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Fireball!

USS OZBOURN DD 846 "the Happy Ship"

FINAL REUNION INFORMATION!!

FROM THE BRIDGE

The 1997 reunion in San Diego is coming together rapidly. Hotel reservation forms were included in the last issue of *Fireball!* and will be repeated in the next as well. Our shipmates who responded to a random poll taken on available activities preferred the following which have been arranged through Armed Forces Reunions:

Sunday: tour of San Diego and visit to a ship
Monday: trip to Tijuana (all day)
Tuesday: business meeting (morning)
harbor bay cruise (late morning)
tour of Old Town (afternoon)
banquet (evening)
Wednesday: breakfast and depart.

Although San Diego was home port when I served in the Ozbourn, many of our shipmates were on board when she was home ported in Long Beach. As many of you know, the recently closed base and shipyard there are about to be leased to COSCO, the China Ocean Shipping Co. Now COSCO is, what I read, a wholly owned subsidiary of the 'Peoples' Liberation Army' of the PCR. China was "the enemy" when I was on board during the Korean conflict. Now it's about to effectively own the second home port of our ship! The word I get is that the installation is to become among other things, an intelligence base.

As I write this, a story is breaking about Admiral Mike Boorda's accuser relative to wearing of illegitimate medals. Retired Army Colonel David Hackworth, Boorda's accuser and a reporter for Newsweek, is himself claiming medals to which he is not entitled. I guess "what goes around comes around," to use a cliché.

Several weeks ago I read in an eastern newspaper about the appointment of a consultant to the Secretary of the Army, Togo West, for the purpose of preventing "sexual harassment" in the army. This consultant,

Professor Madeline Morris of the Law School at Duke University, one of my "alma maters," recently published a paper in the Duke Law Journal entitled "By Force of Arms: Rape, War, and Military Culture". This paper suggests that in order to bring "sexual harassment" to a stop we forget about "male bonding," as she calls it, and bring about unit cohesion through, of all things, ideology. I managed to obtain a copy from her and plan to write up a short summary for the local Reserve Officers Association chapter and the Journal of Political Military Sociology. If anyone is interested, send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will send a zerox copy. The author ought to talk to Russian military reformer and retired general Aleksandr Lebed about ideology. Lebed knows all about the use and failure of ideology as a motivator in the old Soviet Army.

Thanks much to all members of the Internet Committee. I finally purchased a modem and should be on line before this issue is published.

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SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Search Committee is continuing its search of former shipmates. With the help of others reports the following new shipmates have been discovered since our last issue:

Gary C. Aldous	52-55, CS3, Blytheville, AR
Don C. Arnold	55 SN, McCallsburg, IA
Calvin Barfield	54-56, TM2, Lafayette, AL
Arthur R. Barron	53-55, YN1, Beach Haven, NJ
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John Nyquist	55-58, Coronado, CA
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Marion Parker	53 ET3, Winter Park, FL
Ronald Pezold	72-74, ST2, Alexandria, VA
Willaim A. Primm	54 SN, Marcellus, MI
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Carl W. Roberts	70-71, BM1, Holts Summit, MO
Donald Sacco	51-54, DC2, Woodbury, CN
Clarence L. Swann	55 ENC, Haywood, CA

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PLAN OF THE DAY

Saturday October 25

- 1400 Arrival and registration until 1700
Hospitality room open.
Evening on your own.

Sunday, October 26

- 0800 Registration continues until 0830
0900 Board bus for a guided tour of San Diego. See Silver Strand Beach and the Hotel Del Coronado, a national historic landmark built around 1888. Enjoy the ambiance and a tour of the hotel. Walk through Balboa Park, which is home to museums, art galleries, theaters, and one of the world's largest zoo's. Most of the architecture is of Spanish-Moorish origin, and the California Tower, a city landmark, chimes every quarter-hour from this beautiful park.
1130 Lunch on your own at Seaport Village, a replica of three Seaports. Enjoy seventy-five shops and thirteen restaurants for lunch and shopping on your own.
1315 Reboard bus for San Diego Naval Base and a tour of a modern warship.
1430 Reboard bus to return to hotel by 1500
\$25.00 per person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.

Evening on your own.

Monday, October 27

- 1000 Board bus for a day trip to Tijuana, Mexico, the most visited border city in the world, and virtual SHOPPER'S PARADISE. You may choose to wander into quaint shops for hand-crafted items of Old Mexico or bargain in the open bazaars for leather goods, perfume, pottery, and much more. Use the strength of the US dollar to get bargains on vanilla, silver, leather and other souvenir items. Lunch is on your own in of the many restaurants and eateries in the area.
1400 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 1530

A valid picture ID is all that is required of US Citizens.

\$28.00 per person includes bus, guide and border crossing fee. Lunch is not included.

Evening on your own.

Tuesday, October 28

- 0845 Business meeting until 1015.
1030 Board bus at the hotel.
1115 Enjoy a one hour narrated tour aboard a harbor bay cruiser. See the Naval Base and parts of San Diego Harbor as the Captain narrates. You'll cruise by the Navy piers and under the Coronado Bay Bridge. The oldest merchant ship afloat, the Star of India, is also berthed in this harbor.
1215 Reboard bus and continue to Old Town, which has flourished since its purchase by the State of California in 1969. This historic area was the site of the first European settlement in California. In addition to historic buildings, the park also contains specialty shops and restaurants, with Mexican cuisine the favorite.
1445 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 1500
\$29.00 per person includes bus, escort, and cruise. Lunch is not included.

- 1800 Photographs and cash bar.
1900 Banquet is served, followed by USO entertainment by "Four on the Floor."

Wednesday, October 29

- 0730 Farewell Breakfast

Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

THE HANDLERY HOTEL & RESORT
DIRECT RESERVATIONS CALL 1-800-676-6567 (or 619-298-0511)

HOTEL LOCATION

The Handlery Hotel & Country Club is located at 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. The hotel is centrally located in San Diego just off I-8, 2 blocks from US 163 and one mile from I-5, 15 minutes from San Diego International Airport. Nearby are the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Old Town and coastal beaches.

Directions:

From Airport: Take I-5 North to I-8 East. Take the 2nd exit to Hotel Circle. Follow the road and go under the freeway shaped like a horseshoe). Pass the Town & Country Hotel. The Handlery is located 5 minutes further on the right hand side of the road.

- To the airport from the hotel: Take I-8 West to I-5 South. Take the Sassafras exit; then follow the signs to the airport.

HOTEL EXTRAS

Each of the guest rooms include a coffee service with complimentary coffee as well as in-room movies and remote control color TV. Guests can enjoy lighted tennis courts, racquetball courts, boutique, barber shop, gift shop and beauty salon.

Handicapped and non smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Complimentary parking is available for hotel guests. Check in time is 3pm; check out is noon.

Hotel dining facilities:

-Postcards, American Bistro, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hours are 6:30-11am; 11:30am-4pm; and 4:30-10pm.

A Sunday brunch is offered.

Lounge, located within Postcards.

Room service is available 7am-10pm.

FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Cloud Nine Shuttle services The Handlery Hotel & Resort. They run shuttles every 10 minutes; 24 hours a day. Upon arrival at the airport, use the courtesy phone located in the baggage claim area to call Cloud Nine. They will inform you where to meet the shuttle. The hotel is approximately 15 minutes from the airport. You may call Cloud Nine for information at 1-800-9SHUTTLE.

NEAREST RV PARK

Reunion attendees may park RV's in the hotel parking lot. Should hookups be required, the nearest RV park that offers these services is Campland by the Bay Mission Park. It is located at 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, San Diego, CA 92109. Call 619-581-4230 for information, directions and reservations.

Mail Bag

Received a nice "thank you" note from Jane Sullivan, widow of Dick Sullivan (46-48). Photo of USS Ozbourn is now hanging in grandson Bobby's bedroom.

Former Skipper John Denham (66-68) sent in some additional Ozbourn history for the years 66-68. This information will be added to our INTERNET home page.

Numerous shipmates have indicated they will be attending the reunion in San Diego.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WHO CAME ABOARD THE OZBOURN IN 1947

Lloyd J. Cole	47-53 Colma, WI
Paul H. Edvardson	47-51 BMC, Arroyo Grande, CA
Alfred J. Koch	47-51 Cheektowaga, NY
Guy LeBreton	47-50 San Francisco, CA
Melvin Schult	47-48 SN, Belleville, IL

CAME ABOARD IN 1948

Willis L. Creagle	48-50 Magalis, CA
Joe R. Davis	48-52 Haslet, TX
Wallace S. Deeter	48-49 Camano Island, WA
Joe Escajeda	48-51 Powhatan, VA
Keith A. Henderson	48-50 Trout Creek, MT
Jesse R. Hover	48-52 RD2, Placerville, CA
Bernard Kern	48-50 QMC, Virginia Beach, VA
Vernon H. McCord	48-49 QM2, Tacoma, WA
Anthony Ramirez	48-? Anza, CA
Frank Spittle	48-50 Laguna Hills, CA
Daryl M. Turner	48-52 RD1, Fallbrook, CA

CAME ABOARD IN 1949

Hermon Brown	49-52 RM2, Baxter, TX
Billy Baker	49-51 Houston, TX
Paul E. Cranmore	49-52 Norman, OK
Everett G. Fromong	49-51 RD3, Gardner, KS

WELL DONE

To WD Minter and Pat Patterson. Through their great efforts we now have computerized list of all enlisted men, serving aboard the Ozbourn, from Commissioning (3/46) through December 1956. These lists include, ratings, date of assignment to Ozbourn and serial numbers. In most cases it includes shipmates middle initial which is a major help in tracking them down from computer telephone programs.

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Alan Swinger		Warrenton, VA
Charles P. Wheeler	53	SN, Vilonia, AR
Jack C. Wixon	54	IC2, Everett, WA
Andrew D. Woodson	52-54,	HC3, Salem, VA

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

The past months have been very busy for the Editor. In case you have written in any request and have not received an answer, please drop us a line to remind us. We have tried to keep you posted on E-mail addresses, but if yours is missing, let us know.

Researching new members has gone extremely well. A large number have been from the west coast, so I would expect that our reunion in San Diego, in the fall, will be our biggest. Don't forget to get your preparations underway to attend!

Sorry for some omissions in the last issue of the *Fireball!* The "master" was printed from a computer disk and not properly proofread by the printer.

Information for obtaining "Ozbourn" hats (below) is complete in this issue.

In addition please send your dues in to Paul Hecht, become full members and keep on the "*Fireball!*" mailing list.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR HAT IN TIME FOR THE REUNION

OZBOURN HATS, JACKETS, & SHIRTS

Hats can be ordered with or without scrambled eggs. In addition you can order a windbreaker or golf shirt.

Hats (with scramble eggs) \$20.00

Hats (no eggs) \$16.00

Add \$4.00 per order for shipping charge.

You can add at **no charge:** your last name, WWII, Vietnam, Korea, Plank Owner. Information on a new line, "watch caps" will be available at the reunion.

Call or write Joe Mollica at Artistic Co, 10613

Lawson River Ave., Fountain Valley, CA. 92708.

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 ☆ **TAPS** ☆
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 ☆ Bob Whitten was recently informed of the death ☆
 ☆ of former shipmate Gary Pulfrey (54-58). Gary, ☆
 ☆ of Seattle, WA., was a member of the ☆
 ☆ Engineering Division while aboard the Ozbourn. ☆
 ☆ Our regrets to his wife, Myrna. ☆
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 ☆ Ruth Hadley informed *Fireball!* of the death of ☆
 ☆ her husband, shipmate LCDR John U. Hadley ☆
 ☆ (50-51) on May 17, 1997. John had a very ☆
 ☆ distinguished Navel career from 1936 to 1966. ☆
 ☆ He rose in rank from enlisted man to LCDR at ☆
 ☆ his retirement. In 1942 he was the youngest ☆
 ☆ "Chief" in the Navy. John saw action in both ☆
 ☆ WWII and the Korean War. He served under ☆
 ☆ Charlie Akers on the Ozbourn. He leaves two ☆
 ☆ sons, John and Karl and a wife of 55 years. Our ☆
 ☆ condolences to Ruth Hadley and family. ☆
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HOW TO BE SURE TO GET TO THE REUNION IN SAN DIEGO

1. Send in to the Handlery Hotel the "reservation request" that appeared in the April 97 *"Fireball!"*
2. If you do not have one available call the Handlery Hotel at 1-800-676-6567 today and make your reservations for Saturday October 26 through Wednesday morning October 28, 1997.
3. Make your airline reservations. (don't forget to check on the Senior Coupons)
4. Fill out the reservation forms, in this issue, for your tours and activities and send it along with a check to the Armed Forces Reunions address on the form.
5. If you fly in to San Diego don't forget the free shuttle bus from the airport to the hotel.

DUES IS DUE -THIS MONTH

Dues will be due pn July 1 for the 1997/98 year. Keep your newsletter coming and support your Association. Avoid the last minute rush and send a check for \$10.00 to: **Paul Hecht, Treasurer, P.O. Box 3534, Portsmouth, VA 23701-0534**

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