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May the spring rains and flowers bring you the most enjoyable summer and festivities ever.

God bless our troops, veterans and all who have served and those who have made the supreme sacrifice to make this a great nation for all.

**Honor Roll:
Weldon Kilgar SN 52-54**

New Finds: Welcome Aboard.
Barry Craig 1961
George A Cusick SHSN 65-66
Alfred J. Newman 52-54

Condolences:
Leonard Buck: On the loss of his beloved bride Charlotte of 41 years.

Thomas Keske: On the loss of his brother.

Michael Mini: On the loss of his brother John R. Mini.

Please accept our deepest sympathy to all who have suffered a loss or tragedy that we are not aware of at this time.

**Congratulations:
John and Betty Steinhauer on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary this coming August 23, 2010.**

Congratulations to Captain Anthony Ermovick on his retirement after 26 years in the US Navy.

Captain Ermovick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ermovick, (QM2 55 -56)

Charles Wazenegger LTJG 63-64 on being elected new trustee, replacing Thomas Graham. All other officer were reelected to their current positions.

**Sick/Surgery/Treatments:
Please keep in your prayers and either send a card or give a phone call.**

Leonard Buck – Surgery and Treatments.
Pat Selmer – Accident – Surgery
Dean Bayliff – Knee replacements (x2)
Lois Perruault – Treatments
Charles Stepanek – Treatments
Donald Bond – Surgery and Treatments.
Dee Bond- Sick and recovering
Jeanette Lanahan – Surgery
Paul Lotts.
Cecile Blain
Rose Masters

Dues Report:
At our Branson Reunion, it was brought up on the floor and voted to increase our dues donation in 2011 to \$25.00 a year due to the decline of member ship and expenses.

I have on file Names, addresses, and phone numbers of 685 former crewmembers of the USS Salamonie.

Of those, we have only 245 members that participate to keep us afloat.

We have 167 Active members.
We have 79 Life members.
We have 440 that show no interest.

I have contacted, spoke to and sent letters to all trying to get them to show interest, to no avail.

I have told them if times are hard and they cannot afford the membership, please say so and we will help them.

When making your dues donation or donations to other causes, be sure and make out your check to the USS Salamonie and then tell what it is for.

Don says this makes for easier banking than having his name on the check.

Remit to:
USS Salamonie AO-26
Donald Bond
18940 Filmore Drive
Goshen, Indiana 46528
dbondin@aol.com

Thank you to John Cooper ET2 52-54 and his wife Dorothy for representing the USS Salamonie AO-26 for the wreath laying ceremony at the Nimitz Museum on Memorial Day.

Note Museum:
It was discussed at our Branson Meeting that our museum carpet was in terrible shape and needed to be torn up and replace in both rooms.

We received a bid and with the Museums board approval we replaced the carpet in both rooms

of the museum as our funds would allow us to.

The job has since been completed and it really makes a difference and looks nice.

If you would like to make a donation to the carpet fund which has been set up for the USS Salamonie Museum, then please send your contributions to Donald Bond and specify it for the museum.

**The following have contributed to the carpet fund;
Alex Abalos, Cecil Blain, John Gallagher, John Ginnelly, Crusa Gonzales, Michael Hennessey, Joseph Long, Paul Lotz, Patrick McGrane, Bryce Percival, George Perrualt, Steven Rank, Thomas Riechman, James Schroeder, Jack (John) Sharkey, Charles Wazenegger, Riley Wilson, Tom Cummings, Alan Jirik, Donald Bond, Harlow Lazott, Carlos Rainwater, John D. Lichoff.
Thank you ALL.**

I received a call from LTJG Gordon Cook 42-43 telling me that the new book on Captain Edward L. Beach was out.

I called Mrs. Beach and she gave me an update on the printing and the book is now available.

It is called, “beneath the waves”(small letters) and is by Edward F. Finch.

I have a copy of the book and several former Salamonie Crewmembers are mention by name for their comments.

Lilly Nutter is doing well, but slowing down a bit. (From 116 MPH to 97.2 MPH)

She has to date sent exactly 888 packages to troops in harm’s way.

If you have a donation for her for the Care Packages, then mail your contribution to.

**Ms: Lilly Nutter
801 Huntington Ave.
Warren, Indiana 46792-9402**

Our Branson reunion was a huge success and the shows and hotel and food were wonderful and as far as I know, everyone had a good time and looking forward to next year.

Hope Crusa Gonzales luggage catches up to him sooner next year.

Reunion 2011 will be held the first part of May in St. Augustine, Florida.

The dates, times, hotel, and itinerary have not been fully completed at this time.

The December News letter will have all the details in full then.

July 4, 2010 – Warren, Indiana.

There have been a couple of MAJOR CHANGES, so please take notice.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the festival committee and town activities the following change has occurred.

The ‘PARADE’ scheduled for Friday evening July 2, 2010 has been moved to SATURDAY MORNING – July 3, 9AM.

Therefore we will not have our annual cookout at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center as in the past.

We will have our banquet at the Center that evening (Saturday) at 6:00 pm.

We will have a guest speaker from the Huntington VFW Post 2689.

I have a bank of rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn in both my name and the USS Salamonie.

Please make your reservations ASAP as the place will be sold out as a result of the Friday Night show at the Civic Center Grounds.

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The reason for the change that weekend is because they were able to book the winner of American Idol Star, Kellie Pickler for a concert.

They figure that the place and security for her show and the parade would be too much for the local law enforcement to handle all at once.

Tickets for her show are available thru the local show organizer.

**Parade Chairman
PO Box 330
Warren, IN. 46792**

Take care and see you in Warren.

John D. Lichoff RM3 57-59