be an old dog who doesn't want to learn new tricks! It also saves the Association the cost of printing and postage. You can even print your own copy - try it - you might just love it!

**Home
Delivery!**





Aluminum Overcast

EAA's fully restored B-17 "Flying Fortress"



1927 "Swallow"



Blacksmith



General Store

Reunion Review

With James Rapson and Gil Beyer

Experimental Aviation Museum (EAA)

The 13th Bi-Annual Reunion was very successful through the efforts of our hosts, Don and Diane Valentine. The Sheraton facilities were excellent, the friendships very warm and the surrounding area very nice to visit.

On Thursday of the Reunion Weekend, I joined several other members for a trip to the Experimental Aviation Museum (EAA) in Oskosh (about 82 miles each way). Yes, they do more than produce children's clothes in Oskosh!

The museum is a historical collection of aircraft and memorabilia of aviation from its earliest days to the present. It is well worth the stop if you are ever near the area. You cannot appreciate the comforts of a modern jet liner until you have seen what they flew in during the early days of aviation.

Also, if you have ever seen the TV shows of their Aviation Week, you would be impressed with the numbers and variety of aircraft on display. It's also a very family thing for many folks who bring their aircraft to show and renew old friendships. If you would like to learn more about the EAA, go to their website at <http://www.airventuremuseum.org>.

James

Old World Wisconsin

The tours we took were well worth the effort. Our first tour was to Old World Wisconsin. It is approximately 35 miles north of Milwaukee and is a reproduction of 19th century Wisconsin set on over 500 acres. Wisconsin was settled predominantly by immigrants from the north and east of Europe. There were Germans, Bohemians, Norwegians and Danes in the mix. Each brought with them certain traditions, building techniques and trades. The Norwegians brought the processing of flax to Wisconsin. The Bohemians brought the concept of having a kitchen garden in the front yard. No open green lawns here – it was a waste of valuable space. They also mixed flowers and vegetables together to discourage the local fauna from eating all the vegetables.

Each ethnic group was represented by a cluster of buildings in the style that would have existed in the 1800's. All the ethnic areas were separated by a big green space, and the integrity of each group was maintained.

We especially liked visiting the blacksmith's shop and watching the docent ply his trade just as he would have 130 years ago. He worked the red hot iron with sure strokes of his hammer and created a pot hook in short order. Pot hooks were essential when one cooked over an open hearth.

Great Lakes

The highlight of the tours – from my perspective – was our trip to Great Lakes Naval Training Center where we were guests (with front row seats) at the weekly graduation Navy exercise. Great Lakes is approximately 56 miles from Milwaukee and is now the *only* recruit training command in the Navy. When I went through training, Boot Camps were located in Great Lakes and San Diego, with Orlando being added later. Now, about 800 - 900 recruits graduate from this facility - per week - 48 to 50 weeks a year. The one thing that really struck me was the mixture of men and women - black, white, and latino - in each of the five divisions (in my day they were called 'companies') on parade. One of the many changes we observed was that the assembled recruits were much more reflective of the totality of America. While today's Navy

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Great Lakes ... Navy Pride

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Drum Major

truly represents our national diversity, it also reflects the strength of this country. The diversity of these young men and women was much more a cross section of today's United States than the almost exclusively white faces seen in those Drill Halls of 1959. They are our country's best and brightest, representing the America we see in every city and town across the nation. I was very impressed by the intelligence, attitude and demeanor of every one of the young men and women we met, and of the timeless traditions they exhibited. They were unfailingly courteous as they listened with apparent interest to this bunch of dinosaurs that came briefly into their world. The Petty Officer Third Class assigned as our tour guide was a young African-American from Providence, RI. He was courteous, knowledgeable, and a tremendous help to us old salts by giving us a small introduction to the complexities of today's Navy.

There is a certain satisfaction in seeing these graduates as they performed traditional maneuvers and drills for over 2 hours before they were finally released to receive the congratulations of their assembled families and friends; and, as they sternly and steadfastly went through the highly scripted and stylized routines, I could see that they were intense, and acutely aware of the fact that they were entering another level of maturity and a new phase in their lives. They are the best we have.

I am proud to have observed this ongoing tradition, and prouder still to have been a part of the chain of traditions that extends from 1775 to today. After witnessing the graduation, I can rest assured that the chain is unbroken, and that we continue to have the best Navy in the world. It had been over 50 years since I had gone through a similar ceremony and it was truly a moving experience.



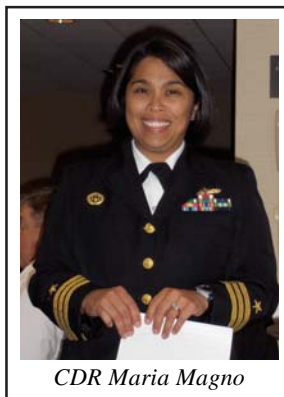
Entrance to Training Center



Parade of the State's Flags



Navy Band



CDR Maria Magno

Saturday Night Banquet

The keynote speaker at the banquet was CDR Maria Magno, the commanding officer of the Milwaukee Naval Reserve Center. She is a Surface Warfare qualified officer responsible for the in-depth support of the regular Navy, and tasked with providing, at a moment's notice, highly trained and qualified supplemental personnel to enhance naval operations throughout the world. The role of the Naval Reserve (actually all of the Armed Forces reserve components) has changed significantly since 9/11. Our regular Navy forces are stretched thin all

over the world. Reserve units of every branch of service are frequently called upon to make extended active duty deployments. Knowing that, they drill as if being called to active duty could occur at any time.

Gil

Hospitality

Never let it be said that Fiske mates don't know how to have a good time! With plenty of snacks and drinks, the party in the Hospitality Suite was never-ending until the last moment. Pictures of the festivities can be found on pages 6-7. Many thanks again to our host, Don Valentine, and his wife Diane.

Sandie



Front Row Seats for the Fiske Group

Getting Down to Business



After the General Business Meeting for the Election of Officers and location of the next reunion, all hands gathered for a group photo, followed by a banquet and an evening of enjoyment for all with family and invited guests.

Fiske Mates Having Fun!



Some of the friendly faces of our shipmates with their wives and family members at the 13th Bi-Annual Reunion held in the Sheraton Brookfield Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin - September, 2011.

Fiske Mates



Featuring Lou Nigro

ETR2 - on board Dec. '56 - Jan '60

As you can see, it appears that I was working very hard reading an official Navy Manual on SPS-10 Surface Search Radar Maintenance. Actually, it was a girlie magazine.

I was probably 20 years old at the time and enjoying a free cruise in the Mediterranean, complete with 3 meals a day (plus midrats) and entertainment. The entertainment consisted of climbing the mast while underway to repair a radar antenna. The view was great from way up there while the Fiske was rocking and rolling. We had a great group of ET's! I really enjoyed working with all of them, and would do it again in a minute.

After the Turks ran the Fiske aground back in the late 1990's and scrapped her, I suspect she was turned into Toyota pickup trucks and refrigerators. Great ship, great crew, but the Turks were never known for being great sailors! They smoke terrible tobacco and drink awful liquor.

Long live the USS Fiske and all who served on her!

This is Your Column!

Fiske Mates wants to hear from you!

Send (or email) a photo and a short memory of your time aboard to "Editor" USS FISKE. We'll send you a token of our appreciation in return!



Report from the Treasurer



James R. Rapson
ENS/LTjg 1964-1967

Let me first say that it has been a pleasure to serve the Association as its Treasurer since September 2007 and that the membership at the 13th Bi-Annual Reunion in Milwaukee saw fit to re-elect me, so that I could continue to serve in that capacity.

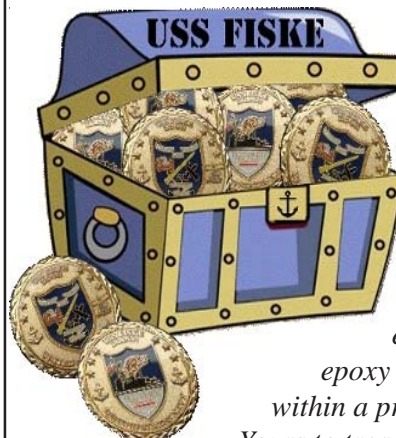
Your response over the last several years to requests for Dues monies has been exceptional and has brought the Association to a position of monetary stability. Through your efforts we are able to pay all of our bills on time, provide the services necessary for a well-run Association and make us able to contribute to other worthy causes – such as the Wounded Warrior Project, the Tin Can Sailors organization, the historical ship USS Joseph P. Kennedy (DD-850) at Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA, and to the “.308 Pen Project” for active duty members of our military (produced by fellow shipmate Charlie Thompson).

At the end of each month of operation of the Association I provide the Officers, Board of Directors and Appointed Officers with copies of the monthly financial reports. These reports detail the financial activities of the Association, serve as a cross check of the Treasurer's actions and provide the detail necessary for the accountant to prepare the Annual Report and the tax return.

Any shipmate who wishes to receive a report (either monthly or on request) should simply send me an email note at jrrapson@cox.net. Please specify how often you would like to see how we (you) are doing.

One additional item from the Reunion – shipmate James Melvin of New Hampshire produced a “Challenge Coin” for us. This coin has replicas of the Fiske on each side in each of her periods as either a DD or a DDR. They are excellently crafted and well worth the purchase price as a collector's item. The Association wishes to thank James for his efforts. Please contact Sandie at the Ship's Store to obtain your coin.

James



From the Ship's Store Treasure Chest

This beautiful coin measures 1 5/8" between its crisscross edges. It is two-toned shiny and textured gold with silver/nickel highlights. The DD and DDR ship's patches are featured in full color (one on each side). Finished and sealed with an

epoxy coating, the coin is contained within a protective clear poly envelope.

Yours to treasure for years to come!

Bonus: A free copy of the
Challenge Coin History and Rules



\$13.00 ea, or 2 for \$25.00 - Order from Ship's Store

Fiske Challenge Coins!



The old Charleston Navy Yard on the west bank of the Cooper River in North Charleston, SC



Shipmates confer at reunion business meeting

14th Reunion to be held in Charleston, South Carolina!

Reunion Host Has Plans Underway!

An important item at each Reunion is the selection of the next reunion site. We are pleased to announce that the attending members at the business meeting voted to have the 14th Bi-Annual Reunion of the USS Fiske (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc. in Charleston, South Carolina in September 2013. While that always seems so far away, ask those who have prepared a reunion and they will tell you it is just around the corner. As Reunion Host, Jeffrey Kovite will be assisted by President Gilbert Beyer, and Treasurer James Rapson. Since we have never been to Charleston before, we are hoping that the shipmates will immediately mark the date and location on their calendars and make every effort to be there in 2013. Besides being a city of the “Old South” it has many naval connections to both the Civil War era and the present day Navy.

The Charleston Navy Yard was located on the west bank of the Cooper River in North Charleston. Beginning with a dry-dock in 1909, the yard remained active through World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. It produced one flush-deck destroyer, then, 21 more destroyers, one Benson-class ship, and three of the six Fletchers initially fitted with seaplane catapults, including seven Gleaves-class destroyers.¹ After the Cold War, the Navy turned the facility over to a local redevelopment authority, which in 1996 leased the yard to Detyens Shipyards, Inc. In 2009, the yard restored the Laffey, in need of a complete replacement of her bottom following years on display as a museum ship at nearby Patriot’s Point. Operations continue today.

Charleston has a wealth of history! It was, in fact, a hotbed of secession at the start the American Civil War, and an important Atlantic Ocean port city for the fledgling Confederate States of America. The first shots of the Civil War were fired at a Federal ship entering Charleston Harbor.

Later, the bombardment of Fort Sumter triggered a massive call for Federal troops to put down the rebellion. Although the city and its surrounding fortification were repeatedly targeted by the Union Army and Navy, Charleston did not fall to Federal forces until the last months of the war.

We will highlight more on Charleston in upcoming issues, so stay tuned! If you have web access, you might want to visit <http://www.historiccharleston.org> to see a preview of the homes, museums, and other places of interest.

(James Rapson and Sandie Siciliano contributed to this story)



Chaplain's Corner

*W. Frank Stancil
GMG3 1959-1963*

Shipmates, as the holidays approach, let's all be thankful for friends, companions and loved ones.

May we also be thankful for living in America, land of the free and home of the brave.

May God richly bless each and every one of you with good health, strength for life, home for comfort and with opportunities for service to others.



Frank



¹ - article and photo reprinted courtesy of the Destroyer History Foundation; business meeting photo by Sandie Siciliano



With Gil Beyer, Ship's Historian

Ship's Log Entries...

**Historian's Report
13th Bi-Annual Reunion
9/22-9/25/2011
Milwaukee, WI**



*A majestic ship was she,
that sailed the seven seas,
we were the crew
who saw it through,
and logged our history.*

This was the 13th Bi-annual Reunion of the USS Fiske DD/DDR-842 Association. I've been attending these reunions for the past ten years. The first one was in Jacksonville, Florida in September 2001. These reunions are usually held the last full weekend of September and that one in 2001 was approximately two weeks after the horrors of 9/11. Commercial flights that were flying were at less than 50% capacity and airport security was very tight. Fear was endemic and permeated every conversation and situation.

Those of us that did gather in Jacksonville were veterans in their late forties to early seventies. We were veterans from the Cold War and Viet Nam eras. Many of us had participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

The talk around the room switched back and forth from 'sea stories' to the front page news. All of us in that room had served and none of us would have refused the opportunity to serve again. Yes, all of us were older, grayer and maybe a little heavier than we were forty years ago but once you have served, that spark still remains to defend your country against any and all aggressors.

You were once part of a team that you believed was invincible and genuinely thought you could still contribute to help defend our country. Maybe that is what makes having served such a lifelong milepost. I have never met a veteran that doesn't remember the feeling of being a part – albeit small – of a great team.

We had very little knowledge of the grand scheme of things. The geopolitics of the world's nations didn't impact our lives one whit. We were focused on doing 'our job' for the overall benefit of our unit – be it a destroyer, an aircraft carrier or a platoon of grunts. Our focus was to do our best to get our unit through whatever challenge was placed before us.

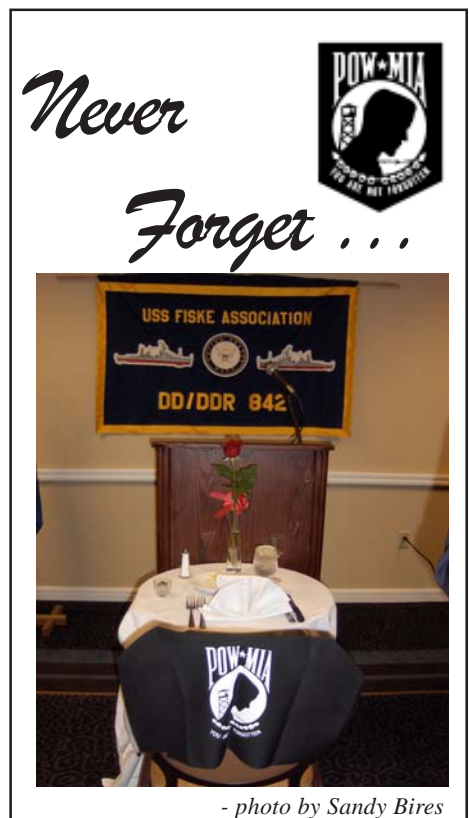
We were indeed a band of brothers, dedicated to making sure that the guy to the left and right of us survived. That 'brotherhood' is probably what makes us take these bi-annual pilgrimages to whatever location is selected.

Over the past ten years we have assembled in Jacksonville - (twice), Berkley Springs, WV, Newport, RI, Post Falls, ID and now, Milwaukee. Our numbers have thinned somewhat but we have some new attendees so the line continues. We sit around tables, sharing a few beers (those of us that still do consume alcohol), swapping stories and munching on salty snacks (probably not good for our aging internal systems either). No one speaks openly of the bonds of brotherhood but it is tacitly understood.

At the close of the banquet that Saturday evening we promised to gather again in two years. The next time, in Charleston, SC. We will join together in the fall of 2013, and if able, I will sit down once more with the men – and women – that served aboard a World War II built destroyer that proudly served this country for almost thirty-five years.

We may not ever say it but these are my brothers and sisters, and we are proud to have played a small role in the winning of the Cold War.

Gil



- photo by Sandy Bires

Government Matters. . . .

The Veterans Administration announced that it is seeking information from sailors who had served on Vietnam's inland waterways for the purpose of developing claims based on exposure to Agent Orange. They have identified a number of vessels and the time period they operated in "Brown Water" operations. If you were on the Fiske June 16-21, 1966 when it operated on the Mekong River or you were on any other ship that operated on rivers or deltas, contact your local Veterans Administration service officer. A list of ships included in this category can be found by searching on the VA website.

However, according to the Veterans Administration web page, "other than Brown Water operations, Blue Water sailors must have actually stepped foot on the land of Vietnam or served on its inland waterways anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 to be presumed to have been exposed to herbicides when claiming service-connection for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure." *Blue Water Veterans who did not set foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 must show on a factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during military service in order to receive disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. These claims are decided on a case by case basis.*

Exception: Blue Water Veterans with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma may be granted a service-connected disability without showing inland waterway service or that they set foot in Vietnam. This is because VA also recognizes non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as related to service in Vietnam or the *waters offshore of Vietnam* during the Vietnam Era. For more information about VA benefits for Agent Orange exposure, call 1-800-749-8387, or visit the website at: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/index.asp

Article contributed by Jeff Kovite



Steve Gilbert
YN3 1958-1960

If you are new to the web - don't worry, you'll be an expert in no time!

First, pictures from John Frazer taken at the 2011 reunion have been posted on the 2011 reunion page. From a social standpoint, it was a great time as we renewed friendships and shared memories.

I'm sure most of you have heard of "chat rooms". Well, we've placed a chat room in the *Quarterly Newsletter / Member E-mails* page.

Here's how it works: at some point during the day you visit the newsletter page and click the *Scuttlebutt Room*. You may have to run a small program to proceed. Don't be intimidated - just click on *Run* and close any popup. Use any log on

What's Up with the Web?

name you wish (a profile is not necessary), and await another shipmate to log on. You can then have a conversation, ask a question, or post an opinion. Other shipmates who log on can also join the conversation. To talk to a friend, make an agreement when to log on, while keeping time zones in mind (along with our earlier and earlier bed times). We'd like your feedback if you try it. Email me at: webmaster@ussfiske.org.

On the same topic of sharing information, we've been researching how to add a "blog" to the web site. A blog is a shortening of two words: *web* and *log*. As you know a log is a running account of events. This type of log is recorded on the world wide web. Hence *web-log*, or just *blog*. With a blog, the conversations are

kept as a running or constant "thread". One can contribute to the blog at anytime, days or weeks after the initial entry. So, it's a running conversation about any topic of interest.

The blog is kept, whereas the chat room conversation disappears after you leave the web site. We'll let you know in the next newsletter when the blog will be available and how to use it.



- Steve

web-mas-ter/ 'web,master/
Noun: A person who designs and develops web sites.

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