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Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn
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Dedicated to perpetuating the memory of a gallant Marine and the history of a fine ship

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Reunion Re-cap Issue—Charleston, SC 2005

FROM THE BRIDGE

Eighty Ozbourn Association shipmates and their guests were in attendance at the seventh biennial reunion in Charleston, SC. Everyone that I spoke to enjoyed the tours in and around Charleston. It was, however, the camaraderie among long-time friends and those “Oz” sea stories that made this reunion special. Thanks to repeated advertising and our Web site, there were many new faces at this year’s reunion. A special committee is in the process of planning the 2007 reunion. Make your plans to attend.

Accepting an office in any organization takes a lot of dedication and commitment. The USS Ozbourn Association is no exception. Knowing that you are a part of keeping the name of a great destroyer alive and bringing old friends together through this newsletter, the Web site, and the reunions, makes my work worthwhile.

There are so many shipmates that are willing to give of their time and talents. They are the ones that make the Ozbourn Association the outstanding group that it is today.

There are two officers who have been involved from the start of the association from the beginning have asked to be replaced this year and I want to recognize their efforts. Tom Perkins has been the corresponding secretary and the editor of the “Fireball” for five years. When Tom first took over his editorial duties, he wrote, “Be assured, I shall endeavor to continue with the best interests of the association in mind and

in keeping with the high standards already established by my predecessors.” Tom accomplished all of that and more. The “Fireball” is a first-class publication and one of the best newsletters you will ever read. Tom also revised the association’s by-laws which were approved during the Charleston reunion. Tom has always been available to help in any way with the smallest or largest request. His guidance under special circumstances during my first two years as association president was invaluable. Even though Tom is no longer the editor of the “Fireball,” he has agreed to continue to help the association when needed.

Kudos also go to Fred Conwell who has been the association historian for 12 years. During his tenure, Fred collected books for our library, a wide assortment of historic photographs, as well as various memorabilia that range from Ozbourn Zippo lighters, to an engraved Bulova watch given to CDR William B. Fargo by the 1952-54 crew. The position of historian is one of those behind-the-scenes officers that isn’t always appreciated. Fred has devoted many hours to his office. All of the articles that were in his possession are preserving and cataloguing the history of the USS Ozbourn. During past reunions, shipmates have enjoyed looking at the items Fred had on display.

On behalf of the members and the officers of the USS Ozbourn Association, I thank Tom Perkins and Fred Conwell for their dedication and commitment. BRAVO ZULU!

Rudy Boff, President

2005 REUNION PHOTO GALERY



Bill Jones, Robert Miller and Paul Logan (left to right) enjoy one of the many bull sessions during the Charleston reunion.

Editor’s note: Every effort will be made to identify as many people as possible in each photograph. When there are more than five people in one photograph, or when people have their backs to the camera, or the people are too far off in the distance to identify, a general statement will be made as to the kind of activity in which the people in the photograph are involved.

This year’s USS Ozbourn reunion was attended by more than 80 people. Please see pages 6 & 7 for more 2005 reunion photographs.

BULLETIN BOARD OF GENERAL INTEREST

A new set of officers was installed during the seventh biennial reunion of the USS Oz-bourn Association. Well almost a whole new slate of officers was selected. Rudy Boff was reelected as the association's president. Kenneth Keene returned as the association's vice president while Bill Jones remains in the position of recording secretary. Warren Zschach (pronounced shack) retains the office of treasurer and assumes the additional duties of Oz-bourn historian. As was noted in Rudy Boff's "From the Bridge" article on the front page, Fred Conwell retired from the position of Oz-bourn historian. Additionally, Tom Perkins stepped down as the corresponding secretary and editor of the *Fireball*. Shipmate Rick Johnson has taken over responsibilities of *Fireball* editor and corresponding secretary.

MEET THE NEW FIREBALL EDITOR



Rick Johnson has been an Oz-bourn Association member since 2001. Rick served in the Navy for 22 years, four years on active duty and 18 years in the reserves. During his active duty years, 1960-64, he was a radar operator, advancing to the rate of petty officer second class prior to leaving active duty to attend college.

Johnson served aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard, CV 31 (which was not named after him), the USS Oz-bourn, DD 846 and the USS Frank E. Evans, DD 754. While on active duty, Johnson made two West Pac cruises, participated in a fleet exercise for President John F. Kennedy, made one six-week tour of the Formosa Patrol, and spent 399 days at sea.

After Johnson left active duty, he completed his college education, started a family, then reentered the Navy as a reservist. As a reservist, Johnson changed ratings from radar operator to journalist. He advanced to the rate of CPO and was the chief master-at-arms for CincPacFlt Detachment 219, Point Mugu, CA. Johnson's last two-week active duty for training was held at Point Mugu, replacing the Marine Public Affairs Officer who was assigned duty in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. Chief Johnson retired on December 30, 1990.

By-laws Revision: The approved Oz-bourn Association by-laws are included with this issue. The by-laws were reviewed and approved during the recent Oz-bourn reunion. Please keep a copy for your records.

Dues: Your dues status is indicated by the two-digit number on the newsletter mailing label. For example, **06** indicates that your dues are paid up through calendar year 2006. Any discrepancies should be reported to Recording Secretary Bill Jones ASAP. No late dues notifications will be sent to association members. The treasurer will gladly accept additional years dues.

Ship's Crew Roster: For an updated ship's crew roster, please contact Recording Secretary Bill Jones. (Please see reunion meeting minutes for an explanation of ship's crew roster status.)

Web Site Update: The Oz-bourn Association's Web site has been experiencing some difficulties with its "Guest Book" section. The association's Web master has taken the Guest Book section off the Web site until the problem can be solved. Check the Web site from time to time to review the status of this valuable section of our Web site.

WELCOME ABOARD

David Berry	STG1	(68-70)	Livingston, TX
Terry Cristiano	HT3	(70-73)	Irvine, CA
Dan Curtis	BT3	(63-67)	Mechanicsburg, OH
Donald Hartman	LTJG	(58-60)	Barnes, WI
Raymond Hollister	EN2	(65-66)	Hot Springs, SD
Robert Laubinger	RD2	(69-71)	Mesa, AZ
Frederick Owen	RM1	(63-65)	Wakefield, RI
Ronald Parker	MM3	(55-59)	Pendleton, OR

A hearty welcome aboard. We hope you will become active members and get involved.

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Gedunk Call!

Does anyone remember the term slick-arm chief? Has anyone ever seen a slick-arm chief? Under what circumstances would the Navy have a slick-arm chief? E-mail your response to johnsonsimivalley@yahoo.com.

We're on the Web
at
www.ozbourn.org

MAIL CALL



The following letters were received from shipmates seeking information about the USS Ozbourn Association.

I served on the Ozbourn as Electronics and Assistant Gunnery Officer from June 1950 to August 1951. Your reunion notice appeared in the May issue of the Military Officer magazine. I would be interested in joining your association.
LCDR John Moriarty USNR (Ret)
Long Beach, CA

I saw the reunion notice for the Ozbourn in the VA newsletter. Seeking information on how to find a picture of the OZZY Maru on the Internet but no luck so far. Do you know where I can get one?
Dan Betinec FTG3 in Nam (65-67)
Dan, Go to www.ozbourn.org for numerous photos of the old OZ.

Served from August 60 until FRAM period March 61. CO was CDR Thomas and XO LCDR Gygax. LCDR Gygax relieved by LCDR Gorman. Do you have a roster of the ships company during this period?
Leymon Hoover Long YNC, USN Ret.
Chief, See **Bulletin Board** in this issue on how to acquire a ship's crew roster.

My father served on board the USS Ozbourn in the 1950's. He was on it when the collision at sea occurred. I have many pictures of the damage. His name is William F. McGuire, ICC. Do you have a Web site?
Dennis McGuire, Prather, CA

Would you have any information on upcoming reunions concerning USS Ozbourn. I was an engineman during 1950 through 1952.
Guy E. Steward, Spanaway, WA

Editors note: Two of the writers (see above) have already joined the association. We always welcome new members.

Kent Curl was my XO during my tenure on the "OZ" during 61-63. During my six years of active duty, Kent was one of the best ship handlers and I always managed to be on the bridge when he had the conn. On one refueling he executed a "back down" maneuver that was one of the most innovative approaches to arrive on refueling station. He had everyone on the bridge cheering in one form or another. If you can convince Kent to write an article describing that I think our membership would find it very interesting reading.
Robert E. Davis RM2 (61-63)

More Letters

Thursday 1 September 2005. This was the mother of all hurricanes. This @\$%**+^ made landfall from the LA-TX border to SE Alabama wiping out Bayou La Batre-Coden and Dauphin Island which is a barrier island on which all building should be banned. The idiots still build on it and your money and my money have rebuilt it numerous times. Untold thousands of people have nothing to go back to and the total killed is not known at this time. Whatever you see on TV is only a small part of it. We got electrical service back on the second day and we were fortunate that the tornados missed us. A lot of trees are down on our block but the new roofs held firm against the STRONG winds. The areas on Mobile Bay (25 miles from us) looks like a bombed-out area from WWII. We are all alive and well and will give you an update later.

James Helland S1/c Plank owner (46)

Update on the Ozbourn/Midway collision was reported in the summer 2005 issue

I was a BT2 on the ship between May 63 until May of 67. In response to the request for the date of the Midway collision I would like to say that the Ozbourn never collided with the Midway but did collide with the Yorktown during refueling while on training exercises around early October 1963 after CDR Berger took command. There was bad weather and the only damage to Ozbourn was the screw guard on the port side but a lot of oil was spilled.

Dan "Red" Curtis BT2 (63-67)

The collision with Midway must have happened in the fall of 1959. I was the OOD for the 4-8 watch and handled the rendezvous with Midway for refueling. I was relieved by Ensign Hal Saxton and proceeded down to the wardroom for breakfast. When I finished, I went back up to watch the operation. I was half-way up the ladder from the O-1 level to the pilot house when I felt a tremendous shock and heard the collision. When I got to the pilot house all I could see was the Midway smashing into our port side. I believe that Captain Turner had the conn at the time. Fred Kane was Engineering Officer and maybe he can shed more light on the incident.

Ralph W. Carlson LTJG (58-61)

Editors note: Ah - how time seems to alter the order of things.

Shipmates, the watch has been relieved and the quill has been passed. During the 2005 reunion business meeting, Rick Johnson was duly elected and has assumed the duties of corresponding secretary and Fireball editor. This is a good thing. Fresh ideas, a new perspective and a creative approach are beneficial to any organization. I feel certain that Rick brings all these attributes to the job. It has been a privilege to serve the association in my post during the past five years. My close association with the officers of the association have been most gratifying. They were cooperative to a fault and their assistance and guidance was much appreciated. To the members at large, your support and inputs to the Fireball made my job a great deal easier. Thank you one and all.

Tom Perkins (50-53)

BY-LAWS OF THE USS OZBOURN (DD846)
Revised October 1, 2005

I. NAME: The name of the Association is the USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the Association. The Association is registered as a non-profit veterans organization.

II. OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Association is to promote patriotism, interest in the Naval Service and further friendship, camaraderie, fellowship, association and communication between its members and to preserve the history of the USS Ozbourn (DD) 846. The Association shall be committed to a policy of equal participation by the members in all activities and services.

III. MEMBERSHIP: Eligibility for membership in the Association is limited to those members of the U.S. Naval Service who served on board USS Ozbourn (DD 846) during the period of her commissioned service in the United States Navy. Categories of membership follow:

A. Regular: Any shipmate who meets the eligibility requirements stated above and upon receipt of written application and payment of dues.

B. Associate: Wives, widows and family members of deceased regular members. Other worthy individuals may be granted associate status upon majority vote of the Association membership.

C. Honorary: Any deserving citizen of the United States who supports the objectives of the Association may be granted membership upon sponsorship by a regular member and by majority vote of the elected officers or by majority vote of the Association members attending a reunion.

D. Charter: Limited to the three founding members of the Association.

Associate and honorary members may not vote or hold elected office in the Association but are entitled to all other privileges of the membership except as noted herein.

IV. FINANCE & ACCOUNTING: Officers of the Association must exercise prudence and good judgment in all matters relating to the handling of funds and ensure that all transactions are made in the best interests of the Association.

A. Dues: Dues or assessments shall be established by majority vote of the elected officers of the Association. Charter and Honorary members and wives of Regular members shall be exempt from payment of dues. Reinstatement fees will not be levied.

B. Compensation: Elected officers of the Association shall not receive compensation for services rendered in the performance of their duties.

C. Expenses: Expenses incurred in the conduct of Association business shall be paid promptly and a complete accounting of all transactions shall be provided to the Treasurer.

D. Reimbursement: Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the conduct of Association business shall be forwarded to the Treasurer together with substantiating evidence of such transactions.

E. Dissolution: When by attrition the membership of the Association is reduced to a point where operation is no longer practicable the Association will be dissolved and all remaining financial obligations shall be paid. Any remaining moneys in the treasury shall be donated, in the name of the USS Ozbourn Association, to a recognized Navy/Marine Corps charitable organization that provides assistance to needy military dependents. All other assets, equipment and memorabilia shall be disposed of as the members may direct.

V. ELECTED OFFICERS: Duties of elected officers of the Association follow:

A. President: Presides over meetings, provides direction for the operation of the Association, appoints committees and conducts activities as may be required.

B. Vice President: In the absence or disability of the President, performs the duties of the President and otherwise assists the President in the operation of the Association.

C. Corresponding Secretary: Serves as a communication center for the Association and prepares or assists in the preparation and distribution of newsletters and other notices to the membership as may be required.

D. Recording Secretary: Keeps and promulgates minutes of meetings held at reunions and of other meetings which he attends. Maintains, updates and expands rosters and keeps general records of the Association.

E. Treasurer: Receives and collects dues and funds of the Association. Maintains an accounting of such, funds, pays bills and provides a biennial written accounting of funds in the treasury.

VI. COMMITTEES: The standing committees of the Association are as follows:

A. Nominating: At least six months prior to each reunion the President will appoint a chairman and committee members to propose a slate of officers for election by the membership attending the reunion.

B. Reunion: At least eighteen months prior to each reunion the President will appoint a chairman and committee members to be responsible for proposing a reunion site and to assist in managing the necessary arrangements as may be required.

The President may appoint other committees as he deems necessary.

VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Elected Officers: Officers of the Association will be elected every two years, or less often, to coincide with and during reunions. The proposed slate of officers developed by the nominating committee will be promulgated to the membership and brought to a vote during the business meeting held during each reunion. At this time additional nominations to propose other candidates may be taken from the floor and a majority vote of the regular members will be sufficient to seat the nominee. The President shall have the power to fill, by appointment, any vacancies that occur in the roster of officers of the Association. This shall be considered an interim appointment until confirmed or superseded at the next scheduled business meeting. Two or more of the offices of the Association may be combined to accommodate future limitations in membership as deemed necessary by the President.

Reunions: To further the objective of the Association, periodic reunions will be held at intervals of not more than three years. Initial financial support may be provided by the Treasurer from funds of the Association but each reunion is expected to be financially self-supporting insofar as possible. Reunion sites should be selected in order to provide a reasonable coverage of the nation and accommodation of the dispersed membership. Attendance at a reunion is restricted to members as described in Article III. However, guests of members may attend upon application to and approval by the President and payment of the specified fees.

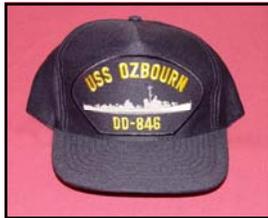
Communications: In order to keep all members informed of Association activities, reunions and other affairs, a newsletter to be called *Fireball* will be issued at least semi-annually. The editor of the newsletter may be appointed by the President and the position may be combined with any other elected position as he deems necessary. In these circumstances the editor will not become a voting member of the Elected Officers.

Changes to by-laws: Changes to by-laws may be proposed by any elected officer or by any five regular members of the Association. Proposed changes must be made in writing, signed by the member or members proposing them and forward to the electorate not less than one month prior to the next scheduled reunion. The vote on the proposed changes will be taken at the business meeting held during the reunion.

Historian: The President will appoint a regular member to fill the position of Historian of the USS Ozbourn Association. The Historian will act as custodian of any material of a historical nature associated with the ship throughout its service life or developed during the activities of the Association. All memorabilia or historical material submitted to the Historian shall become the property of the Association.

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USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE
Open 24 Hours — Rudy Boff, Proprietor



CAP, Cotton twill Navy blue with brilliant gold letters & destroyer silhouette. One size fits all.
Item # C01, \$14 ea.
Embroidery on back:
Korea — Item # C01K, \$15 ea.
Vietnam — Item # C01V, \$15 ea.

PATCH, fabric

Original design, Item # P01
Revised design, Item # P02
\$6 ea.



MUG, coffee 11 oz.
Embossed with Ozbourn patch & destroyer silhouette.
Item # M01, \$8 ea., 2 for \$12, 6 for \$30

FRAME, license plate
Item # F01, \$5 ea.



The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address below.

- Micro-fiber Jacket, fleece lined-water repellent **\$90**
- Twill Jacket, fully lined with full front zip **\$80**
- Windbreaker, mesh lined and full front zip **\$60**
- Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, assorted colors **\$40**
- T-shirts, both long and short sleeve **\$35 and \$20**

All items have ship's name and hull number embroidered in gold letters.

Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourn Web site at www.ozbourn.org under the heading Ship's Store. Orders may be placed with:

Rudy Boff — 1036 Connor Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1033
Tel: (412) 833-0572 — email: boffrud@juno.com

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Flexibility: The difficulty in operating an organization whose membership is widely dispersed is recognized. Therefore, rather than rigid rules, these by-laws are intended to be flexible and provide general guidelines for operation of the Association. Accordingly, subject to approval of the President, elected officers of the Association are authorized to delegate portions of, or all of, their authority to other members on a limited time basis in order to expedite the business of the Association.

Authentication
 1 October 2005

Presented to the membership and approved by majority vote of the members in attendance at the business meeting held in Charleston, SC on this date. /s/ **Rudolph Boff, President**

MINUTES OF THE USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION MEETING
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005

1400- Meeting called to order by President Rudy Boff
President Rudy Boff leads in the Pledge of Allegiance

Recording Secretary's Report by W. L. Jones

Minutes of 2003 San Antonio meeting read and approved
 - 705 shipmates in our records - 248 current with dues
 - 174 delinquent with dues - 82 incorrect address
 - 10 receiving complimentary newsletters
 - 191 misc. (deceased, never joined, etc.)

W.L. Jones reported that the earlier action of providing periodic printed rosters of shipmates to members is too cumbersome and there is no way to continually provide up-to-date rosters so that practice will be discontinued. Members may request, on an individual basis, a spreadsheet of members' names, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Vice President's Report by Ken Keene

Ken Keene discussed his partial success contacting those shipmates who have made an inquiry but have never joined.

Corresponding Secretary's Report by Tom Perkins

Outgoing Corresponding Secretary Tom Perkins was absent so there was no report. In the absence of Tom Perkins, Rick Johnson explained the proposed changes in the by-laws. A motion was passed that the amended by-laws be approved.

Treasurer's Report by Warren Zschach

\$11,208.17 was in the Association's treasury at the beginning of the 2003 biennial period. In the interim:

- \$ 6,248.23 was collected in dues
- \$ 2,041.74 was collected from the ship's store for a total of: \$19,498.14
- \$ 8,353.13 miscellaneous expenses including newsletter mailings
- \$11,145.01** current balance
- \$ 1,382.00 remains in the "Ozbourn Family Special Fund"

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Ozbourn Commemorative Plaque at Fredericksburg, Texas

Treasurer, Warren Zschach suggested that the plaque effort be funded out of the Association's general fund. A motion was made and passed to act on Warren Zschach's suggestion. Committee Chairman Paul Logan passed out two formats for the plaque. After much discussion, the members decided on a modified format comprised of components from each of the two originally suggested formats. Discussion followed concerning attendance at the plaque-placing ceremony in Fredericksburg which is anticipated to be in early 2006. Specific information on the ceremony, when it is known, will be published on the Ozbourn Web site. It was suggested that the Association pay for Paul Logan's travel expenses to the ceremony but no action was taken. Members are encouraged to attend but at their own expense.

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Talk about coincidences

Treasurer Warren Zschach noticed a curious comment on a dues registration sheet earlier this year. In the blank space entitled "Years served on the ship" the entry was "12 hours" together with the word "Rescued." The sender was none other than Ralph Tvede, a F4U-4 pilot flying from the USS Valley Forge CV 45 who was rescued from a minefield off the East coast of Korea. It was a bitterly cold night in February 1951 and Tvede was rescued by a whale-boat from the Ozbourn.

THE 2005 REUNION IN PICTURES

Registration and Bull Session

Check the Association's Web site for more photographs of the 2005 reunion.



Paul Logan, left, and Robert Ringle reminisce during one of the bull sessions.



Dick Clark, Max Trew and Warren Zschach (left to right), share sea stories at the start of the reunion



John Jackowski, Wallace Deeter and Joe Davis (left to right), join some of the shipmates' spouses in a round-table discussion of life aboard the Ozbourn.

Fort Sumter and Charleston Tours



Shipmates & spouses look forward to visiting Fort Sumter.

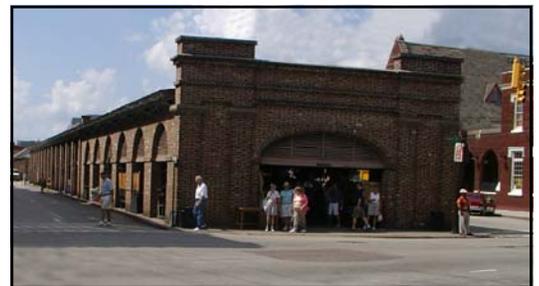


Ozbourn salts and wives gather around National Park Service naturalist (not shown) to get a history lesson about Fort Sumter, South Carolina. Charleston is off on the horizon.



Above is an example of a Southern town and country home. During the hot, muggy summers, plantation owners and their families would leave the plantation for their townhouse. This house is located on South Battery St. in the White Point area of Charleston, SC.

A favorite site for Ozbourn shipmates and wives is the old Market Place where visitors could purchase baskets and jewelry made by local artists. Everyone enjoyed lunch at several nearby restaurants.



Reunion participants relax in a horse-drawn carriage while taking in the sites of historic downtown Charleston.



Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise



You can call me anything just don't call me late for dinner. Cathy & Don Rueth and Mary Jane & Henry Burge, (left to right) wait for a traditional Southern seafood dinner during the dinner/dance cruise on Charleston Harbor.

Richard and Miriam Benedetti and an unidentified couple dance the night away aboard the Spirit of Carolina. Ozbourn shipmates danced to live music after the four-course dinner of traditional Charleston she-crab soup, Spiritline salad, a choice of five different entrees, and dessert.



Patriots Point Tour and Memorial Service



Sallae & Guy Posey head for the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point

Association President Rudy Boff is dwarfed by the American Flag. Rudy was part of the memorial ceremony held aboard the USS Yorktown.



Ray Gargus, left and Jim Helland prepare to drop memorial wreath into Charleston Harbor from the USS Yorktown. The photo next to the two shipmates shows the wreath landing in the water. The ceremony took place at Patriots Point.



Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum also includes the destroyer Laffey & Coast Guard Cutter Ingham shown at left.

Banquet, Business Meeting, Farewell Breakfast



It's time to eat again. Shipmates and spouses sit down to a formal dinner at the association's annual banquet. The new association officers were formally installed at the end of the banquet.

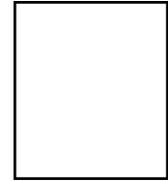


Gloria and Charles James (seated), and Guy and Sallae Posey at farewell breakfast.



Association officers (left to right) Recording Secretary Bill Jones, Treasurer Warren Zschach, Vice President Ken Keene, and President Rudy Boff, field questions during the annual business meeting in Charleston.

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DON'T TREAD ON ME

The new Union Jack was adopted after the 9/11 Attack on America.

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Special Fund for Ozbourn Family

Treasurer, Warren Zschach reported that all Ozbourn family members were invited to this reunion but no response was received thus he suggested that this residual special fund be discontinued and the residual amount of \$1,382 be returned to the Association's general fund. A motion was passed to that effect.

Survival's Bottle

Member, James Clay's 2003 meeting suggestion about a Survivor's Bottle was discussed. Vice President, Ken Keene suggested that this is an item which is not pertinent at this time. After more discussion, the item was tabled for possible action at some future date.

NEW BUSINESS:

President, Rudy Boff, presented the slate of candidates for Association officers which include all incumbents except for the position of Corresponding Secretary, Tom Perkins. Rick Johnson had been asked to fill that position. Nominations from the floor were called for and, there being none, a motion was passed to accept the slate of candidates as the Association Officers for 2006-07 period. Those elected or re-elected were:

- Rudy Boff — President
- Ken Keene — Vice President
- W.L. Jones — Recording Secretary
- Rick Johnson — Corresponding Secretary
- Warren Zschach — Treasurer*

*Although originally resigning from the job of Treasurer, Warren Zschach reconsidered and agreed to continue as Treasurer for two more years.

Rudy Boff told the group that Historian, Fred Conwell, who was not present at the meeting, no longer wished to continue in that position. Warren Zschach volunteered to take over the duties of Historian for the Association for the next two years.

Ken Keene introduced a discussion regarding donations. Because our treasury has ceased to grow and it is anticipated that in future years, the income will be less, he suggested that the Association limit the amount of donations it makes per biennial period. After some discussion a motion was passed to limit the overall total amount of donations to \$1,000 per biennial period.

W.L. Jones gave an update on the Ozbourn Web site.

Bob Whitten asked that the Association consider giving a donation to a tropical fish aquarium in the South, which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. A motion to donate \$100 was passed.

Dick Clark suggested that the Association continue its annual contribution to the Tin Can Sailors organization. A motion was passed to contribute \$300.

John Jackowski suggested that the Association contribute again to the Navy Memorial Fund in Washington, DC. A motion was passed to contribute \$100.

Pete Cole informed the Association that the Korean War Education organization had dissolved hence no more contributions will be requested.

President, Rudy Boff, read a letter from Charlie Akers who expressed his regrets for not being able to attend the reunion, but reflected very positively upon his long-term association with Ozbourn shipmates.

The 2007 reunion committee was selected, consisting of Warren Zschach chairman & included Bill Graves, Dick Clark & Guy Posey. The committee will consider all possible sites but with some priority over selecting a site on the West Coast. The committee will also investigate and possibly consider other reunion organizers besides Armed Forces Reunions which the Association has used for a number of years.

A motion was passed to provide up to \$500 for expenses to send someone on the reunion committee to investigate proposed sites for the 2007 reunion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1600 hours. **Submitted by: W.L. Jones—Oct. 10, 2005**