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**Cletus H. Stone HM3  
July 3, 1953  
Navy Cross Recipient**



"Doc" Stone HM1 - Roan Shipmate - 1960 to 1963

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Please remember these shipmates in your  
thoughts and prayers

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*May We Never Forget Our Departed  
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully  
and Gallantly*

### Taps

Dale Carver	BMSN	62-64	6/07
David Stowell	MM3	51-53	7/06
Richard Wright	LT	51-53	5/07

### New Members

John A. Byrne San Diego, CA Lcdr/XO 66-68	Charles (Rick) Ockenfels Auburn, NY HMSN 61-63
Dale L. Carver Harrington, ME BMSN 62-64	Joseph Oleksak Herkimer, NY RD2 62-63
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## Shipmates

Only through your generosity can we keep this ship afloat. The board has voted over and over not to charge dues, but we still need money to function. Each edition of "The Jolly Cholly" costs us about \$1,000 to print and mail. Enclosed you will find an envelope to place your contribution in to mail back to the Association. We are hoping our shipmates will help us to keep going by contributing to the Association. Whatever you can afford will be greatly appreciated, and will also help us to continue the comaraderie we had when we served in the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

Thank you

## From the Signal Bridge



We have been an Association of shipmates for some 18 years. We have had 9 reunions in that period of time. It seems each reunion has gotten better than the last one. All this can be accredited to you, our shipmates who give of their time and

efforts to make our Association grow with information, contributions, and actual hands on duties. We do not charge dues, we have an outstanding newsletter, and a board of officers who are dedicated to our Association to make it one in which we all can be proud. In many cases these shipmates go nameless. Our ships officers and enlisted act as one body of shipmates. It's common to see a captain and a seaman, side by side, working for our cause. They act and produce without fanfare or kudos for their efforts. It's to all of them that we all owe a debt of gratitude. Without them we would not be where we are today. Yes, this means YOU, because everyone has contributed in some way to make the Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association a cut above the rest.

Our 10th reunion, spearheaded by John Quick, is on track for August 2008 in Myrtle Beach, SC. For the first time, a group of Roan shipmates will have just returned from a cruise to the Caribbean in mid September. In the future, we will look for more ways to continue to get together as a group. Some suggestions are for us to have our reunions more frequently than the two-year period that we have been scheduling. Also, if this cruise turns out to be a success, we may try to schedule another cruise. One thing is certain, the years are closing in on us and we must make it a point to enjoy ourselves by meeting together as shipmates. Won't you make the effort to join us? It will be rewarding to you, and the shipmates who would like to see you.

Special thanks go out to Bob Boorum, Jack Byrne, Pat Fisk, Mike Fivecoat, John & Elinore Griggs, Dallas & Pat Rees, A. Hugh Scott, Bobby Joe & Jeanette Sears, Dave & Pat Tyree, Bill Varner, Malcolm & Eunice Woods, John & Karen Wurdemann, Charles & Judy Young.

*Richard F Souza*

## Financial Report September 30, 2007

Last Financial Report - March 15, 2007

Balance of Checking account \$19,241.49  
Reserve Fund-Separate Account \$700.00

### Expenditures

Post Office	374.01
Office Supplies	258.78
Small Stores	1,403.96
Newsletter/Printing	1,197.76
Telephone/Internet	642.24
Storage Locker 6 Months	406.35
Micro Fish Reader/Film	1,040.00
Cruise Dep. Transfer	7,284.00
Amarillo Roan Vet Home Exp	770.74
Roan Cruise Amenities	257.29
Reunion 2008 Deposit	500.00

Total Expense -14,135.13

### Deposits

Donations and Small Store Deposits 12,329.50  
(includes Cruise Dep. \$7284.00)

Balance of Checking account	\$19,241.49
Expenses	-14,135.13
Balance	5,106.36
Deposits	12,329.50

### Balance of Checking Account

September 30, 2007	\$17,435.86
Total Assets Including Reserve Fund	\$18,135.86

Be sure to visit our web page at:

<http://www.usscharleshroan.org/>

Ron Lucchesi, FTG3, 66-68  
has put a lot of hard work into it.

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## Letters From Loved Ones

Good Morning Richard,

This is John Collora. I had spoken to you a little while ago about my stepfather Dale L. Carver BMSN 62 – 64 being stationed in the USS Charles H. Roan. I believe that you have talked to Dale since then, and he had received the first “Jolly Cholly” newsletter. We had some very sad news yesterday, Dale died at home from a long battle with cancer. It meant a lot to him when he heard from you, and I just wanted to let his shipmates know what has happened. Dale was a great man. Thank you again from the family of Dale Carver.

John Collora – stepson of  
Dale L. Carver  
BMSN 62–64

Mr. Souza,

I’m sad to inform you that Dave Stowell passed away on July 6, 2006. He had Alzheimer’s for ten years. This is the reason we have not been at reunions recently. It was great while it lasted. Dave was the best of the best and is missed immensely.

Good luck with future reunions. You are doing a great job, which brings enjoyment to many.

Sincerely,

Bess Stowell – wife of  
Dave Stowell  
MM3 51-53



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## USS New York (LPD-21)



It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center

It is the fifth in a new class of warship (San Antonio-class, amphibious transport dock) designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship’s bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9, 2003, “the steelworkers treated it with total reverence,” recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. “It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.”

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the “hair on my neck stood up.” “It had a big meaning to it for all of us,” he said. “They knocked us down. They can’t keep us down. We’re going to be back.”

**The ship’s motto? “Never Forget”**

# Reunion Location Change

to

## Myrtle Beach SC.

### Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel

17 August 2008 to 24 August 2008

\$100.00 per day plus tax

Price will be good from 17<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August

Welcome Aboard Buffet - Wednesday night 20 August 2008

Golfers are requested to be there for Wednesday morning golf outing

Farewell Dinner and Dancing - Saturday evening 23 August 2008

Check out on Sunday 24 August 2008

Reservations at the Sheraton can be made by going to the Roan Association web site, clicking on the reunion button on the left and then clicking on the Sheraton link.

Organized tours and entertainment will be forthcoming

Preliminary list of activities will be available on line from the Sheraton web-site

[www.Sheraton.com/myrtlebeach](http://www.Sheraton.com/myrtlebeach)

**Inquiry: send your remarks to [jquick65@hotmail.com](mailto:jquick65@hotmail.com)**

Who would like to go to Charleston for the day?

How many wives are quilters?

Who likes Japanese food?

For those who will be holding court for old sea stories and other scuttlebutt - the liquid refreshment center will be just steps from the hospitality room - more to come.

The Sheraton is only 10 minutes from Myrtle Beach Airport and the hotel provides complimentary roundtrip airport transportation.

The Sheraton is located in Myrtle Beach's central business district and is within steps of all Myrtle Beach has to offer. Sunbathe, stroll, swim, or fish on the wide beaches of the Atlantic Ocean. Or enjoy unique shopping, casual dining, a variety of attractions, and exciting nightlife at Broadway at the Beach. Coastal Grande Mall, one of South Carolina's newest and largest shopping complexes, is just 10 minutes away. Myrtle Beach's finest golf courses are within a 10-minute drive as well.

Upon returning from an exciting day of activity, relax in a first-class hotel where professional service in a contemporary design awaits you. Enjoy dinner in Vidalia's Restaurant or an afternoon cocktail at M-Bar, offering complimentary Wireless High Speed Internet Access. The 402 spacious guest rooms are equipped with High Speed Internet Access, luxurious seven-layer feather bedding, and some with ocean views.

Your Shipmate

John Quick and His mate Kim

BM3 58-61

# In Remembrance.....

Menso H. Jenhins

SH2 46-52

Recognition of a now-fallen shipmate warrants my recollection of some of his life experiences based on our shipboard "taffrail talk" and our socialization of the last few years. The built-in vagaries of memory and hearsay do not promote or ensure total accuracy, so my apologies for any misstatements of facts or events.

Menso Harrison "Pete" Jenkins was born and raised in Enterprise, Alabama in a family of "dirt-farmer" sharecroppers, completing only the sixth grade of schooling to help provide support in the post depression and wartime years. In 1944 at the age of seventeen he walked ten miles to enlist in the Navy. Following boot camp training he saw deck hand destroyer action in the Pacific operations of 1944 and 1945 involving island assaults and fleet picket boats. During that time he acquired seamanship skills resulting in boat coxswain expertise and duties. Following WWII he completed ships serviceman training in Brooklyn, New York and was later in the Charles H. Roan commissioning crew of September 12, 1946 at Boston Naval Shipyard in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

For the first year or so he was ships barber and ships store operator, along with intermittent duties as coxswain of the motor whaleboat, picket boat, and Captain's gig as assigned. From 1948 to transfer in 1952 he operated the ship's laundry with assistance of another ships serviceman and strikers. It was there during my tour of 1948-1950 that we became close shipmates. A contributing factor was that the laundry and the sick bay shared a common bulkhead and both opened into the mid-ship passageway, leading to the sharing of many leisure and "break" hours there in addition to the same berthing compartment. It was also during these years that he was known by a second



nickname of "Squinchy" due to the way his eyelids "squinched up" during his hearty and frequent laughter.

In 1961 Menso-Pete-Squinchy was disability discharged and went to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and later Interlachen, Florida where he operated a successful small-engine repair shop in both locations. Following full retirement he was elected to and served one term as Mayor of Interlachen, then continuing his residence there, alone, after two unsuccessful marriages.

In 1992 he and a fellow plankowner, Lewis Zollars, organized a reunion of plankowners in Orange Park, Florida to honor the plankowner Commanding Officer, CDR Richard B. Derickson, whom they universally held in great esteem and affection. Since most of the plankowners stayed aboard about four years, they also included those "early crewmember" they had served with to about 1950, and it was my good fortune to be located and included, our first contact in forty-two years. Unfortunately Captain Derickson became ill and was unable to travel from Key West to attend, and, in fact, died the day following the reunion on September 21, 1992, nineteen years to the very day of the decommissioning of the USS Charles H. Roan and transfer to Turkey. To honor his passing Menso contacted the Executive Officer of USS Doyle (FFG-39), a ship they had toured during the reunion, and requested a formal at-sea observance of Captain Derickson's naval career and death. That request was granted and on December 2, 1992 tribute was rendered at sea by lowering the national ensign together with silent observance by the crew as a final salute. The utilized ensign was then delivered with explanatory cover letter.

Organized and conducted by "Squinchy", Lewis Zollars, and myself, the plankowner "splinter"

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group held one other reunion in Jacksonville Beach, Florida on September 12, 1996, some fifty years to the day of commissioning to honor that event, and to recognize LCDR George A. Gardes, plankowner Executive Officer.

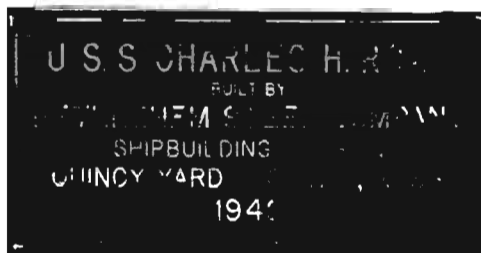
Pete and I lived only forty miles apart, and from 1992 we frequently shared memories, lifted a few, and played pool at his home, reliving those days and events on Roan. But one day we all "rest oars", and following a period of ill health and hospitalization, Ships Serviceman Menso Jenkins died on December 26, 2006, with his final resting place in Interlachen, Florida. Together with some distant relatives, I had the honor of assisting him in health matters and personal affairs during his final days. Shipmates forever.

Adjunct postscript: This remembrance was also occasioned by the Roan Association acquisition of a rare and treasured artifact, which probably few such organizations possess, and due in some measure to the ardently loyal relationship of Menso Jenkins to his beloved Captain.

Roan was laid down and built as Hull No. 1597 by Bethlehem Steel Company in Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Massachusetts. Upon delivery the Builders Hull Plaque for the named, but yet unnumbered, ship was affixed to the bulkhead in the mid-ship quarterdeck. Upon decommissioning the

plaque was presented to the commissioning commanding officer. Captain Derickson retained it until his death, after which, per his instructions it was delivered by his widow, to Menso Jenkins as representative of the plankowners. It was understood that upon the demise of those members the plaque would be presented to the Association. Just prior to his death he charged me with that task, which I planned to do at the next reunion. With the recent announcement of the imminent opening of The Veterans Administration long-term care facility, honoring our Medal of Honor namesake with planned memorabilia repository, I immediately delivered the plaque to the president of our Association, along with certain other items of memorabilia from Jenkins' "sea chest", for recognition, retention, or disposition as the officers deem fit, to wit: correspondence concerning the farewell salute aboard Doyle and the national ensign which was flown; a photo of the commissioning ceremony; a skein of shot line from the first roll fired by Roan for highline at sea (in 1947 by BM2 Flanigan across bow of McCard DD-822); and log books from 1947 in Newport Harbor for picket boat coxswained by Jenkins.

John S. Cannizzaro  
HM 2 48-50



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## NEW SALUTE THE FLAG POLICY

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

This Bill was passed July 25, 2007.



# Flags and Signals

Hello Richard,

This is for a few rolls of film. That will help a lot in locating crewmembers.

With best regards,

Bill Varner – Plankowner  
SN 46-48

Dear Rich,

Here is a small check to help on expenses. Keep up the good work.

Roy Cramblit  
S03 50-51

Richard,

Will do. But don't forget to fill out your profile when you get a chance, it's how others will be able to find you whether by ship, years served, rate, or whatever. I of course have the Roan site bookmarked and anyone I come across I'll let them know about the Association. As far as I can tell only 4 of my old ships have any kind of association and Roan's is by far and away the best and most thorough. You've done a fantastic job.

Dave Barney  
RD3 63-66

Hi Richard,

Thanks again to you and all the individuals that put together "The Jolly Cholly." Here's a little donation to help keep this critical connection to our ship "The Roan," and its shipmates going.

Under "Newly Found Shipmates" I noticed Robert Thesenvitz MM3 66-68 from Wentworth, South Dakota. In the late 70's my company transferred me to South Dakota to live for a couple of years. If I had known a Roan shipmate was nearby I would have called. Last month I did call; Robert's brother informed me that Robert had a serious stroke in December and was under care at this time. Any former shipmates that had served with Robert it wouldn't hurt to send a note or a letter. I hope a speedy recovery is underway.

Take care,  
Ron NaSal  
YN2 66-68

Dear Rich,

I'm looking forward to the next reunion. Love Charleston, the ships at Patriot's Point are awesome. I hope this time I'll make it. Did you ever get the CD I sent you that contained photographs of a Charles H Roan belt buckle? I also sent a copy to Tin Can Sailors and they posted it on their website under ship's belt buckles.

I am sending you the enclosed check and hope it helps. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
William J Pawluk  
SN 67-68

Dear Richard and Joe,

We were sorry to see both your wives (Lorraine and Judy) on the BINNACLE list. You guys better take care of these little ladies; cause Lord knows they took good care of both of you all these years. Here's hoping that they get better soon (as well as all shipmates and spouses).

We can't begin to tell you guys what a terrific job you both are doing. Hope this small donation helps keep the ship from running aground. If we can do anything to help, don't hesitate to let us know.

We are looking forward to the cruise this fall and to seeing many of our shipmates again.

Pat and Dallas Rees  
QM2 59-64

Dear Chief Souza,

Just received the spring "07" issue of the Roan newsletter. Much to my surprise, I found that I am presumed "LOST". Thanks for reminding me to return a roster update to correct the data from the NH to FL move. I am also thankful to whoever keeps the mailing list as it has my correct address and I have not missed a single issue of the newsletter!

I am enclosing a small sum for the Association "lost and found" dept.

Richard C. Moore  
SN 59-61

Richard,

I'm enclosing \$65 toward purchasing one of the muster reels. Also, can you please e-mail me Ens. Denny West address. I would like to send him a letter.

Best wishes to a speedy recovery for your wife, Lorraine and Joe Lambert's wife Judy.

Thanks,  
Chuck Glad  
FT3 54-56

Dear Richard,

I am in receipt of "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter, which outlined the naval history of Captain James H. Curran, Roan's fifth Commanding Officer.

I am writing to express my thanks for publishing an outstanding review of his life's history.

In my 30-year naval career, of all the varied ships I have served, I found Captain Curran to be the very best. He was a born leader with a magnetic personality that invited respect and loyalty. During the period I served aboard the Charles H. Roan I never heard an adverse word toward him; in fact, it was always complimentary.

I have enclosed a small check to ensure "The Jolly Cholly" newsletters continue.

Thank you again for remembering a dear friend.

Sincerely,  
John Salop CDR. USN (ret)  
LCDR 53-54



# Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

I just wanted to let you know what a fine job you and Joe are doing with the newsletter, and I'm sure there are many more contributing time and effort to it that deserve accolades as well.

Some of us snipes got together last year in Newport, and are planning it again this year at the end of April. I believe there will be twice as many this year, but regardless of the number, it is sure to be a great time again.

I have enclosed a check for some merchandise, and am including some extra as a donation to "The Jolly Cholly." I'm already looking forward to the next issue. Wishing all of you good health and happiness.

Your Shipmate,  
Mike Fivecoat  
MM2 63-67

Richard,

We had a great time in Branson. Dallas and Pat did a terrific job. We are looking forward to the cruise in September. Hope Lorraine is doing well. Enclosed is a check for the Association.

Tony DeNiro  
SN 58-60

Richard,

Thanks for "The Jolly Cholly." Please use my contribution check to continue the good work.

Don Mann  
ET3 57-58

Hi Richard,

Here's a contribution to keep the press rolling.

John Griggs  
TMSN 51-52

Dear Richard and Joe

I really enjoy getting "The Jolly Cholly" and hearing about former shipmates. I really give you and Joe and all the others involved a lot of credit for all the time and hard work you all put in to keeping the Roan Association afloat and sailing.

My prayers and thoughts go out to all "Roan Shipmates" and their families.

Sincerely  
Kenny Duggan  
SFP3 63-65

Sigs,

Just a note – your bride is in my prayers. Hope she is feeling better. Use this check to keep things rolling.

Bob Lee CDR, USN (ret)  
RD1 63-67

Richard,

Here's a little something for the pot.

Irv Eppendorf  
EM3 62-65

Richard,

I'm sorry I haven't sent this before now, but I have had a complete right knee replacement the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. The cruise sounds like a good one. I hope everyone enjoys it.

Tom Hayden  
SN 47-49

Hello Richard,

I hope all is well with you and Lorraine this Memorial Day. I enclose a check and would like to order item #4, a ships cup. Please use the rest of the check for the Association.

God Bless the USA and all the USS Charles H. Roan veterans.

Sincerely,  
Larry Wright  
ETN2 65-66

Richard,

Every time I get a new issue of "The Jolly Cholly" I recognize one or two new names. Then I break out the 1968 "Med" cruise book and I remember those days. Thanks again for the memories.

Tom E. Parker  
DC2 66-70

Richard,

We enjoy "The Jolly Cholly." Give our best to Lorraine and Judy.

John and Shirley Skaaland  
ET3 62-65

Dick,

I would like for \$65.00 to help purchase those muster rolls and the rest for the cause.

Thanks,  
Charles (Chuck) Young  
SFP3 53-55

Dear Souza,

I got "The Jolly Cholly" yesterday. It's funny how you see a name and the face comes back to you just like you had seen him yesterday. That was TM3 LaBlanc.

We really had a good time in Branson, talking with all the people. Jackie Girl asked me if all sailors were that nice. I told her yes they are. Good thing it wasn't Sunday! Here's a little for the kitty.

With regards,  
Perry Woodman  
RD1 65-68

Hi Chief,

Here's a little something for the kitty. I look forward to "The Jolly Cholly". It's great. Keep up the good work.

Don Quirk  
MM3 61-63

HEROES - Ordinary people who find themselves faced with an emergency and boldly respond to the need.

## CLETUS H. STONE HM3



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the NAVY CROSS to

CLETUS H. STONE HOSPITALMAN  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Corpsman with a Marine Infantry Company in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 16 September 1951. When his unit was suddenly subjected to cross fire from two bunkers while he was advancing with the assault squad of a rifle platoon during an attack against a group of strongly fortified enemy emplacements located along a ridge line, STONE bravely exposed himself to the hostile fire to treat the casualties and assisted the stricken men to a covered position. With the remainder of the squad pinned down and receiving further casualties, STONE promptly gathered the grenades dropped by the wounded men, made his way through intense enemy machine-gun, grenade and small-arms fire to a position closely flanking the hostile bunkers and, in a gallant attempt to protect his comrades, hurled the missiles into the enemy emplacements, killing all the occupants and completely neutralizing both strong points. By his indomitable courage, outstanding initiative and valiant efforts on behalf of his comrades in the face of great odds, STONE served to inspire all who observed him and was directly instrumental in the successful seizure of the platoon’s objective. His exceptional bravery and superb self-command reflect the highest credit upon himself and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,  
Robert B. Anderson  
Secretary of the Navy

".... I dedicate my heart, mind and strength to the work before me. I shall do all within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good throughout my naval career." *Hospital Corpsman Pledge*



23 year old Cletus Stone HM3  
working on S/Sgt R.R. Mosier



## PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

FIRST MARINE DIVISION, REINFORCED

for services as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea during the periods 21 to 26 April, 16 May to 30 June, and 11 to 25 September 1951. Spearheading the first counteroffensive in the spring of 1951, The FIRST MARINE DIVISION, Reinforced, engaged the enemy in the mountainous center of Korea in a brilliant series of actions unparalleled in the history of the Marine Corps, destroying and routing hostile forces with an unrelenting drive of seventy miles north from Wonju. During the period 21 to 26 April, the full force of the enemy counteroffensive was met by the Division, north of the Hwachon Reservoir. Although major units flanking the Marine Division were destroyed or driven back by the force of this attack, the Division held firm against the attackers, repelling the onslaught from three directions and preventing the encirclement of the key center of the lines. Following a rapid regrouping of friendly forces in close contact with the enemy, the First Marine Division, Reinforced, was committed into the flanks of the massive enemy penetration and, from 16 May to 30 June, was locked in a violent and crucial battle which resulted in the enemy being driven back to the north with disastrous losses to his force in the number of killed, wounded and captured. Carrying out a series of devastating assaults, the Division succeeded in reducing the enemy's main fortified complex dominating the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel. In the final significant offensive of the action in Korea, from 11 to 25 September 1951, the FIRST MARINE DIVISION, Reinforced, completed the destruction of the enemy forces in Eastern Korea by advancing the front against a final desperate enemy defense in the "Punch Bowl" area in heavy action which completed the liberation of South Korea in this locality. With the enemy's major defenses reduced, his forces on the central front decimated, and the advantage of terrain and the tactical initiative passing to friendly forces, he never again recovered sufficiently to resume the offensive in Korea. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness and aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men of the FIRST MARINE DIVISION, Reinforced, reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Services."

For the President  
Charles S. Thompson  
Secretary of the Navy

# Remembering a Shipmate and a Hero

I remember Doc Stone (Cletus Stone HM1) coming aboard in 1960 with a serious but friendly attitude. Little did we know that this Corpsman had a hidden page in his life, one of heroism and valor. He never talked about that period in his life when he was responsible for saving the lives of many Marines during combat. Doc Stone had been a medic and earned the Navy Cross for his Heroism while assigned to the 1st Marine Division during the Korean War. The Navy Cross is our Nation's second highest honor that can be bestowed on a Navy man.

I was astonished, as others were, while during a routine uniform inspection while he was standing beside me, and was asked, "What was that ribbon he was wearing"? It was unfamiliar to the inspecting officer and me. He quietly whispered, "the Navy Cross". I was shocked; I couldn't help but be proud to have him aboard as a shipmate and our Doc. Standing by my side was a man who was responsible for saving the lives of his buddies with a total disregard for his own life.

I also witnessed him trying to save the life of one of our

sailors. A young sailor (Pat Rogers, SA, 2/25/64 - 3/6/64) going to sea for the first time had gotten sea sick and fallen outside our portside windbreak on the main deck. He apparently struck his head when he fell. We rushed him to sickbay and while lying on the deck Doc Stone started CPR. This was a procedure I had never seen or even heard of. This was not a common term or procedure back then. He pumped and thumped Pat's chest trying to save this young life. I was simply amazed at his efforts to revive Pat. Sadly, it was not to be, and the young sailor died in our hands. It was plain to see, that Doc did everything possible to save his life.

I also later learned that Doc Stone would have been awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions if the paper work hadn't been lost. When the paper work was resubmitted, the applying officer took it upon himself to request the Navy Cross to insure that Doc Stone receive one of his Nation's highest honors. Doc Stone passed away in 1972. I am honored to have served with him. He was a shipmate, a hero, and a very dear friend.

Souza

13 February 1963

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Charles H. Roan (DD-853)

To: Stone, Cletus H., HM1, U.S. Navy

Subj: Letter of Commendation

1. On the occasion of your permanent transfer from this ship, the Commanding Officer commends you for your thoroughly outstanding performance of duty aboard U.S.S. Charles H. Roan (DD853) during period 25 November 1960 to 15 February 1963.
2. Particularly noteworthy accomplishments during your tour aboard as Medical Department representative are the following
  - A. Services rendered and maintenance of continuity of ship's Medical Department during ten-month conversion period that ended 20 June 1962.
  - B. Outfitting and resumption of Medical Department function aboard ship.
  - C. Commendable appraisals from excellent to outstanding after, arrival inspection, operational readiness inspection, annual medical and annual administrative inspections.
3. You are commended for a job "Well Done". The Commanding Officer takes great pleasure in awarding this commendation in recognition of your professional competence, leadership, and devotion to duty.
4. A copy of this letter will be placed in your service record.

Charles H. Hayden

## Decorations Received by Doc Stone

Navy Cross Combat Action Ribbon Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon Good Conduct Medal (4) China Service Medal (extended) American Defense Service Medal (w/ clasp) WW II Victory Medal	Navy Occupation Service Medal (w/ clasp) Asia National Defense Medal Korean Service Medal (1 battle star) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Cuba) United Nations Service Medal Republic of Korea War Service Medal Foreign Presidential Unit Citation – Republic of Korea
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## Doc Stone's Duty Stations

09/24/45		Enlisted Lancaster, PA
09/27/45	to 01/07/45	Recruit training - Camp Parks - Williamsburg, VA
01/17/46	to 02/17/46	Under instruction
02/02/46		Pearl Harbor
	Transient	USS Presque Isle APB-44
	&	USS Gunson Hall LSD-5
For Further assignment		Guam
		Midway
	01/08/47	USS Kennebec AO-36
01/08/47	to 09/20/48	USS Marias AO-57
09/23/48	to 12/20/48	US Naval Hospital – San Diego, CA – Student
12/22/48	to 01/04/49	NAS – Corpus Christe, TX
01/05/49	to 01/07/51	NAS – Cavaniess Field - Corpus Christe – Corpsman
01/11/51	to 05/02/51	TAD – Camp Delmar – Oceanside, CA
		Marine Corp Corpsman Training
06/02/51	to 06/09/51	In transient – USS President Hayes APA-20
06/10/51	to 04/01/52	1 <sup>st</sup> Marine Division – Flt Marine Force – Pacific
04/20/52	to 06/20/54	Naval Shipyard Dispensary – Philadelphia, PA – Corpsman
07/02/54	to 10/10/54	Naval Hospital – Oakland, CA – Student
10/11/54	to 10/19/56	Air Fleet Marine Force – Pacific
10/30/56	to 03/25/60	1 <sup>st</sup> Ordnance Field Maintenance Command
		US Marine Corp Reserve – Columbia, PA
05/06/60		USS Arcadia AD-23
Transient &		USS Rooks DD-860
For Further assignment		USS Rhodes DER-354
	10/21/60	USS Arcadia AD-23
11/25/60	to 02/16/63	USS Charles H. Roan DD-853
02/19/63	to 03/08/63	Receiving Station – Philadelphia, PA
		Instructor school
03/08/63	to 08/03/64	Naval Reserve Training Station – Bethlehem, PA – Corpsman
08/03/64	to 09/04/64	Naval Hospital - Philadelphia, PA – Patient
09/04/64	to 08/31/65	Naval Reserve Training Station – Bethlehem, PA – Corpsman
08/31/65	to 10/11/65	Naval Hospital - Philadelphia, PA – Patient
10/11/65		Naval Hospital - Philadelphia, PA – Staff – pending appearance before Physical Evaluation Board
09/01/70		Retired

Cletus (Doc) H. Stone, HM1 passed away in Mountsville, PA in 1972. He was only 44 years old.

# Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is a check to pay for the Ship's Store items listed on the order sheet. The balance of the check is for expenses. Thanks for what you do.  
Bob Hedrick  
MM3 54-55

Richard,

Just received my copy of "The Jolly Cholly" and again, thanks for the memories. I read the mail from an old friend, Rodger LaBlanc TM3 65-67. If you have an e-mail address for Rodger, or could you pass him mine. Thanks for the great job you do. Here's a check for the hats and a little for the Association.  
Thanks,  
Harold "Steve" Stevens  
GMSN 65-68

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is a check for the Roan Association. Take care and we hope to see you in 2008.  
Sincerely,  
Herb Hare  
SN 51-55

Richard,

I was saddened to see that Wally Riggs (Wallace Riggs, CO/CDR 63 – 65) passed away. He was my first C.O. when I reported to the Roan during the Dominican Republic crisis. I will never forget the helo ride from Gitmo to the ship and reporting aboard via helo sling to the helo deck. My first greeting was "Gee! we thought you were mail from the states." But it was a great experience.

Hope all is well with you and yours in Pensacola. Enclosed something for the kitty.  
Warmest regards.  
Frank Thelen  
LTjg 65-67

Richard,

Here's a little help for the Texas trip. (Texas Veterans Home)  
Tony Hudalla  
LTjg 59-62

Dick,

Here are a few bucks for the ditty bag. Thanks for a good job.  
Frank Selonke  
RM3 50-51

Dear Richard,

Sorry for the delay. It was great talking to you and I am looking forward to next year's reunion.  
Dave Tyree  
LTjg 58-60

Richard,

Enclosed is my order for a cap and a cup. Please use the extra for "The Jolly Cholly." I enjoy reading the newsletter.  
Thank you,  
Howard Haight  
SN 59-60

Richard,

Here's a little help from your friends. We send all the best to you and Lorraine.  
Russ Cook  
LTjg 65-67

Richard,

As always a great issue of "The Jolly Cholly." Enclosed is a little something for expenses.  
John Byrd  
MM3 66-69

Dear Richard,

I hope Lorraine is feeling better. Enclosed is a little something for the mailing costs and keeping me on the list. I enjoy reading about shipmates of Haley's.  
Sincerely,  
Pat Fisk – wife of  
Francis Haley Fisk  
SN 51-54

Richard and Lorraine,

Thank you, very much for the box of Roan memorabilia. You are so very kind. I try to keep busy with 12 children, ages 50 to 31, 17 grand – 4 step grand and 1 foster grand, 2 step great grand and 1 great grand.  
Pat Fisk – wife of  
Francis Haley Fisk  
SN 51-54

Hello Richard,

Enclosed is a small gift to help the Roan Association.  
**"Within my heart the song still plays in memory of those better days"**  
Walt Crawford  
SN 51-55

Richard,

Thanks for all the great work. I hope to get to a reunion again soon. A four-letter word is hampering my efforts!  
WORK  
Regards,  
Ken Jennings  
STG3 65-67

Richard,

I've included a little extra for the kitty with my order. Thank you for all the good work.  
John Witt  
LTjg 59-62



## USSERY-ROAN Texas State Veterans Home Amarillo, Texas.

On April 24, 2007 I was honored to be invited and attend the ceremonies of the dedication of the USSERY-ROAN Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo, Texas.

This was to be the newest and most modern Veterans Home in Texas and possibly the newest Veterans Home throughout the United States. The Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home has 120 beds, 30 of which will be certified for Alzheimer's care in a separate, secured unit. The home will employ about 100 full-time employees, including registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, therapists, nurses' aides, laundry and housekeeping staffs, activities aides, cooks and a dietary staff.



I was amazed to see that the inside décor, and various spaces and rooms were built to give the Veteran a home-like atmosphere. Walking through the Home was like being in a luxury retirement home. It is truly a very beautiful Veterans Home.

We have to thank Warren (Dan) Ferguson an ex-Marine from Amarillo, Texas who submitted Charles H. Roan's name to be considered for naming of the home. The Texas Veterans Land Board selected dual names for the home. Many local, state, and federal dignitaries along with 300 people attended the dedication on April 24, 2007. The home and the ceremony were most impressive with a fly over by F-16's. Thanks to James Crabtree, a Program Specialist, from the Texas Veterans Land Board of Austin, Texas who worked so diligently to find us and for his expertise in assisting to make this dedication a very memorable one. The USSERY-ROAN Veterans Home will open in May 2007.



From left: Dan Ferguson, Richard Souza and James Crabtree



It is believed that this is the first time that a public facility has been named after a destroyer's namesake. Pictures of the USS Charles H. Roan along with the ships christening plaque will be on display at the facility. Also I have just received a Bronze Ships Plaque that I plan to send to the home for mounting along with our other memorabilia. It is interesting to note, that our ships name and history will be alive for many years to come.

Souza





Item #1  
**Embroidered Golf Type shirts**  
 (with pocket)

Blue/ Gold Lettering  
 White/Blue Lettering  
 Tan/Blue Lettering

USS Charles H. Roan  
 DD-853

\$35.00



Item #6  
**Ball Cap**

White hat with grey ship and gold lettering  
 or  
 Blue hat with gold ship and lettering  
 with either

Before 1961 silhouette  
 or  
 After 1961 silhouette  
 both  
 \$15.00

(please indicate hat color and silhouette preference)



Item #3  
**Tote Bag**  
 Royal Blue/ Ash  
 Ships Logo  
 Pocket 14X17X5  
 \$12.00



NEW ITEM - LIMITED NUMBER

Item #4  
**Cup**  
 Lettering in gold  
 Colored Ship's Logo  
 \$10

# SHIP'S

Send all orders to:

Richard F. Souza  
 6396 Manassas Ct.  
 Pensacola, FL 32503-7530

ALL PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE -  
 Mostly by Priority Mail

Except for item #7, Winter Jacket, the  
 shipping charge on that item is \$10.50



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Item #8  
**Ships Photos**  
 Approximately 8X10 Black and White

Pre-Fram before 1961 - 8a  
 After Fram 1961 - 8b

only a limited amount in stock Not Framed  
 \$10.00

Qty	Item #	Description	Size	Color	Price/Each	Total
<b>Total of Order</b>						



Item #2

**Wind Breaker Jacket**

Navy Blue Embroidered with ship silhouette and ships name on back in Gold lettering

M/L/XL — \$48.50  
XX1/XXXL — \$50.50



(Back of jacket)



Item #7

**NEW ITEM - Winter Jacket**

The same ones that the Blue Angels wear. Very sharp looking with the back Embroidered. A Patch/Crest (or both) and your name can be added to the front for additional cost (see add on items.)

*Jackets are fitted at the waist so order accordingly.*

NOTE: These jackets run SMALL so order accordingly.

NOTE: Add \$10.50 to below prices for shipping.

M-L-XL \$52.00  
XXL \$55.00  
3X \$58.00  
4X \$62.00  
5x \$66.00  
6X \$70.00  
7X \$74.00

# STORE



Item #9

**License Plate Holder**  
with ships name

USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
\$20.00

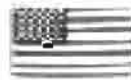


**NEW ITEM**

Item #12

**USS C. H. Roan License Plate - Fram**  
In full color

Got to see it to believe it. Just outstanding.  
\$22.00



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b



c



d



e

Item #5  
**Patches**

Right/Left Arm U.S. Ensign  
a. Right \$5.00  
b. Left \$4.50  
c. U.S Navy Eblem \$6.00  
d. Ships Crest \$6.50  
e. Octopus Patch \$6.50

(To sew on any of the above - \$5.00)

ADD ON ITEMS  
for  
Item 2 - Wind Breaker Jacket  
or  
Item 7 - Winter Jacket

Sew on your name 1 line \$5.00  
(Specify how you want it.)

To sew on each Patch/Crest \$5.00  
Each Patch/Crest (as priced in item #5)



Item #10  
**Flag Pin**

U.S. Flag with  
USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
Black Lettering- Gold Trim approximately  
1" x 1"

Great quality good looking  
pin with our ships name on it.  
\$6.00



Item #11

**Embroidered Sweat Shirt**

Birch color  
Blue Embroidery  
S-M-L-XL - \$20.00  
XXL - \$22.00  
XXXL - \$24.00

# Flags and Signals

Richard,

I think you're doing an excellent job compared to some of my other ship associations. Enclosed please find a check to help defray costs.

Warmest regards,

Jack Bryne, Capt. USN (ret)  
LCDR/XO 66-68

Richard,

Enclosed is a check to help defray the cost of "The Jolly Cholly." I have enjoyed the issues that bring back memories of good times and good people.

Bobby Sears  
ET3 57-61

Greetings Shipmate,

Enrollment on the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation's log is now free of charge. The log can include service dates, memories, awards, duty stations and photos. To record your information or search for some-one either by name or duty station at the U.S. Navy Memorial visit: [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org)

Pass this on to anyone you know who is or has been a member of the sea-going services that include; USN, USMC, USCG and the Merchant Marine. Your local veteran's organizations such as the American Legion, AMVETS, DAV, FRA, VFW, etc., should also be made aware of this. Join the 57 shipmates currently found by searching "DD-853"

Best regards,

Steve White  
ETCS 71-73

*The Navy Log records naval service information of present and former members of all the sea services, living or deceased. With an enrollment of more than a half million names (and tens of thousands of photographs), the Navy Log is on continuous display in the Navy Log room of the U.S. Navy Memorial as well as being accessible on the internet through the U.S. Navy Memorial Website.*

*Through the Navy Log the United States Navy Memorial honors the individual. Enrollment in the Navy Log is free of charge and without obligation. Making changes, updating information or adding a photograph is also free of charge.*

*By logging in on this site you can enter the person's photograph, service dates, duty stations, awards and service memories. Once enrolled in the Navy Log, your family, friends and shipmates can view your Log on the Internet at anytime from the Navy memorial's home site, [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org), or during visits to the U.S. Navy Memorial.*

Richard,

I wanted to send this to you so you can see how the Brownson is when it comes to attending a reunion, your dues must be paid up or you don't attend.....Man I'm glad the Roan is the way it is. Your policy on dues, I'm sure is appreciated by the older retirees, and those shipmates who can only afford the reunion and no other charges.

Edward (Louie) Loudenslarger  
RD2 62-65

----- Original Message -----

Hi, Fred,

Louie Loudenslarger sent me your name and address and said that he talked with you last week about the USS Brownson Association. Since I am Membership Chairman, I'm now recruiting you!

The Association is one of the larger ship's organizations with over 900 members on our rolls with over 400 active dues paying and Life Members. We continually are on the lookout for shipmates to join the Association. We have a website that has a lot of information about the Association as well as the USS Brownson DD-868. Our membership application can be found on our website under the first tab along with the current officers and our By-Laws, and information about our reunion next month in South Portland, ME, can be found under the memorabilia tab. However, since the registration form says the cut-off date for registration was April 1st, please call the host, about registering - registrations have been extended to May 1st. Hotel reservations will be taken up to May 1st. Membership also entitles you to our quarterly newsletter, The Bouncing "B".

Since you must be an active dues paying member to attend the reunion, I urge you to print out and complete the Membership Application (dues are only \$10 per year or \$100 for Life Membership) and return it to me with your check or money order payable to the USS Brownson Association as soon as you can if you are interested in attending the reunion, or just joining the Association. T-shirts, sport's shirts, and ball caps are available through our Small Stores (I run that, too!) and will be available for purchase at the reunion.

Come and join us!! You may be surprised as to who you will find as members!!

Regards,

Membership Chairman

USS Brownson Association

# FROM AFTER DIESEL

In this issue we have two memorials to shipmates. Let me start with "Doc" Stone. Doc Stone and I served in Roan at the same time. But like many shipmates you serve with you may know who they are but you don't really know them. To me Doc was just the corpsman.

How many of us knew that we were serving with a hero. I was not aware of Doc Stone's Navy Cross until about eight years ago when Butch Flaherty, CS3 61-63, brought it to my attention. It has taken me this long to get what little info I have on Doc Stone together. I found Doc Stone's son, Cletus Stone Jr. who supplied the majority of the information in this issue. For this I would like to thank Cletus, for without his help I had nothing. I also want to thank Jack Koivisto PN1, 67-69 for his help in deciphering Doc Stone's list of duty stations. To this snipe it was just a bunch of jumbled letters.

Along with the Navy Cross, Doc Stone was also authorized to wear a Presidential Unit Citation. If you read both citations in the Stone piece, you can see Doc Stone had a hand in that Presidential Unit Citation.

That brings me to Menzo Jenkins, SH2, 46-52, Plankowner. John Cannizzaro, HM2 48-50 wrote quite a tribute to an old friend and shipmate. I would like to thank John for that piece. I would like to see more pieces written about shipmates. This newsletter was started to not only keep us abreast of the Association, but also to tell the story about our shipmate's lives, before, during and after USS Charles H. Roan.

We are the USS Charles H. Roan. We brought her to life. Let's tell our story so that our shipmates know who we are and who we were. Whether you write about yourself or a shipmate, it doesn't matter. If you send it to me I'll print it. Occasionally I get a call from a shipmate in Arizona who tells me stories about having two ships sunk from under him in WW II. I keep telling him to send me the story and I'll print it. If you have a story to tell we want to hear it. This newsletter is for you but should also be about you.

By the time you read this some of our shipmates will have gone on and returned from a Caribbean cruise. Boy, one more time back to sea together again. I wonder how that worked out. At least this time they had their wives to keep them in line. In the next newsletter we'll find out how things went. I'm sure they had a better time than we did going down to Gitmo for training.

The ships roster project is going slowly but well. Jerry Tardif from the USS Ware Association told me it would not be easy and he was right. We would like to thank all of our shipmates who donated and will donate to this project. Without you we would not have gotten it off the deck. Thank you.

Joe Lambert - editor  
5373 N. Normandy  
Chicago, IL. 60656

773-631-8821  
chief9bullie@earthlink.net

## Roster Update

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country / Territory \_\_\_\_\_

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(Most information that is missing is from the following categories - Please help us update our files)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Rate and/or Rank while aboard the Roan \_\_\_\_\_

Years served aboard --- From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Fiancée's name \_\_\_\_\_

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