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A Message from our President

Dear Fellow Shipmates,

Over the years we have located over 600 shipmates. However, only about 80 are dues paying members of the USS Salamonie Association. We take this opportunity to reach out to you to urge your support. Dues are \$25.00 annually and we need your contribution if we are to remain a viable organization. Among other things, your dues are used for mail and to support our museum, our troops overseas, and the reunions. If there are still dues paying members who have not remitted dues for 2011, please do so as soon as you can. Payment was due in January and should be sent to Don Bond. If you are not a dues paying member and wish to join the USS Salamonie Association, please send your dues to Don Bond. (See the membership form in this newsletter.)

More importantly, we urge you to attend the reunions. As you know, there are two, July 4th in Warren, IN and our

annual reunion, usually in April. We have visited many special places and the reunions are filled with fun and interesting activities. We do our best to move around the country to accommodate everyone. We are not getting any younger, and you are missing the opportunity to socialize with shipmates and rekindle fond memories. The camaraderie that we share is what makes these reunions more special than the places we visit and serve to build upon these memories of our service to our country. We should all be most proud of that service and grateful that we still have the friendship with each other. Personally, I value these reunions and the opportunity to spend quality time with all that attend more than I could ever express. I simply cannot imagine missing one. So indeed, we look forward to seeing you in April 2012 in St. Louis.

Sincere Best wishes,

Chuck Wazenegger

Complete Reunion Package

Includes:

4 Nights at the Millennium Hotel

10 Attractions

3 Days of Area Transportation

Complete Breakfast each A.M

2 Group Dinners + Banquet Buffet

- Hospitality Room is open daily -

- Casino's available nightly (on own)

Hotel Parking included for Reunion Attendees

Wednesday April 18, 2012

Arrive at Millennium Hotel – St. Louis Mo.

12:00 pm Hospitality Room opens / snacks

5:00 pm Everyone Meets in Hospitality Room

5:15 pm Dinner on own

Thursday April 19, 2012

9:00am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

9:30am Cathedral Basilica

11:00am Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour

12:45pm Visit Historic St. Charles Mo for lunch on own

2:00pm Explore historic downtown St. Charles shops

3:30pm Back to Hotel

5:30pm Motorcoach pick up at hotel

6:00pm Dinner and Murder Mystery at Bissell Mansion

Friday April 20, 2012

9:00am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

9:30am Gateway Arch Tour

10:00am Lewis and Clark Museum

12:00pm Lunch Cruise on the Mississippi River

2:00pm Ulysses S. Grant Historical Site
Film, House Tour, and Museum

4:30pm Back to Hotel

6:30pm Dinner at Old Spaghetti Factory (Downtown)

Saturday April 21, 2012

9:30 am Motorcoach pick up at hotel

10:15 am Grants Farm

11:30 pm Lunch included

1:45 pm Botanical Gardens

4:00 pm Back to Hotel

6:00 pm Banquet Dinner / Cash Bar

AO-26

USS SALAMONIE

St Louis Mo. Reunion

04/18/12 – 04/22/12

Held at Millennium Hotel

200 S. FOURTH STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63102



Complete Reunion Package Price
PER PERSON:

TWO in Room: \$560

One in Room: \$775

100% refunds for cancellations
with 48 hours notice providing
that the Attractions and Hotel
refund DeeTours.

**Airport transportation
available at an
Additional Cost**

**To Register please fill out Registration Form (Form will be in Newsletter)
and return it to our friends at DeeTours to Branson , Inc.**

P.O. Box 6874 Branson, MO 65615 417-527-0808

E-mail: Curtis@deetourstobranson.com

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2012 – Balance Due 3/14/12

**Extra Nights
Lodging
\$88.00
Including Tax**

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Alexander J. McPherson EM2 65-66
Joseph P. Brett WWII
Charles Huskiewicz MM3 64-67
James Vander Mevlen WW II

New Finds

Welcome aboard

Ralph Hill ENS 60-62
Van D. Browning MM2 55-59

Sick/Surgery/Treatments

Please keep in your prayers send cards

Chuck Wazznegger
Leonard Buck
Dee Bond
Lois Perrault
Harold Wetnight
Rose Masters
Margaret Coleman
Dale Hunt
Cecil Blain
George Perrault

Condolences

Our sincere condolences go out to Edward Lanahan on the loss of his beloved bride Jeanette.

Shipmates:

Thank you for honoring me with a wonderful plaque at Warren, Indiana for my past work and service to the USS Salomonie AO-26.

Thank you to my wife Dorothy for all her support in the past.

Respectfully,

John D. Lichoff RM3 57-59



Fourth of July 2011 in Warren, IN

Forty eight people attended the Fourth of July 2011 activities in Warren this year. Most rode on the float during the parade and tossed out candy and necklaces to those watching.

The Salomonie flag was held on the four corners and sides by the Boy Scouts and \$290.00 was collected. It is a tradition at the parade that coins are tossed into a flag held this way in a parade. The money was given to Lily Nutter for postage needed to send items to service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The speaker at the banquet was Denny Stroud, local historian and USS Salomonie supporter. He told us about Admiral Good, (From Warren, IN) a Naval officer, who was influential in getting our ship named the USS Salomonie. Denny did the research by using information at the Salomonie Historical Society.

Several of the ladies went to a meeting with Marilyn Morrison at the Warren Church of Christ. They saw lovely quilts that she and friends have created. They shared information about the types of crafts that interested them.

Everyone enjoyed seeing crew mates and being involved in the parade. An added delight was when two shipmates, Mike Stokes and John Gillian, brought their guitars to the hospitality room and entertained us with many “golden oldies”. Lots of people sang along and fun was had by all.

We hope to see many of you at the 2012 4th of July celebration.

John Lichoff

PS: Meet me in St. Louis in April 2012

DUES

Dues are now **\$25.00.**

Send your check made out to USS Salamonie to:

Don Bond
18940 Filmore Drive
Goshen, IN 46528
(574) 533-8835

USS Salamonie Association
Dues 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

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**Remember that your membership dues help
to keep the association afloat.**

**Additional donations can be made for the
following:**

**Knight-Bergman Civic Center
USS Salamonie Postage Fund
Troop Care Packages
Send them to Don Bond, too.**

Troop Packages

Lily Nutter has sent the 1,058th package to people serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. She's looking for names and addresses of others serving there so that she can send them packages, too.

If you can help her, please send information to Lily Nutter, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.



Meet me in St. Louis, Louis

*This song was sung at the St. Louis World's Fair
years ago.*

In the song Louis is pronounced "Louie".

*I've paraphrased the lyrics to tell about our
coming reunion in St. Louis!*

Meet Me in St. Louis, Shipmates

By Rita Lynch Wood

**Meet me in St. Louis, shipmates,
Hope you'll all be there,
We have lots of fun things planned
So come by car or air.
We'll bus to see the many sights,
And have real nice meals on three nights.
So please meet me in St. Louis, shipmates.
I'd love to see you there!**

**A form for registration has been
included in this newsletter**

Registration deadline is

February 14, 2012.

Final payment is due on

March 13, 2012.

“USS SALAMONIE” REUNION BEGINS: April 18, 2012 (Wed.) REUNION ENDS: April 22, 2012 (Sun.)

1 Name: _____ Guest: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

2 YOUR ARRIVAL DATE: ____/____/____ YOUR DEPARTURE DATE: ____/____/____

3 LODGING - Handicap Needs: _____

4 Smoking _____ Non-Smoking _____ Wheel Chair Seating: Transfer to Aisle Seat? YES NO

5 AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICES: Available at additional cost.

I, _____ do hereby hold harmless from any claims DeeTours to Branson, Inc, and all suppliers used in this package.
 _____ Client Signature _____ Date

\$50 Per Person Registration Deadline is February 14, 2012 – Balance Due March 14, 2012

COMPLETE ST. LOUIS PACKAGE: \$775.00 Per Person (1 in room) OR \$560.00 per person (2 in room)
EXTRA NIGHTS OF LODGING (Weekdays): \$88.00 Includes tax and Breakfast

6		<u># of Persons</u>	<u>\$ per Person</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>		All pricing listed includes tax
	FULL Package (see above listed prices)	: _____	x \$ _____	= _____		
	# of EXTRA Room Nights	_____	x \$88.00	= _____		

7 ADD ON Shows OR Services:
 : _____ x \$ _____ = _____
GRAND TOTAL DUE: _____

8 PAYMENT INFORMATION:

This Section to be completed by DeeTours to Branson, Inc. upon receipt of payment

DEPOSIT: \$ _____ (Amt. Pd) / _____ (Date Paid)

FINAL BALANCE: \$ _____ (Amt. Pd) / _____ (Date Paid)

All Deposit and Balance payments must be paid by check or money order and mailed to the below address

9 RETURN Completed form with payment to:
 DeeTours to Branson, Inc. at P.O. Box 6874 Branson, Mo. 65615
 All Checks to be payable to: DeeTours to Branson
 For additional information call DeeTours to Branson 417-527-0808