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From the Signal Bridge

Shipmates, I can't believe how well we have done and what we have accomplished in the few short years that our Association has been in existence. A special thanks goes out to many of our shipmates who took of their time and effort to support our Association and to make it a success. We can all be proud that we have shipmates who care enough about each other, to give of themselves, so that others may benefit. The names are too numerous to mention. Reunion hosts, their families, our Board of Directors, individuals who assist us at reunions, shipmates who write articles, and those who search for missing shipmates. The names are endless. We can not forget the support and help we get from the Wives and the Fiancé's who without their support we could not achieve these successes. This is why we consider ourselves the "**ROAN**" family of shipmates. It is gratifying to know, we all, officers and enlisted, work toward one common goal, the success of our Association. I am proud to call you my shipmates.

We can all be proud of our Newsletter and our Web Site. Many hours of hard work is given to make these departments informational and interesting. We need your help for this to continue to be quality products. Your input is essential.

In about a year from now, our 7th reunion will be upon us. Won't you make it known now, that you will make an effort to attend and join us for a fabulous weekend? Your shipmates are waiting to see you and join you in some wonderful "sea stories". Above all, your shipmates would love to see YOU.

Please feel free to contact me at any time, by any means, with your recommendations or ideas to assist us to improve, or change our Association for the better.

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Please remember these shipmates in your thoughts and prayers

Binnacle List

Bob Bunnell

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

Taps

James DeCicco	SM3	57 - 60
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Commanding Officers & Periods of Command

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28 OCT 1963 - 29 NOV 1963

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14 AUG 1967 - 29 AUG 1969

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29 AUG 1969 - 11 SEPT 1971

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11 SEPT 1971 - 12 FEB 1973

CDR GLYNN M. THOMPSON, USN
12 FEB 1973 - 27 AUG 1973

LCDR DAVID P. MICALCHUCK, USN
27 AUG 1973 - 21 SEPT 1973

Letters

16 Dec., 2000

Dear Richard

I wish to express my heart felt thanks to you and other members of the crew for your very moving, sentimental gift - the newest version of the **USS C. H. Roan** baseball cap. The profile of the ship brings back many adventurous exciting memories. Your letter that accompanied the "cap" is now framed and side - by - side in a place of honor among my room of Navy memorabilia. It is submitted that the many outstanding accomplishments of the Roan are attributed to the **"top quality"** and devotion of you - **"The Crew!"**

We hope that we will be able to attend the reunion in 2002 at Norfolk Virginia Beach Area, and to express our gratitude in person for your dedication to our country.

Meanwhile may you and your loved ones have a joyous Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Warmest regards

Hank and Barbara Curran

Captain 52 - 54

USS C. H. Roan

Hi Joe

I just wanted to be on time for my 2001 dues. I really enjoy "The Jolly Cholly," keep up the good works.

Want to wish you and the Shipmates a Happy coming holidays. My heart and prayers went out to the USS Cole casualties.

Ken Thuillier

SN 47 - 4820

Nov. 2000

Dear Joe;

Thanks much for the newsletters. I really enjoy them! I never thought I'd ever read about so many of the shipmates after all this time. It's been 45 years since I left the Roan. I remember distinctly shaking **Joe Slaboda's** hand and saying good-by, its like DEJA-VU.

At first I didn't want to belong to the Roan Association until I had a phone conversation with Richard Souza. My reason? I came out a seaman when I should at least have come out a 3rd class. I really pay for this all the time in my mind. I ponder what was the matter with me?

The answer, I never grew up. After high school all I wanted was a car and a job. I must admit though the deck force was not my calling, I should have tried for the engine room.

Of course being sea sick a great deal of the time didn't help. Twelve years after my discharge in "55" I caught a tanker that operated in and out of Japan as I always wanted to go back there.

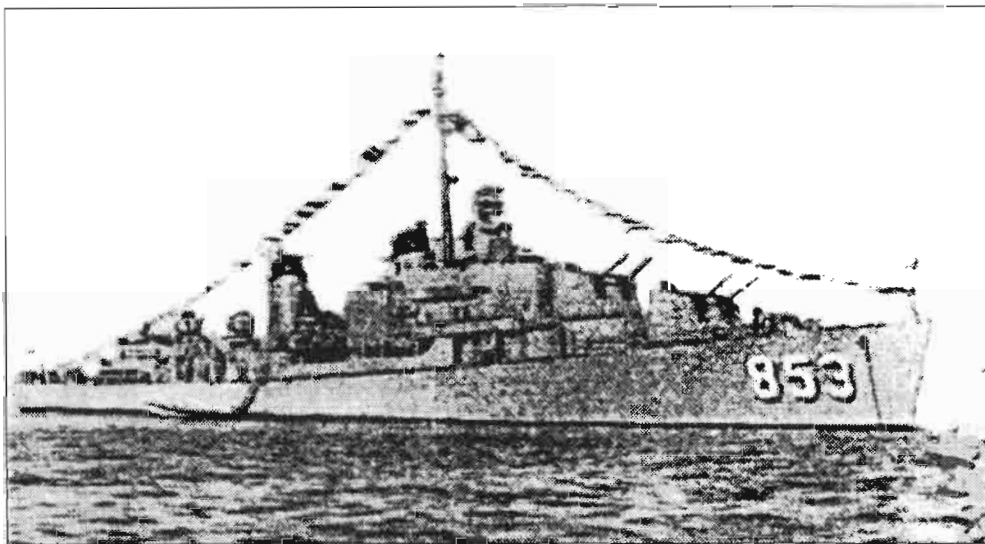
If I could get back on a tin can for just 2 years even at this late date I'd take it, and this time make 3rd class P.O. Oh what a dreamer I am!

If any financial assistance is needed, advise and I'll do my best to help.

Sincerely

Walt Crawford

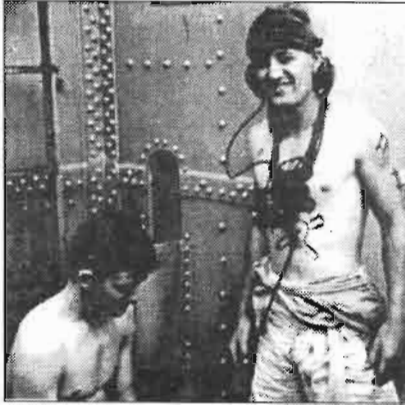
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In Trieste Harbor - 12 May, 1948

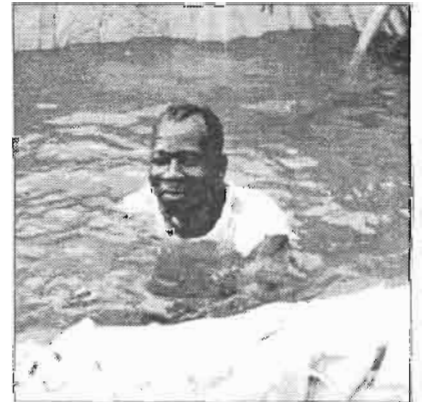
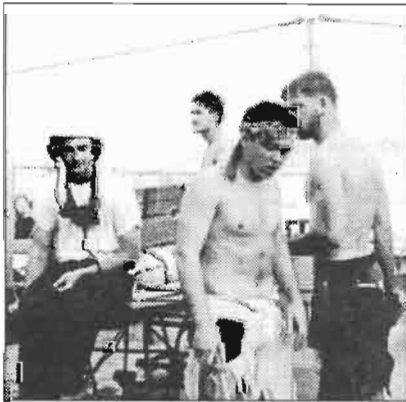
Army, Navy Meet: In 'Chow Business'

It was a joint Army-Navy operation last night when 25 men from the 2nd Battalion, Cannon and Tank Companies, were invited aboard the USS Roan and 25 Navy men were taken to various units in the 2nd Battalion for the evening meal, and an evening's entertainment. The Trieste soldiers were treated to Navy chow aboard the destroyer and then shown how the sailors live on board ship. The Navy men were given a view of the landlubber's life with a complete tour of the 2nd Battalion quarters, chapel and battalion day room. The sailors were very much impressed when they saw the modernistic chapel and day room. The destroyer Roan arrived in Trieste Saturday morning. She is skippered Cmdr. William N. Deragon, of Newport, R.I. The ship, popularly known as the "Roaming Roan" is named after Pfc. Charles H. Roan, U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the Palau Islands in the South Pacific. Private Roan was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Around the World

Crossing the
Photos by





Cruise 1954 - 1955

Equator

Bill Sinko SH3 53-56



Financial Report

USS CHARLES H. ROAN DD-853 ASSOCIATION

Last Financial Report
August 21, 2000 Charleston, SC Reunion

Total Balance of Checking Account	\$ 3,695.18
Reserve Funds	\$ 1,400.00
Total Assets	\$ 5,095.18

DEPOSITS	\$10,615.75
(Donations, Sale of ship store items, 50/50 club, Reunion profits)	

EXPENDITURES

Reunion Refunds	\$ 497.00
Purchase of Jackets	\$ 731.31
Gift Certificates	\$ 150.00
Purchase of Hats	\$ 358.56
Web Site	\$ 419.05
Postage	\$ 436.44
Office Supplies	\$ 207.85
Newsletter	\$ 803.45
Reunion Deposit for year 2002	\$ 500.00

Total	\$4,103.62
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Checking Account Balance 8/21/00	\$ 3,695.18
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Deposits	\$10,615.75
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Total	\$14,310.93
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Expenditures	\$ 4,103.62
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March 1, 2001

Total Balance of checking Account	\$10,207.27
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Reserve Fund (separate account)	\$ 1,400.00
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Total Assets March 1, 2001	\$11,607.27
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Found and Refound Since last Newsletter

Ken Beecham	MM2	56-57		Donald W. Kussner	MM3	49-53
Robert J. Belisario	RD2	68-69		Dick Langworthy	MM3	47-48
David Buck	SM2	62-64		John Leonard	GMG3	68-70
George W. Bumpus	DK2	51-54		Wallace Lueck	BMSN	53-56
Tom Canavan	GM3	58-60		Hugh McCafferty	GMG1	59-61
Leon Chmura	MM2	52-54		Henry McClindock	GMG2	58-61
Frank Cifarelli	SK2	56-58		Dan McGovern	PN3	67-69
Dave Clark	ME3	53-57		Stephan Miller		
Clinton G. Clough Jr.	LT	56-57		Dean Moenck	MM2	72
Walt Crawford	SN	51-55		Pasquale Monaco	CS3	64-66
Bill DeJoy	RD2	51-52		David Newton	FN	55-56
Frank E. Dixon Jr.	FN	61-63		Alex J. Petrolati	MM2	69-71
Allen Eldred	FP3	55-56		Mike Pickett	STG2	68-71
Larry J. Foxworthy	EM2	62-64		William Ponder		
James Fuller	YN3	58-61		Jim Porshe	SO2	46-48
Joe Godfroy		46		Armando Ramirez	ENFN	65-67
Jack Goshey				Jerry W. Sevier	MM3	59-61
Glenn Gunby				Dick Siegfried		47
Bob Hedrick	MM3	54-55		Roy Sjogren	FC3	50-53
Roy Heistand				Bob Spargo	SN	61-64
James B. Hennessey	MM3	50-52		Morris G. Strickland		
William Higgins	EN3	47-49		James Switzer	FTG1	66-68
Daniel Horniacek	IC3	59-61		Norman A. Sylvia	BMSN	53-55
Anthony Internicola				Raymond Thorn		
Weber Koesema	SN	68-72		Ken Wilson	ETR3	72-73
Richard Kosempel	MM3	69		Warren H. Young	BT2	69-72

NAVY TRIVIA

1. What is Rope Yarn Sunday?
2. What was the final resting-place for John Paul Jones?
3. What is the origin of the term U-boat?
4. What other city hosted the site of the U. S. Naval Academy?
5. What constitutes the main deck of ship?
6. Which is longer--a statue mile or a nautical mile?
7. How many bells are sounded at 1230? At 1030?
8. What is the dog watch?

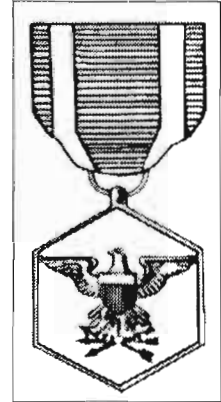
Answers found on page 14.

ANOTHER ROAN HERO

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL to



JIMMIE ROGERS NORMAN, MM1- P1
United States Navy



for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For outstanding performance of duty while serving as Petty Officer in Charge, in the forward engine room of the USS CHARLES H. ROAN (DD 853) at 0930 on 16 May 1963. NORMAN exhibited outstanding qualities beyond that required and expected of his rate or experience. During ASW operations with the Task Group 83.4 on the morning of 16 May 1963, the starboard tail shaft broke off, and the propeller was lost. With the loss of the starboard propeller, 25,000 horsepower was unleashed in the starboard engine; and had this power gone unchecked for as short a time as five seconds, the engine would have carried away, resulting in its total destruction and the probable loss of life of men in the engine room. With only vague indications of the exact nature of the casualty, NORMAN acted promptly and effectively, with deliberate precision, and complete comprehension of the gravity of the situation and its possible consequences; he took immediate and effective steps to secure the engine and to investigate all possibilities of damage. As a result of his instantaneous reaction and timely action; there was no damage to the starboard main engine, and there were no personnel casualties. His quick thinking, leadership, skillful application of professional skill and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE."



SAILOR OF MONTH—Machinist Mate 1/C. Jimmie R. Norman of destroyer Roan is receiving leather bound book of testimonials from Max Oberhard at Newport Rotary Club meeting yesterday at the Viking. Looking on are Cmdr. Charles H. Hayden, the Roan's skipper, and William H. Wood Jr., club president. (Daily News Photo)

Hero Sailor Honored Here

A sailor whose quick action is credited by his commanding officer with saving five lives and an estimated \$500,000 for the Navy last May was honored as Sailor of the Month by the Newport Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce naval affairs committee yesterday at the Hotel Viking.

Machinist's Mate 1/C. Jimmie R. Norman of destroyer Roan heard himself praised by several speakers. He is credited with making a five-second decision that saved the ship's engine room from being badly damaged and five shipmates from possible death.

Norman's feat was described and praised by Capt. Jackson H. Rayner, DesRon 10 commander, and Cmdr. Charles H. Hayden, the Roan's skipper. Capt. S. E. Terrill of the Destroyer Force staff extended the congratulations of Rear Adm. Robert H. Speck, commander.

William H. Wood Jr., Rotary president, gave Norman a fishing reel from the club. Morton Socks, Sailor of the Month chairman for the Naval Affairs Committee, presented him with a leather bound book containing letters of congratulations from various officials.

Max Oberhard, Rotary chairman, presented Norman with certificates of gifts from various local merchants. Oberhard recalled that the Sailor of the Month program had been going continuously since January, 1957. He presented Norman with a certificate of honorary citizenship from Newport and Middletown officials.

Jack Roach, Naval Affairs Committee chairman, presented the Rotary Club with a certificate of appreciation for staging the program. Dr. Philomen P. Ciaria was master of ceremonies.

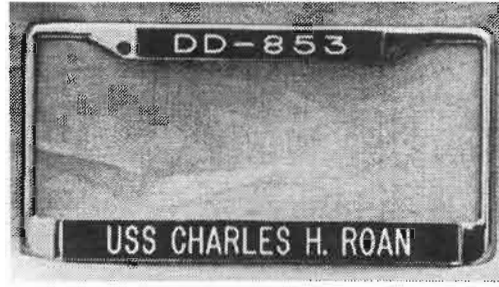
Norman expressed his appreciation to his commanding officer, his shipmates, and to all who made the testimonial possible.

Ship's Store

Item
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Item
2



Item
3



Item
4



Item
5



Item
6



Item #1 - T-Shirts

Medium - Large - Xlarge - XXlarge

\$13.50

Item #2 - License Plate Holder *(New Item)*

Chrome Plated - Blue/white lettering (Great advertisement)

\$18.00

Item #3 - Golf Type Shirts *(New Item)*

Medium Large Xlarge

\$28.00

XXLarge XXXLarge

\$30.00

Colors: Navy - Gold Lettering, White - Navy Lettering, Tan - Brown Lettering

Item #4 - Jackets

Medium & Large

\$40.00

Xlarge

\$42.00

XXlarge

\$44.00

Jacket Colors Navy - Royal blue - White - Red - (most colors)

Lettering Gold - Blue - Black - (most colors)

Jackets tend to run small (order accordingly) - Order by SIZE - COLOR LETTERING

(orders have to be made in quantities of 6 by the association)

Item #5 - HATS

Pre - Fram (1946 - 1961)

\$14.00

(Ship configuration - Embroidered on hat with ships name)

Post - Fram (1961 - 1976)

\$15.00

(Ship configuration - embroidered on patch and attached to hat different material than pre-fram)

Item #6 - Mugs

Hot/cold - Embossed with ships name and silhouette

\$9.00

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING VIA PRIORITY MAIL - SEND ALL ORDERS TO:

**RICHARD SOUZA
6396 MANASSAS CT.
PENSACOLA, FL 32503-7530**

TCG M F. CAKMAK D-351



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS CHARLES H. ROAN (DD-853)
FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 09501

20 SEP 1973

13207 Lisburn Place
Le Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mrs. Roan,

On the 21st of September the USS CHARLES H. ROAN will be decommissioned from active Naval Service, due to military budgeting and the Navy's program of modernization throughout the fleet.

During the twenty-seven years since commissioning ROAN has served her country well on every ocean of the world and has shown the flag all over the face of the earth. An indication of her durability and dependability even into her twenty-seventh year of service was the around the world cruise which we completed in seven Months last October 1972. The ship operated right into August of 1973 and we completed our last assignment on the 17th of August.

A measure of the outstanding condition the ship is in, fact that the ROAN also on the 21st of September will be recommissioned in the service of the Turkish Government as the TCG MARIUSAL F. CAKMAK as the ship is being sold to the Republic of Turkey. We are all proud that she will serve in the Navy of one of our staunchest allies of the Free World Navies. We are certain she will serve them as she has served us in the years to come.

The officers and men of the ROAN and myself will be transferred to other ships and stations throughout the Navy.

It has been our distinct pleasure to have served aboard the destroyer, which bears the name of your beloved son, CHARLES H. ROAN.

Sincerely yours,

D. P. MICALCHUCK
Commanding Officer



The Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Two
requests the pleasure of your company at the
Decommissioning and Transfer Ceremony of
USS Charles H. Roan (DD-853)
to the Government of Turkey
and the Commissioning of
TCG M.F. Cakmak D-351
on Friday the 21st of September
at eleven o'clock
on board USS Charles H. Roan (DD-853)
U.S. Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island

R.S.O.P. 404-844-2078
404-844-3419

Uniform: Tropical White Long

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22 December 2000

Richard F. Souza
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Enclosed is the information of Ex-TCG M.F.9AKMAK II (D-351) (Ex-
USS CHARLES H. ROAN) which I have tried several times by e-mail. Naval
vessels of Turkey use a prefix before ship names. Therefore TCG means Turkish
Republic Ship (Turkiye Cumhuriyeti Gemisi).

Ex. USS CHARLES H. ROAN actually became the second M.F.
CAKMAK in Turkish Navy. The first M.F CAKMAK was originally a British
Milne Class Destroyer. That ship was commissioned in 1959 and was
decommissioned in 1971.

Meantime I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous
New Year.

Serdar Akinsel
Captain, Turkish Navy
Turkish Naval Attache





Republic of Turkey Ship - TCG Maresal Fevzi Cakmak D - 351 (Formerly **U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD - 853**)

(The **USS Charles H. Roan** was transferred and sold to the Turkish Navy for \$225,000. Her crypto gear was sold for \$25,000 making the sale of the "Roan" for \$250,000. We were certainly worth more than that!)

INFORMATION ABOUT EX. M. F. CAKMAK (D-351) (FORMER USS CHARLES H. ROAN DD-853)

The former USS Charles H. Roan was transferred to Turkish Navy on September 21, 1973 in Newport, Rhode Island. She then was commissioned to Turkish fleet on November 6, 1973 in Golcuk Turkey and began to serve with the Turkish flag on 14 November 1973.

M.F. Cakmak was assigned to be one of the ships of Second Destroyer Division of the Surface Action Group. Later on the Turkish Navy assigned her to the Third Destroyer Division.

Some of the important missions conducted by ex. USS Charles H. Roan is as follows:

-- M.F. Cakmak was deployed in the eastern Mediterranean during The Cyprus peace operations on July 19, 1974. During this operation she first sunk an enemy fast attack craft by gunfire. She was also subject to friendly fire from the Turkish Air Force, but received only slight damage. She continued patrolling in the eastern Mediterranean until August 20, 1974.

-- M.F. Cakmak performed a formal port visit to Durres Albania between 24-27 August 1992.

-- She fired a Harpoon missile during a missile exercise on 9 July 1987. The target ship was the ex. USS McKean (DD-784). M.F. Cakmak was the first ship in the Turkish Navy to fire a Harpoon SSM. The Harpoon system was installed onboard in Turkey in 1986

M.F. Cakmak was decommissioned on 28 January 1994. On 21 October 1994 she became a target ship under The Golcuk Port Security Command. On April 7, 1995 M.F. Cakmak was transferred to a governmental organization and was scrapped.

Letters

Dear Joe:

Just recently, my daughter sent me a copy of "The Jolly Cholly." Reading it and looking at some of the names in it brought back memories. Especially after I pulled out my "Med Cruise 1964", and looked at the pictures of (**Richard Souza, Frank Manasseri, Bob Willet, Ed Semcheski**).

Well, to let you know what I've done since I got out in 1966.. I studied and received by BA from Inter-American University in Puerto Rico and my master's from the University of Puerto Rico (psychology & sociology.) I joined the FBI and became an agent until 1987. I did private investigations for a while and then became an advisor for the justice department (police instructor) in Central America. In 1992, I became the U.S. advisor to the government of El Salvador to form a new civilian police department and have been here since.

We started with 235 new cadets and have now formed over 18,000. I guess I'll be here until this contract runs out and then move over to Guatemala.

When I come home to Orlando around December of this year, I'll give Dick Souza a call, seeing that he's in Pensacola. I'll try to keep in touch.

Jolly Cholly Always!!!
Carlos (Tito) Carballo

Joe

Vol. 3, #2 of the Jolly Cholly arrived and is much appreciated.

We have moved to Windsor Hills- The Woodlands, Texas.

We moved last year to have access to the MD Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas. It is part of a world class medical complex in downtown Houston. They have done me a lot of good and I am continuing effective treatment. No reunions just yet.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS to you all.

Robert Bunnell.

Answers - Navy Trivia Quiz

1. It is "a half-holiday from regular work aboard ships, usually on Wednesdays-but never on Sunday.
2. The crypt beneath the Naval Academy chapel.
3. The German word "unterseeboot", which means in English under-sea boat.
4. Newport, RI (4 years during the Civil War)
5. The upper most complete deck, a complete deck extends from side to side, stem to stern
6. A nautical mile (by about 720 feet)
7. One bell---Five bell
8. A two-hour watch 1600-1800 and 1800-2000 to change times of watches every day.

The Official Site of the USS Charles H. Roan (DD853) Association

Coming soon! A new format, including new photos, new content, new features, and more

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The Jolly Cholly

This site is dedicated to the memory of the USS Charles H. Roan (DD853) and the men and officers who served aboard her.

DD853 was named in honor of Pfc. Charles Howard Roan, USMC.

Please explore our site, and learn more about the USS Charles H. Roan (DD853), the ship affectionately known by her crew as "The Jolly Cholly."

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www.usscharleshroan.org

If you have visited our web site at the above address this is the home page that greets you. **Ron (Richards) Lucchesi (FTG3 66-68)** is the webmaster of this site and is doing a terrific job. If you haven't visited this site yet do so. Also if you have something you think would look nice on the web contact Ron at:

Ron Lucchesi
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San Leandro, CA 94578
(510)278-7177

Ron recently e-mailed me the following information:

About Our Web Site

Ron (Richardson) Lucchesi (FTG3 66-68) reports that he is working on several enhancements for our Web site (www.usscharleshroan.org). Ron has scanned most of the "Big Scrapbook" that you've seen at reunions. It contains photos, articles, and other mementos collected over the years. In addition, several crew members have sent photos and other items that will be added to the site soon.

Finally, to assist in accessing our Web site, a new address has been added. It is www.dd853.org. This should help other "lost" crew members find us.

If you have any information to share, please contact Ron at
webmaster@usscharleshroan.org

PLANS FOR THE 2002 REUNION

From Tom Van Petten

The 2002 USS Charles H. Roan DD 853 Reunion will be held in Norfolk, VA from 4 to 7 April 2002. The Reunion will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel on East Main Street. Yes, East Main Street. You old timers will not recognize the area. If you have not seen Norfolk since before 1962, you will be pleasantly pleased. The only building left from the old days is the Shelton Arcade. We used to walk through the Arcade from East Main Street to Phume and Granby Streets to catch the city bus back to fleet landing.

Hotel information: The Norfolk Waterside Marriott is centrally located and within walking distance of all our activities except the tour to the Naval Base. Rooms will cost \$99.00 + tax, per single/double (per day) with breakfast included. Tax is 11.5%. The Marriott Hotel is connected by covered walkway to the Waterside Festival Marketplace, a dining and entertainment complex featuring specialty shops. The hotel is also within walking distance of Nauticus Maritime Center with the USS Wisconsin and the Navy Museum, Mac Arthur Center, that features 120 stores including Nordstroms and Dillards, Mac Arthur Memorial, and historic St. Paul's Church. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool with three hot tubs and a fitness center on the 6th Floor.

The tentative schedule for the Reunion is as follows:

Thursday 4 April: Early bird tours on Thursday afternoon to either Williamsburg or the Naval Marine Science Museum in Virginia Beach. Harbor Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk on Thursday evening.

Friday 5 April: Golf Tournament in the morning. Self guided tour of Nauticus and USS Wisconsin in the afternoon. Welcome Aboard Reception on Friday evening.

Saturday 6 April: Association meeting in the morning. Tour of the Naval Base with lunch on base in the afternoon. Banquet on Saturday evening.

Sunday 7 April: Depart.

The cost of the reunion will be \$75.00 per person (the same that we paid at St. Augustine, FL two years ago). The \$75.00 covers the Hospitality Room, Welcome Aboard Reception, and the Banquet.

Parking: There is a fee for parking. The hotel has two city parking garages next to the hotel.. One is attached to the building and the other has a covered walkway from the 3rd floor of the parking garage to the hotel. Parking can be paid three ways. One: The cost is \$8.00 per day at either city garage. If you take the car out, you must pay for the time used from your last entrance. Two: You can have parking charged to your room, \$10.00 per day. You will be issued a parking pass and go in and out of the parking garage as much as you want. Three: Valet parking by the hotel staff, cost is \$15.00 a day. The best deal is to have the parking charged to your room. RV Parking is not available in the parking garages. RV parking is available at Harbor Park about 5 blocks from the hotel. We are looking for another parking area for RV's.

If you fly into Norfolk, we recommend that you do not rent a car because of the parking fees. You will not need a car for travel to our activities. Groome Limo's operates from the airport. Transportation to the hotel is \$20.00 for two people (\$37.00 round trip if you purchase round trip when you arrive).

Survey: Attached to this newsletter is a survey form for this reunion. Please take a minute, fill it out and mail it to Tom Van Petten as soon as possible. We have been using the crystal ball in the past but we really need to get some information for pre-planning. The more people we have to take the tours, the cheaper the price and we can reserve adequate space for each tour. Thank you for mailing the survey.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE REUNION

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REUNIONS

Our reunions are put together by our shipmates. Without these people, our costs to our members would be astronomical. The following is a sample of costs for a reunion that is being held this year and is being run professionally.

Reunion held in Charleston, SC

Lodging/Banquet/Welcome Aboard/Registration/Reunion etc.

3 day package - Thursday-Saturday	Professionally ran \$657.36 per couple \$476.79 single	Roan Association ran \$424.00 \$359.00
2 night package - Friday-Saturday	\$488.74 per couple \$344.98 single	\$326.00 \$261.00
1 night package - Saturday only	\$271.04 per couple \$188.63 single	\$178.00 \$138.00

(the above is only an example of cost and not a reunion that the association is planning at this time)

As you see, your reunion coordinators, save you many dollars. Our aim is to give you the best and most reasonable package for your money. Many thanks to our reunion coordinators:

Robert and Margaret Boorum
 Jerry DePasquale and Pat Wisniewski
 Charles and Ann Herndon
 Chester and Rosemarie Lucinski
 Bob and Grace Marshall
 Leonard and Ann Martinoli
 Richard and Lorraine Souza
 Joe and Celestine Trainor
 Ray and Pat Ward
 Carl and Fran Wishart
 Brian and Amanda Woodward

Fall River, MA 1991
 Newport, RI 1993
 Washington, DC 1995
 Buffalo, NY 1997
 St. Augustine, FL 1999
 Charleston, SC 2000

A special thanks to all the shipmates who gave of their time and energy to help our reunion coordinators.

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Letters

Dear Joe,

We appreciated the many comments from shipmates concerning our last reunion in Charleston, SC. It was a privilege and pleasure to be involved in such a successful function and to see shipmates we hadn't seen in almost forty years. We would be happy to host another one in the future.

For any crewmembers who are Amateur Radio Operators (HAMs): I recently joined the "Tin Can Sailors Net", an activity of the Tin Can Sailors Association. The Net meets every Sunday at 1600 EST on 14.255 MHz.

The Roan is now represented along with almost 300 other destroyers. Please join us!

Your shipmate

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From the Memoirs of
Captain Richard B. Derickson, USN
C.O. - USS C. H. Roan DD 853 (9/46 to 6/49)

The USS Charles H. Roan, Flagship of Destroyer Squadron Ten, was the last to cast off from her mooring buoy and stand out of Newport harbor. By the time she cleared Brenton Point and Beaver Tail, the other ships of the squadron were well ahead and formed in column, natural order.

On the fo'c'sl of the Roan the anchor was secured for sea and the anchor detail left its station. On the bridge the commodore directed the captain to make 25 knots in order to get on station at the head of the column as soon as possible.

In short order the ship was up to speed with "a bone in her teeth" and a broad white wake trailing off astern. The sea was calm and it was a beautiful day to be doing 25 knots.

Suddenly on the deserted fo'c'sl there arose a frightful clatter and red, rusty dust was seen to rise from the chain pipe as the port anchor chain ran out at an alarming rate. "All engines back emergency full" the captain ordered and the engine room telegraph went from full ahead to back full. "Anchor detail man you station on the double."

The ship trembled, shook herself with some violence and within two minutes or less she was dead in the water and her popped boiler safety valves threw a large cloud of white steam into the air. On her acceptance trials a year before, this same test had been put to the ship, but then it had been a planned event and not a surprise out of the blue.

Fortunately the bottom was hard, smooth sand and at the speed the ship was going when the anchor hit it must have skipped and bounced along giving it no opportunity to bight until we were nearly stopped. That is my surmise.

We hove up and housed the anchor and this time the anchor detail paid close attention to the details of securing. There was no damage, no loss or failure of material of any kind, but I would like to report that all but the inboard 10 fathoms of the port chain gave the appearance of having been newly chrome plated.

Roster Update

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country / Territory _____

(Most information that is missing from our records is from this area – Please help us update ore files)

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

e-mail address _____

Rate and/or Rank while aboard the Roan _____

Years served aboard --- From _____ To _____

Spouse / Fiancée's name _____

From After Diesel

I would like to thank all those shipmates who helped with material for this newsletter. **Bill Sinko's** great pictures of an Equator crossing. **Richard Souza** and **Lew Zollars** and the material they sent me on the transfer of the **Roan** to the Turkish Navy. **Captain Riggs** for the material on **Jimmie Norman**. I'm also grateful for the letters I receive from shipmates thanking me for the newsletter and telling me a little about their life. Please keep those up. I'm sure those shipmates who served with you are also greatly interested in hearing from you, also please send them directly to me so that I can be sure they get into the newsletter. Write or e-mail me, that info is at the bottom of this page.

When you send something that you feel will be of interest, please send me the original. If you send me a copy from a copy machine, the machine makes the quality of the document or picture so poor that it almost impossible for me to use. I once again promise to return anything you send in the condition I received it. Also please try to identify as much as possible the subject of any photos you send me.

The newsletter is only as interesting as our shipmates make it. The Roan was a ship that participated in many historical events, sailed around the world more than once, and was one of the first ships to transverse the St. Lawrence sea way. There has to be enough stories, pictures and material out there to keep this newsletter going for a very long time. All it takes is for our shipmates to share to keep it interesting.

You'll also find an address correction form on page 18, please use it. From year to year we lose too many of you because of bad addresses. We presently have 645 members and would like to increase that number. Between the last 2 newsletters we had 34 shipmates move without any notice to us. Without you we don't have an association. Please help us to keep track of our shipmates.

Also in keeping with membership, I have had shipmates tell me how they share their newsletter with shipmates that we don't have on our mailing list. Please don't do that. We want everyone who ever served on the Roan to be a member of the association. Please, if you don't receive "The Jolly Cholly" directly, let us know. If you served aboard the Roan or one of your loved ones did, you're a member under any circumstances, no one is denied.

Check the ship store on page 12 for some great new items. Souza has been working overtime so that we can "show our colors." Check it out and send Souza your order. You can also send Souza any donation you would like to make "to keep this ship afloat" We seem to be doing great in that department which should only make us bigger and stronger.

As far as bigger goes you can see on page 7 some of the new shipmates we have found and some shipmates we had lost and refound. Keep up the good work. If you don't see someone you have wondered about, try looking for him. You know his name and have some idea where he came from, with a little research you would be surprised how easy it is to find someone, especially if you have access to a computer and the web. If you don't have either, your library probably does. Try www.switchboard.com. We are very weak in the 1965 to 1973 era. Try to find those shipmates and inform them about the Roan Association.

Page 16 contains reunion info. It sounds like Tom Van Patten and his committee have everything under control. Tom would like you to return the enclosed survey whether you intend to attend the reunion or not. Please try to help Tom make the upcoming reunion another great time. If you haven't attended a reunion yet, set aside the time for this one, and bring the family. All our reunions are family affairs. You won't be disappointed.

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