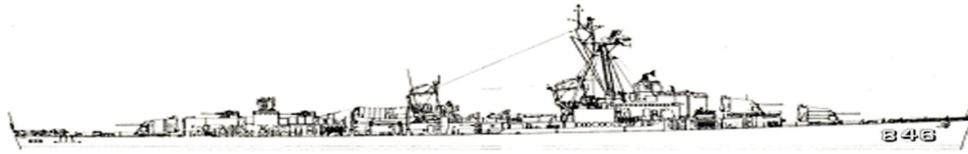




Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn  
Tinian, Marianas Islands  
28 July 1944

# FIREBALL!

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

### Greetings to All Shipmates, Families and Friends

Wow, what a great time we had in Portland, Oregon. The hotel staff were great and worked hard to resolve any issues very quickly.

The Dinner Cruise was great as was the buffet meal as well as the beautiful night for a relaxing time on the water. The Banquet was really great and the entertainer, Cary Heim, Comedian & Magician had everyone laughing throughout the event.

The Guest Speaker, Alicia Hamel, presented us with additional knowledge of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Alicia's presentation was very interesting and informative.

We are already looking forward to start making plans to attend in 2021, which I am sure will be just as great as this one.

Thanks to all of our Shipmates for their continued support of our Association. **Our congratulations go out to Mike Ward, our newly elected Association Treasurer.**

Guy Posey, President  
USS OZBOURN Association

## USS OZBOURN DD846 2019 REUNION, PORTLAND, OREGON



## 2021 Biennial Reunion

*Jeff Parker, Editor*

Now that the 2019 Reunion held in Portland, Oregon, is now in the history books, the entire membership wishes to thank the 2019 Reunion Committee, **Mark Beaulieu, Harold McKeehan, Mike Ward** and **Guy Posey** for all of their very hard work. This of course includes their lovely wives, **Sallae Posey, Mary Beaulieu, Linda McKeehan** and **Bonni Ward**, for all of their assistance and patience in the great deal of work required to plan and see any reunion to a successful conclusion. We would also like to thank all of the members in attendance that jump in and help during each of our reunions. The 2019 Reunion was truly one of the great ones and we as an Association are very grateful.

As we enter the Holiday Season, the last thing on your mind is the 2021 Reunion to be held in the Central part of our great nation. However, its never to early to discuss our next reunion. During the 2019 Business Meeting, a request went out for volunteers to accept the responsibility of planning and organizing the 2021 Reunion. After doing a great job on the 2015, 2017 & 2019 Reunions, **Guy Posey, President, Mark Beaulieu, V.P.**, and **Harold "Mac" McKeehan**, have once again stepped up to the plate and will be commencing the planning stages for our 2021 Reunion in the near future.

**Guy Posey**



**Mark Beaulieu**



**Harold McKeehan**



## Election of Association Officers

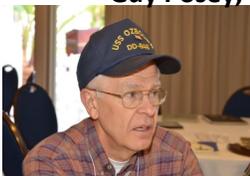
During the 2019 Business Meeting of the USS Ozbourne DD-846 Association taking place on 31 August 2019, the following shipmates were elected to serve as the Officers of the Association.



**Guy Posey, President**



**Mark Beaulieu, V.P.**



**Ken Keene, Secretary**



**Mike Ward, Treasurer**



**Jeff Parker, "Fireball"**

## Association Officers

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Years served aboard OZ/Assoc. President

**Robert Whitten Jr. (50-52) (93-99)**

Cupertino, CA

**W.D. Minter (52-55) (99-03)**

Texarkana, TX

**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 **Spring 2020** issue is **February 15th**. 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 emails were received by your Association Officers during the last quarter.

### A Big Thank You

*Submitted by Jeff Parker, Editor*



The entire Association sends out a big thank you to **MMCM Philip Roberts, USN (Ret.)** for all of his years of great service as the Association Treasurer/Historian. Chief Roberts has vowed to continue with his great legacy of support for all of his Shipmates. I for one, was truly blessed and honored to serve with and was a true benefactor of Chief Roberts great leadership and guidance. During my varying careers over so many years, I often thought, What would "The Chief" say or do under similar circumstances. Chief, you always came through and we are all richer for having you in our lives.

### PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR MUSEUM



Heard from **Rick Johnson, CPO, (61-64)**. Rick and his Wife Pam, recently visited the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum located in St. Mary's Maryland. Rick advised that the museum is dedicated to Naval Aviators who flew many of the experimental aircraft that eventually made it to the fleet. Rick is shown pointing at the photo, (*at the right*), of the USS Ozborn after the ASROC Launcher had been installed amid-ship.



### PLANK OWNER



Heard from **Plank Owner Alan Walker, S1/c, (46)**, who wrote that he was sorry to miss his first reunion in many years as a result of one of his Granddaughters Wedding. *No question that Alan was missed; however, clearly very understandable. Hope to see you in 2021.*

### TAPS FOR SHIPMATES

**"SAILORS ONCE, SHIPMATES FOREVER"**



**REUNION MISSING MAN TABLE**

*Submitted by Rick Johnson, CPO, (61-64)*

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



### WELCOME ABOARD

The Association wishes to Welcome Aboard the following shipmate as our newest member.

**JERRY WOODS, LT. (63-67)**

## Minutes of the 14th Biennial Reunion Business Meeting

**31 August, 2019—Portland, Oregon**

At 8:30 AM, 31 August 2019, The business meeting of the USS Ozbourn DD 846 Association was called to order by President Guy Posey with 24 shipmates in attendance. All in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

The Minutes of the 2017 business meeting in Virginia Beach were read by Recording Secretary Ken Keene. With no additions or correction, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read; a vote to approve was passed by the majority.

The Treasurers Report was given by Guy Posey in the absence of Treasurer Phil Roberts. The current balance of the Association account on 31 August 2019 was \$20,685.13. This does not include dues collected from shipmates at the reunion or final reunion expenses. With no additions or correction, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report as read; a vote to approve was passed by the majority.

The Fireball Report was also given by Guy Posey in the absence of Corresponding Secretary and Fireball Editor Jeff Parker. The total cost for printing, postage and copies of the 7 editions since the 2017 business meeting was \$1,359.07. The number of newsletters mailed depends on how many members have paid their dues for that year. Generally, there are 150 to 210 copies of the newsletter printed each time. With no additions or correction, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Fireball Report as read; a vote to approve was passed by the majority.

A Report on the 2019 Reunion was given by committee chair Mark Beaulieu. With 32 registrations submitted there was a total of \$11,411.00 collected and expenses prior to the business meeting were \$11,316.56 for a current profit of \$94.36. This amount will change as final bills are submitted to the committee. With no additions or correction, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Reunion Report as read; a vote to approve was passed by the majority.

### **Old Business**

No old business was brought to the floor for discussion.

### **New Business**

#### **Election of Officers:**

With the Treasurer, Phil Roberts being the only officer wishing to resign, a call for volunteers and nominations for each office was made. President Guy Posey stated that Mike Ward was willing to accept the nomination for Treasurer. With no other volunteers or nominations for any office, a vote was taken for each position. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of; President, Guy Posey. Vice President, Mark Beaulieu. Recording Secretary, Ken Keene. Treasurer, Mike Ward. Corresponding Secretary and Editor, Jeff Parker. A vote to approve the slate of officers till the 2021 business meeting passed by majority.

## Minutes of the 14th Biennial Reunion Business Meeting (Cont.)

### **Donations:**

Secretary Ken Keene read Section IV Paragraph E of the Association Bylaws pertaining to donations of the association monies to remind the membership of these guide lines. Mark Beaulieu then reported that three requests for donations were received at least 90 days prior to the meeting and gave a brief description of how our donated money was to be used. They were Tin Can Sailors, Wounded Warrior Project, and Disabled American Veterans. The balance of the Association account 90 days prior to the meeting was \$19,101.43 which allows a maximum total of donations of \$1,910.00. The Association officers recommended that the Tin Can Sailors receive \$550.00, and Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled American Veterans receive \$275.00 each for a total of \$1,100.00 in donations. This is the same amount as was approved for these organizations at the 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended donations, the vote passed by majority.

Member Dr. John Glick inquired about the possibility of a donation to the Destroyer Cassin Young in Boston in the future since it is not supported by Tin Can Sailors. Mark Beaulieu and Ken Keene agreed to re-search the organization and report on our findings at the 2021 meeting for consideration.

### **Next Reunion:**

It was pointed out that in keeping with Section VII, Paragraph B, of the Association Bylaws, that the 2021 reunion should be held in the central part of the country. Volunteers for the Reunion Committee were Mark Beaulieu, Guy Posey, and Harold McKeegan. It was pointed out that the customary expense amount of \$1,000.00 for the reunion committee was not in the Bylaws and needed to be approved at each business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to make available to the reunion committee the amount of \$1,000.00 payable by the Treasurer upon receiving receipts for their expenses. The vote to approve the \$1,000.00 for the reunion committee passed by majority. A brief discussion followed about the benefits of having a large enough group to aid in negotiating a good contract with the hotels and other vendors. A request for recommendations for the location of the next reunion was made and cities such as Milwaukee, Denver, Branson, and Louisville were all mentioned. The reunion committee can research these and other cities to get what they feel is the best deal and location.

With no further new business brought to the floor, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn: Vote to adjourn passed by majority. The 2019 Business Meeting was adjourned by Association President Guy Posey at 9:46 AM.

## **2019 REUNION PHOTOS AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

**FROM: Association Vice President Mark Beaulieu:** Good-day from the USS OZBOURN ASSOCIATION! Here are the instructions and the link you will need to download the photos taken during the 2019 Reunion Dinner. You may need to update your internet browser if you are still using an older versions Internet Explorer.

1) Type the following into internet address bar then click enter: [https://esettingmedia.shootproof.com/](https://esettingmedia.shootproof.com/gallery/10165707/bundle/9743345)

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2) In the email line use Mark's email: [mark.a.beaulieu@outlook.com](mailto:mark.a.beaulieu@outlook.com) DO NOT USE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

3) Click on Submit to start the download. **PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED HELP. (Note: Mark's New Contact Info on Page-2)**

# USS OZBOURN DD846 PHOTO GALLERY

## 2019 REUNION, PORTLAND, OREGON



# USS OZBOURN SHIP'S STORE

*Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week — Rudy Boff, Proprietor*

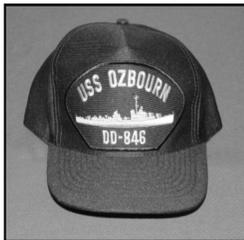


Photos and additional ordering information can be found on the Ozbourn website at [www.ozbourn.org](http://www.ozbourn.org) under the heading Ship's Store. Orders may be placed with:  
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 15234-1033  
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### 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"



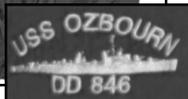
**CAP** cotton twill Navy blue, brilliant gold letters & Destroyer silhouette. 1 size fits all. Item #C01, \$14 ea. Embroidery on back: Korea, #C01K \$16 ea. Vietnam, #C01V \$16 ea.



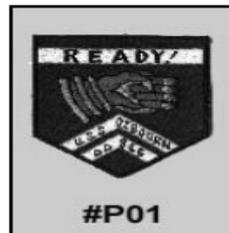
**T-shirt** short sleeve, White or Navy Blue with embroidered logo left side. \$25 ea. Item #T02  
 ← Long sleeve. \$35 ea.



**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



**PATCH** fabric, \$6 ea. Item #P01

<b>SHIPPING AND HANDLING</b>	
<u>COST OF ITEM</u>	<u>COST OF POSTAGE</u>
\$0.01 – 15.00	\$3.00
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55.01 – 65.00	10.00
65.01 or more	11.00

All shipmates, family and friends are encouraged to get their Ship's Store orders in early for delivery in time for the 2020 Holiday Season.



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Pvt. Joseph W. Ozbourn  
USMC  
Congressional Medal of Honor

## FIREBALL! The official newsletter of the USS Ozbourn Association

### 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 19 or 20. This number indicates the last year you were current with Association dues: 19 means 2019, 20 means 2010, 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 **Mike Ward**, Association Treasurer, at 3836 County Road W40, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

Your Association officers ask you to.....

### DO THE DUES TODAY!

**We're on the Web at [www.ozbourn.org](http://www.ozbourn.org)**

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

### SHIP AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE USS OZBOURN

- Combat Action Ribbon
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Meritorious Service Medal
- China Service Medal
- World War II Victory Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal w/Asia Clasp
- National Defense Service Medal w/bronze Star
- Korean Service Medal w/5 Bronze Stars
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/2 Bronze Stars
- Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Silver Stars
- Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm)
- United Nations Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

