

Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourne
Tinian, Marianas Islands
28 July 1944

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends

Hope all are doing well.

The last few months, the USS OZBOURN has been on my mind. The proud ship that was named after a true hero, Private Joseph Ozbourne, USMC. It was a great pleasure and honor to have served on such a great ship. He and his family gave all as Joseph saved his fellow Marines without hesitation.

Now we that served on the "OZ", enjoy getting together to tell true, sea stories and remember our hero. Please plan on attending our next reunion and help us honor this truly heroic man and the great legacy that we were all proud to be part of.

Hope to see all at our 2017 Reunion to be held somewhere in the eastern part of our Great Country Yes, it is still great, no matter what some people may say. All one needs to do is watch our flag flapping in the wind and try not to cry.

Hope all are well and may God Bless you all, our Great Country and all Americans.

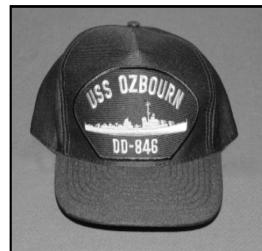
Guy Posey, President
USS Ozbourne Association



USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

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One of the truly unsung heroes of our Association, Past association President and current Ship's Store Proprietor **Rudy Boff, (52-55)**.



Along with all of the Association Officers, Rudy wanted to remind all shipmates, family members and friends to make their Ship's Store purchases early to ensure timely deliveries for the Holidays and upcoming 2017 Reunion. Great gifts can be found for all of the old salts and the entire family. Buy your "OZ" gear now. (See the Ship's Store Products and ordering information on Page-7).



2017 Biennial Reunion Update

Jeff Parker, Editor

The Reunion Committee continues to seek out a site for our 2017 Reunion to be held somewhere in the eastern portion of the Country. Since the last update,

Mark Beaulieu in the 2016 Summer "Fireball", the Reunion Committee has received several recommendations as to potential host cities and other venues for the 2017 Reunion. The Committee is continuing their search for a venue that will not only be of interest to all Association Members but also will be within the budgets of all members as well as close proximity to major airports. As stated in previous updates, several locations have been proposed as Host Cities that include, Buffalo, NY, Norfolk, VA, Virginia Beach, VA, Charlston, SC, and Savannah, GA. New potential sites include , Jacksonville and Pensacola, FL, and others.

The Reunion Committee wishes to thank all of the members who have come forward with suggestions as the selection process continues.

As the Chairperson for the 2017 Reunion Committee, Mark "Blue" Beulieu wishes to continue to reach out for input of all members who have suggestions or comments as it relates to the 2017 Reunion. Mark can be contacted via email at mrkbeaulieu@aol.com or simply give Mark a call at (832) 728-1352.

We anticipate announcing the location for the 2017 Reunion in the 2017 Winter "Fireball" due out in early December 2016.

Mike Ward

Randy Humphries

"Mac" Mckeehan



NOTICE

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Please note that Association Vice President Randy Humphries **EMAIL ADDRESS** has changed. Randy's new email address:

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Rudy Boff (52-55) (03-07)
Pittsburgh, PA

Publication Deadline

If you have a letter, story or photo you would like to share with other Ozbourne shipmates, the deadline for submitting contributions for the **Winter 2016** issue is **December 1st**. Articles may be re-written for purposes of editorial style. Due to limitations, some materials may be used in a future **Fireball** edition.



MAIL CALL

The following letters and e-mails were received by your Association Officers during the last quarter.

UPDATING ASSOCIATION WEBSITE-SHIPMATES

Jeff Parker, Editor

As the Editor of the Fireball and Corresponding Secretary, I have received several requests from Shipmates to update their identities in the Shipmates Section of our Association website. I for one am identified by name and years onboard which does not include my rate. Additionally, although most of our Shipmates that have passed are identified as such, a few are not. Therefore, I am reaching out to all Shipmates to review the Association website to ensure that their information is accurate. Please forward any additions or corrections to **Ken Keene** via email: **kkeene51@twc.com** or **Jeff Parker** via email: **Ljparker1@cox.net**, or drop me a note to be mailed to my residence, **1036 Calle Venezia, San Clemente, CA 92672**. Ken is currently working to update our website and is the liaison with our webmaster.

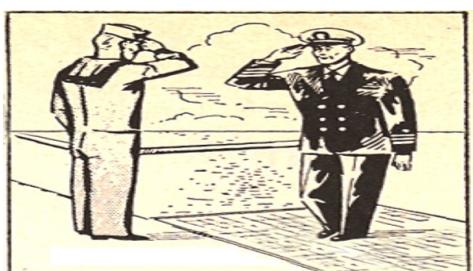


VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2016

We shall always hold in great esteem and honor, which of course includes our shipmates, along with all of the young men and women that have and are currently are serving our military service of our great nation of the United States of America. God Bless America!

APOLOGY FOR THE GAFFE

As the Editor of the "Fireball" I apologize to two of our long time members and Shipmates, Dr. Marty Zipser and Dr. John Glick. In the 2016 Summer Edition I alerted the members to Marty's current illness. I mistakenly attached a photo of Shipmate Dr. John Glack rather than Marty. My only excuse would be is that although I am not old, I am no younger young.....SORRY!



WELCOME ABOARD

RICK HAYTER E-4 (71-75)
DAVE McKIERNAN QM3 (66-67)

TAPS FOR SHIPMATES "SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"

JAMES A. BULLOCK SN1 (57-59)

"May fair winds and calm seas be with you always"

USS OZBOURN DD846 PHOTO GALLERY

The following photographs, provided by long time "Fireball" contributor and Shipmate **Jerry McKee, YN2 (66-69)**, depict a US Navy SH2 Sea Sprint Helicopter conducting a helo-transfer of personnel from the USS Kitty Hawk CV63 to the USS Ozbourn DD846 on an unknown date in 1967. The Kitty Hawk can be observed in the background.



JOINING THE NAVY - FISHING

Submitted by Reed Jones, LT. (65-67)

JOINING THE NAVY

When I was young, many years ago.....
I joined the Navy, Why I don't know.....
I served My time, with Honor, and Pride.....
For this young boy, it was quite a ride
I went to places, I'd never dreamed.....
Time went fast, so it seemed.....
I met People, I'll never forget.....
And some, I wish I'd never met.....
But as I think back on those days gone by....
My Ship, My Shipmates, brings a tear to My eye.....
I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought.....
But My time in the Navy, , could not have been bought.....
I guess We all feel the same, after We're out.....
The Pride we feel, that's what its about.....
Having served our Nation, keeping it free.....
Protecting our way of life, and our Liberty.....
And the friends I made along the way.....
Would I do it again? Any day.....
And to all My Shipmates, Anchors Away.....



FISHING

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the bar just outside the American Legion Post. A ragged old Army ground pounder was standing near the edge with a fishing line in the puddle. A curious young Marine fighter pilot came over to him and asked what he was doing?
“Fishing”, the old sergeant simply said. “Poor old fool”, the Marine officer thought to himself, and he invited the old Army soldier into the bar for a drink. As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whiskey, the haughty fighter pilot asked, “And how many have you caught today?” “You’re number ten” the old Army sergeant answered.

2 Air Force, 3 Navy & 5 Marines.

BEFORE & AFTER



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Association Treasurer & Historian MMCM Phil Roberts USN (Ret)

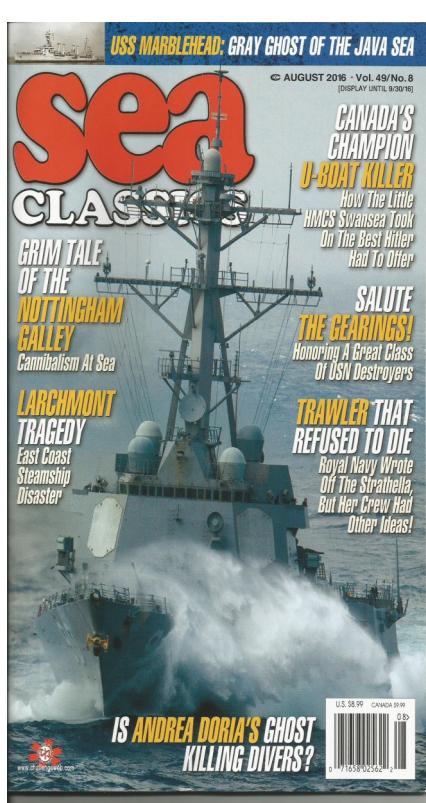


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USS OZBOURN DD846 IN THE NEWS

Jeff Parker, Editor

As you all know, from time-to-time I receive articles that I believe would be of great interest to all of our Shipmates. As a subscriber of SEA CLASSICS magazine, a monthly publication, I discovered an article in the August 2016 Edition, "Salute to the Gearings". I was very pleased to see the USS Ozbourne depicted in the attached article along with many of her sister ships. (*Editors Note: I would like to thank Mr. Michael O'Leary, Publisher, Sea Classics Magazine for allowing the use of the article and photograph. Any Shipmate wishing to subscribe to Sea Classics can contact Sea Classics P.O. Box 16149, North Hollywood, CA 91615, Tel. (800) 562-9182.*)



USS Ozbourne (DD-846) steaming for a rendezvous during May 1963 with USS Kitty Hawk (CV-62). On 3 June 1963, President Kennedy, standing on the deck of *Kitty Hawk*, will observe *Ozbourne* fire a missile from her ASROC launcher. From the lack of sailors in the picture standing on *Ozbourne*'s main deck, below ASROC launcher, we know it is not mealtime. Entrance to the Mess Deck was from a hatch on the port side of the ship located inside the superstructure just to the rear of the breakwater. The exit from the mess hall was from a similar hatch on the starboard side. One went down the hatch to the steam line, got one's food, went into the Mess to eat, and then exited through the scullery, where your tray was washed. The Mess Deck could only seat 40 crewmembers so it was eat and leave so your buddy could eat. Those going on watch got in the front of the line, those not having watch next in line, and those coming off watch at the rear of the line.

AGENT ORANGE UPDATE

As is customary, from time to time, we wish to focus on potential health related issues that could impact anyone of our Shipmates at anytime. Clearly, Mesothelioma and illnesses related to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War are concerns of our Shipmates and all military service members. As we all know, Mesothelioma, exposure to Asbestos related illnesses could be attributed to any period while serving aboard the "OZ" or any other U.S. Navy ship, or shipyard.

At varying times, those Shipmates stationed aboard the "OZ", during the Vietnam War, could have been exposed to Agent Orange and could experience health issues as a result of that exposure. A new list of ships that qualify for Agent Orange Exposure and time periods can be found on the following Veterans Affairs Website: www.publichealth.va.gov/exposure/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp. According to the website, Shipmates serving aboard USS Ozbourne DD846 on the following dates could have been exposed; October-November 1965; August-October 1966 and February 21, 1971 as well as April 1 & 11, 1971. (*Editors Note: In the event of health issues related to the possible exposure to Agent Orange, it is recommended that any Shipmate, no matter the date of service aboard the "OZ", contact their local U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office for the purposes of determining eligibility for benefits.*)

USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

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Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourne website at www.ozbourn.org under the heading Ship's Store. Orders may be placed with:
Rudy Boff — 1036 Connor Road
Pittsburgh, PA
15234-1033
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SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

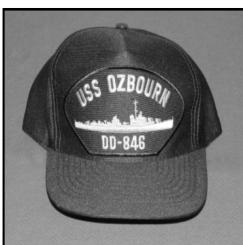
The following items are special order only. Contact Rudy Boff at Ship's Store address at left.

Micro-fiber jacket, fleece lined-water repellent \$95

Jerzees Super Sweatshirt, White or Navy Blue \$40

Golf shirts, White or Navy Blue \$35

All items have ship's name and hull number embroidered in gold letters. "Add \$5.00 for size 2XL"



CAP cotton twill Navy blue, brilliant gold letters & Destroyer silhouette. 1 size fits all.
Item #C01, \$14 ea.
Embroidery on back:
Korea, #C01K \$16 ea.
Vietnam, #C01V \$16 ea.



T-shirt short sleeve, White or Navy Blue with embroidered logo left side. \$25 ea. Item #T02

Long sleeve. \$35 ea.



AUBURN COACH'S JACKET

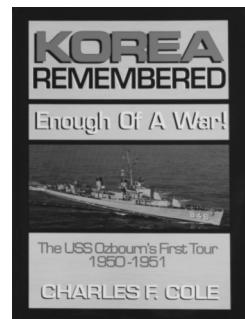
Navy Blue with fleece lining, six matching metal snaps, profile of the ship in silver thread and lettering in gold.
\$45 ea. Item #J01

Logo detail



The Book, *Korea Remembered: Enough of a War! The USS Ozbourn's First Tour, 1950-1951*

1951, is a first hand account of shipmate Charles F. Cole, as the war "sandwiched" between WW II and the war in Vietnam. Cole's historic account was first published in 1995, just in time for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial, near the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.



"Korea Remembered: Enough of a War"
The USS Ozbourn's First Tour, 1950-1951
By Charles F. Cole
\$5.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping & handling



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



FRAME license plate
Item #F01 \$5 ea.

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

COST OF ITEM	COST OF POSTAGE
\$0.01 – 15.00	\$3.00
15.00 – 25.00	4.00
25.01 – 35.00	5.00
35.01 – 45.00	7.00
45.01 – 55.00	8.00
55.01 – 65.00	10.00
65.01 or more	11.00

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**Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourne
USMC
Congressional Medal of Honor**

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DUES ALERT!

Are you overdue on your annual dues? Only dues paying members receive the ***Fireball*** newsletter. Look at your mailing label on your most recent newsletter and find a number such as 15 or 16. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 15 means 2015, 16 means 2016, etc. If you wish, you may pay for multiple years.

Membership dues are **\$15.00** annually and are due in January of each year. Please make checks payable to the **USS OZBOURN Association** and forward them to Philip Roberts, Association Treasurer, at 2608 Bentwood Drive, Palestine, TX 75803.

Your Association officers ask you to.....

DO THE DUES TODAY!

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

The following information can be found on the Association's website: Mission Statement, a list of Ozbourne shipmates, historical photos, Ship's Store and how to Join the Association.

USS OZBOURN COMMANDING OFFICERS

The USS Ozbourne has had 18 different commanding officers during its 29 year history. Do you remember which skippers you served under? If you have an interesting story about any of the Ozbourne's commanding officers to share please forward your experience for possible inclusion in a future issue of the ***Fireball***.

CDR B.A Smith	March 1946-October 1947
CDR N.E Blaisdell	October 1947-March 1949
CDR R.E. Freeman	March 1949-September 1950
CDR C.O. Akers	September 1950-April 1951
CDR W.B. Fargo	April 1951-April 1954
CDR H.T. Scott Jr.	April 1954-November 1955
CDR A.J. Toulon' Jr.	November 1955-Sept. 1957
CDR C.A. Kuhl	September 1957-July 1959
CDR W.W. Turner	July 1959-March 1961
LCDR D.V. Gorman	March 1961-December 1961
CDR W.W. Lancaster	December 1961-October 1963
CDR D.W. Berger	October 1963-July 1964
CDR N.D. Nelson Jr.	July 1964-April 1966
CDR J.G. Denham	April 1966-September 1968
CDR R.L. Stewart	September 1968-June 1970
CDR E.W. Numbers	June 1970-December 1971
CDR K.L. Costilow	December 1971-March 1974
CDR F.J Furtado	March 1974-May 1975

