

# USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)



Association

## Newsletter

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### San Diego Reunion: The Best Yet!

*Arlington, Va.* – If you missed the San Diego reunion, too bad! It was a great one. Everything went off without a hitch, and we all owe **Gordon Cargill** our heartiest thanks.

At the business meeting, we reelected **Garry Phillips** President of the Association; **Joe Hill** as Secretary and Treasurer; **Dick Becker**, Executive Vice President; **Bart Bartholomew**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; **Frank West**, Chaplain; and **Jim Young** was reappointed MAA. **Gordon Cargill** was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; and **Larry Stone** was appointed Ships Storekeeper. Gordon will assume the duty of Editor of the Newsletter following this edition, and Larry Stone has already taken over as Storekeeper. They are welcome additions to the Association's slate of officers.

We wish to acknowledge **Bob Litts** long service as Secretary of the Association, and we will miss his wise counsel during business meetings. He was one of the original officers and founders of the Association. Thanks, Bob, for your unfailing service.

Here are some of the comments we have received about the reunion:

“Just wanted to drop you a line to express Betty's and my appreciation for the USS Rochester Reunion which was outstanding to say the least. The Red Lion Hotel was such a joy, but nothing but careful planning and diligent hard work could have produced such an exciting and so enjoyable get together. Thank you, thank each and every one involved, from

the both of us; we have so many happy memories. Please pass on our most sincere remarks to those who worked so hard to produce such a fine result. Hoping to see you in Bronson, Best Wishes, **Charlie Allsopp**”.

“Good to talk to you. Thanks for the call. We are getting along o.k. I sure wanted to attend the reunion. We will see you in Branson if we don't have another hurricane. I appreciate your getting my book. **Gene & Ann Beiber**” (Gene and Ann could not attend the reunion because of the hurricane that wrecked their house. Good luck to you two! ed.)

“I'm writing you this day to say that "without any question that reunion was the best ever. My wife and I enjoyed every moment of all the events and we certainly thank you again and all others for such a wonderful and glorious experience. **Ray Mariano**”

Please accept our thanks for all your help. It was a wonderful reunion. Thanks again for all your hard work and those involved. **Frank Guliuzza**”

“Joe [Hill], please send me a copy of the reunion book 2004 San Diego. A very good reunion. Thanks to all who worked so hard. **Kenneth O'Niell**”

## San Diego Reunion Committee: A Post-Mortem by Gordon Cargill

A post mortem meeting of the reunion committee was held on October 30, 2004. In attendance were Frank & Jean Dayak, Jim Romig, Gerry Steiner and daughter Janice, Wayne & Maxine Davis, Donald Parker & guest Nancy, and Gordon, Marge, & Cindy Cargill

### COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS / COMMENTS

Have the Registration, Hospitality, and Ships Store in the same place or very close proximity. This appeared to work out very well as it was a great place for everyone to meet and congregate. The Ships Store was visible to everyone and did a very good business.

Use the same style registration form as it was easy to complete. Suggested adding a "Plank-owner" and a "Cell phone" column.

The registration desk really never closes. Make sure there are enough people to work the registration desk and know the procedure and can fill in on the off hours to register people even though the registration desk is closed.

Raffle tickets should be less expensive. The tickets are very inexpensive and people will buy more if they seem to get a large quantity of them. Tickets should be advertised and sold at the beginning of the reunion in the Ships Store. At the banquet dinner, they should be pushed and sold by a raffle coordinator up to near the end of the event. This does two things, keep the interest up in order to sell more and keep the people at the banquet longer. After the raffle people started to leave the pavilion.

On all tours and events, make sure that there is money added to whatever the cost of the tour is to add a "profit" in order the Association collects money to offset some of the expenses. The Association has to incur expenses such as, paying for meals for the band, color guard, photographer tours, hospitality room refreshments, printing, shipping, and many other expenses to make the reunion a success, etc.

If hotel transportation is not available at the airport have greeters available to direct shipmates to the appropriate shuttle service. Make sure shuttle service to Branson is available.

The consensus of the reunion was that it was the best that they had attended. A critique of what was good and the bad was discussed. A summary of the evaluation sheets that were returned is attached. (I have attached them twice in two different formats - hopefully you'll be able to open one. If not, I can always put a copy in the mail to anyone who wants me to.)

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## NOTES

**Anthony "Tony" Voogd** attended the reunion in San Diego, and he offered to assist the Association in legal issues. Tony is an attorney now living in California. He also had high praise for the way the reunion was organized. It was good talking with you, Tony.

We received a letter from **Velma Kimbrell**, who reported the death of her husband, and our shipmate, **Robert Kimbrell**, BMC. Chief Kimbrell passed away March 15, 2003. Mrs. Kimbrell is also a Navy veteran (WAVES). She noted, "**Bill and Ellie Couch** were great at the Reunion in Las Vegas, years ago." Velma, please accept our best regards.

To **Verlan Hanson**: You're welcome. Glad your wife is feeling better.

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## 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. However there still several shipmates who have not renewed their memberships for the Year 2004. 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](mailto:joehillsr@multipro.com).

Joe will also provide members' addresses and phone numbers upon request. If you haven't paid your dues, do it now!

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## Ship's Store

Good news from the Ship's Store front. **Larry Stone** and his lovely wife, **Mary**, are now running the store and doing a bang-up job of it. Please take note of the new order form and read about Larry and Mary on the back of the form. Again, thanks, Larry for taking this on.

## Association Officers

Garry L. Phillips, President	Richard Becker, Executive VP
James Young, MAA	Gordon Cargill, 1st VP
Bart Bartholomew, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Frank West, Chaplain
Joseph S. Hill, Sec./Treasurer	Storekeeper – Larry Stone

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## Chaplain's Corner

*Frank West*  
Chaplain

Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

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## from Secondary Conn

by Garry Phillips

As Thanksgiving is here and gone, and Christmas is just around the corner,  
*Garry*

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## Word of the Day

### Three Sheets to the Wind

We use the term "three sheets to the wind" to describe someone who has too much to drink. As such, they are often bedraggled with perhaps shirttails out, clothes a mess. The reference is to a sailing ship in disarray, that is with sheets (lines — not "ropes" — that adjust the angle at which a sail is set in relation to the wind ) flapping loosely in the breeze.

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## Help Our Overseas Service Personnel

Pray for them.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

**Donald A. Blessing CWO3 A Division**  
**Philip L. Broadwater DT2 H Division**  
**Paul R. Case BM3 1st, 2nd & 3rd Divisions**  
**Carl F. Christman FN A Division**

**Stanley "Stan" K. Doden, SN, CS Division**  
**Harold F. Ford GM3, 4th Division**  
**Van D. Gibbins EM3 E Division**  
**Frank Guliuzza, Jr BM3 4th Division**  
**James O. Henley FA B & M Divisions**  
**Karl T. Swanson LCDR Chief Engineer**  
**Roger E. Ulrich RD3 OI Division**  
**Howard A. Williams HMC H Division**  
**Glen B. Yates LT 7th Division**

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**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>
Frank V. Aurio	CT	2000	UNK	UNK
Donald N. Clay	AR	2001	X	52-53
Walter Dionne	FL	2002	S-1	UNK
Marcus J. Gravel	MN	2002	USMC	UNK
Russell D. Larson	CO	2003	E	46-47
George M. McManus	CA	2004	USMC	49-51
Kenneth R. Simms	IL	2004	B	47-51
Wilson L. Sipe	CA	1999	X	56-60

