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Note

May the New Year be filled with Joy, Happiness, Renewed acquaintances and most of all Good Health for everyone.

DUES DONATION CHANGE.
It was decided at the Nashville reunion in 2009 that we increase our dues. At that time we did not and at our Branson Reunion in 2010 the topic was brought up on the floor again with the motion of increasing the Dues Donation in 2011 to Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) a year to cover our increasing expenses.

Please make “ALL” checks out to USS Salamonie and not to Don.

Please remit all Dues Donations to:

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

If there is a hardship or a problem with not being able to remit your dues for a good reason,

then please contact us and we will help you out as much as we possibly can and work with you.

We do not wish to lose any shipmates for any reason if possible.

HONOR ROLL:

**James C Wright* BKR1 41-45
Frank Silvestri SN 43-47
John Patrick Connaughton
RMSN 43-45
Peter Rick MM3 55-59
Kenneth L Seaver YN3 61-63
Carl N. Grosswendt SN 66-68
*(Original Crew)**

Sick/Surgery/Treatments

**Chuck Rien
Don Bond
Cecile Blain
Bob Plumley**

**Andy Mosher
George Perrualt
Lois Perrualt
Rose Masters
Dee Bond
Leonard Buck**

**Please keep them in your prayers
and send cards.**

**If I have missed anyone, it is
because no one has relayed
anything to me.**

**New Find:
James Butler EM 62-65**

**Congratulations:
Robert & Joan Loos, 9/16/10
celebrated their “60th” wedding
anniversary.**

**Condolences:
Stephanie Wazznegger, on the loss
of her mother.**

**Donations to Care Packages:
USS Salamonie
VFW Post 2689 Huntington In.
VFW Post Ladies Axillaries,
Huntington, IN.
VFW Post 2743 Norwalk, Ohio
William (Bill) Wages
C.J. Wazzenegger
And probably many others that I
was not informed about.**

**Thank you to all and please
“Pray” for the safe return of all**

**our men and women in Harm’s
Way.**

Care Packages:

**Lilly Nutter has sent to date 968
packages to our troops in harm’s
way and still going strong.**

**She has set for herself a personal
goal of 1000 packages.**

**She is constantly hearing from the
men and women thanking her and
the USS Salamonie for all that we
are doing for them.**

**There is a chaplain in Afghanistan
who has a program he has started
for his unit and he calls it Free-X.**

**Instead of the P-X, if anyone has
anything extra from their
packages that they receive, he
collects them and gives the items
or supplies to others who do not
have anything or are not receiving
anything from home.**

**She is making sure that the
chaplain always gets a special box,
so that he can use it as he sees fit.**

**You can make your donations for
the cause to:**

**Ms. Lilly Nutter
801 Huntington, Ave.**

Warren, IN. 46792-9402

(Footnote)

Lilly Nutter is having a birthday and if you can, please send her a card and say Thank you and God bless.

I will not disclose her age because that is personal but I can tell you that she was born 12/12/12.

Happy Birthday Lilly from the USS Salamonie AO-26.

FYI:

As many of you know, the US Government still has many items of the USS Salamonie in storage.

I have been trying for several years to locate them and determine how to procure the items.

With the help of LT Richard Wirin who found the right contact for me, I was able to locate the items.

As this is a typical government bureaucracy, the paper work and restriction are at times asinine.

I was able to procure the items, but I had to have the Knight-Bergman Civic Center request them on their official letterhead stationery.

I also informed them that we would defray the cost of procuring the items and transporting them to Warren.

After several phone calls and discussions the Civic Center said that it was too much of a problem with the restrictions and wrote me a letter explaining their view of the matter.

I have made copies of their letter and have enclosed it with this mailing for your information.

There is another museum in the area interested in the artifacts and hopefully in the near future, something can be worked out to retrieve the artifacts from the storage facility in Antietam.

**Dave and Rita Wood have designed and printed at their personal expense a very nice folded pamphlet of the USS Salamonie to be placed at various locations in the area telling tourists about our ships museum and with interesting facts.
Thank you Dave and Rita.**

**St Augustine Florida Reunion
04/06/11 to 04/10/11**

The complete reunion package includes:

**4 nights at Holiday Inn
8 Attractions
3 days of area transportation
Complete country breakfast
buffet each AM
2 Group Dinners + Banquet
Buffet
Hospitality Room.**

**Curtis at Dee Tours has fixed us
up a real nice package and at an
affordable price.**

**Please fill out and mail your
reservations ASAP.**

**I have 30 rooms in the name of the
USS Salamonie reserved in
Warren for the next 4th of July.
When you call the Comfort Inn,
(260-375-4800) be sure you say
you are making your reservations
with the USS Salamonie.**

**At the St. Augustine reunion you
are going to have to elect a new
president.**

**Also you will have to have a new
news editor.**

**You will also have to have a new
host for the Fourth of July
Celebration's in Warren.**

**I will work with the new officers
in getting them started.**

**At this time I wish to thank each
and every one of my shipmates,**

**friends and their lovely ladies for
all the support and help that you
have so graciously given to me and
my wife over the years.**

**I have strove to make this
endeavor and cause for the
remembrance of the USS
Salamonie AO-26, their crew,
Officers, Enlisted Crew Members
to best of my ability.**

**I have been blessed with the pride
and knowing that I have served
with the best and made
everlasting friends and bonds that
can never be broken.**

**Thank you to my wife Dorothy for
all your support. She has been at
my side and a very integral part of
this association. She does more
behind the scenes than people will
ever know to help us all.**

**It is time for me to step aside and
be with my family.**

**I wish you nothing but the best of
everything and I will miss you.**

God Bless you all.

John

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November 1, 2010

Mr. John Lichoff
14 Morley Dr.
Norwalk, OH 44857

Dear Mr. Lichoff:

As I promised you I attempted to contact Mr. Frank Thompson at the Naval History and Heritage Command. My call went to his voicemail so I left him a message detailing the reason for my call, my name and phone number. For whatever reason, Mr. Thompson has not returned my call.

Based mainly on the following reasons, the Board continues to have these concerns about taking on additional items from the Navy. Text in italics is taken directly from the Navy's "Conditions for the Custody and Care of Navy Historical Property."

4. Physical protection. The Borrower/Recipient will provide reasonable and adequate care for the Navy-owned historical property in their possession.

c. The Borrower/Recipient will protect Navy-owned historical property from excessive or inappropriate light, temperature, humidity, insects, and vermin; and other direct or potential environmental hazards.

As you are probably aware, our facility is an 85 year old structure. We constantly battle temperature and humidity fluctuations within individual rooms. A new heating system is high on our list of priorities; however, we are a long way away from being able to finance such a project. The building is routinely inspected for insects and rodents; however, we can't guarantee they won't be a problem

5. Liability. The Borrower/Recipient is fiscally and legally responsible for the Navy-owned historical property in their custody.

a. The Borrower/Recipient is responsible for all arrangements and to assume and pay all costs, charges, and expenses incident to the loan of Navy-owned historical property, including but not limited to administration; packaging, handling, and transportation; display and exhibition, unless otherwise noted.



I understand your group has graciously agreed to transport the items from the Washington DC area to Warren. However, since we have no assurance from the Navy that they would not at some point in time terminate the loan agreement, we would be required to pay for their return to the Navy.

b. (in part) The Borrower/Recipient will insure Navy-owned historical property against theft, damage, loss, or destruction while in their custody, unless otherwise noted.

Without detailed information from the Navy, it is impossible for us to know whether our current insurance is of a sufficient amount to cover additional artifacts. Considering our current financial status, I don't believe it would be fiscally responsible for us to potentially tie up funds for additional insurance when numerous other projects within the building are in dire need of being completed.

6. Accountability. The Borrower/Recipient will annually account for the Navy-owned historical property in their possession and credit the Curator Branch, Naval Historical Center for the loan.

a. The Borrower/Recipient will report annually to the Curator Branch, Naval Historical Center on the condition and location of the Navy-owned historical property. Reports will include:

- (1) A listing of all Navy-owned historical property in their custody*
- (2) The physical condition of each item*
- (3) The location of each item*
- (4) A current photograph of each item.*

To be done properly, this would require all items in the museum to be catalogued to make sure that previously donated items would not be confused with items acquired from the Navy. Simply put, this is potentially a lot of busy work that none of us is currently willing to add to our duties. And, even if we were, I don't believe that it is fair for us to put that burden on future board members.

Other concerns I have with *7. Expiration/Termination*, *8. Renewal* and *9. Packaging, Handling, and Transportation* all hinge on the possibility that at some point in the future, either the Navy or a future Board might choose to terminate the loan agreement. In either case, we would be responsible for the return of all items along with any costs incurred in facilitating that return.

I understand from our telephone conversation that you believe we are making mountains out of mole hills with our concerns. However, absent anything concrete from the Navy to discount our concerns, our position remains the same as it was when we talked. We are more than happy to continue with our current arrangement; however, we are not interested at this time in acquiring additional items from the Navy.

Sincerely,



Ned Trout
Vice President
Knight-Berman Center