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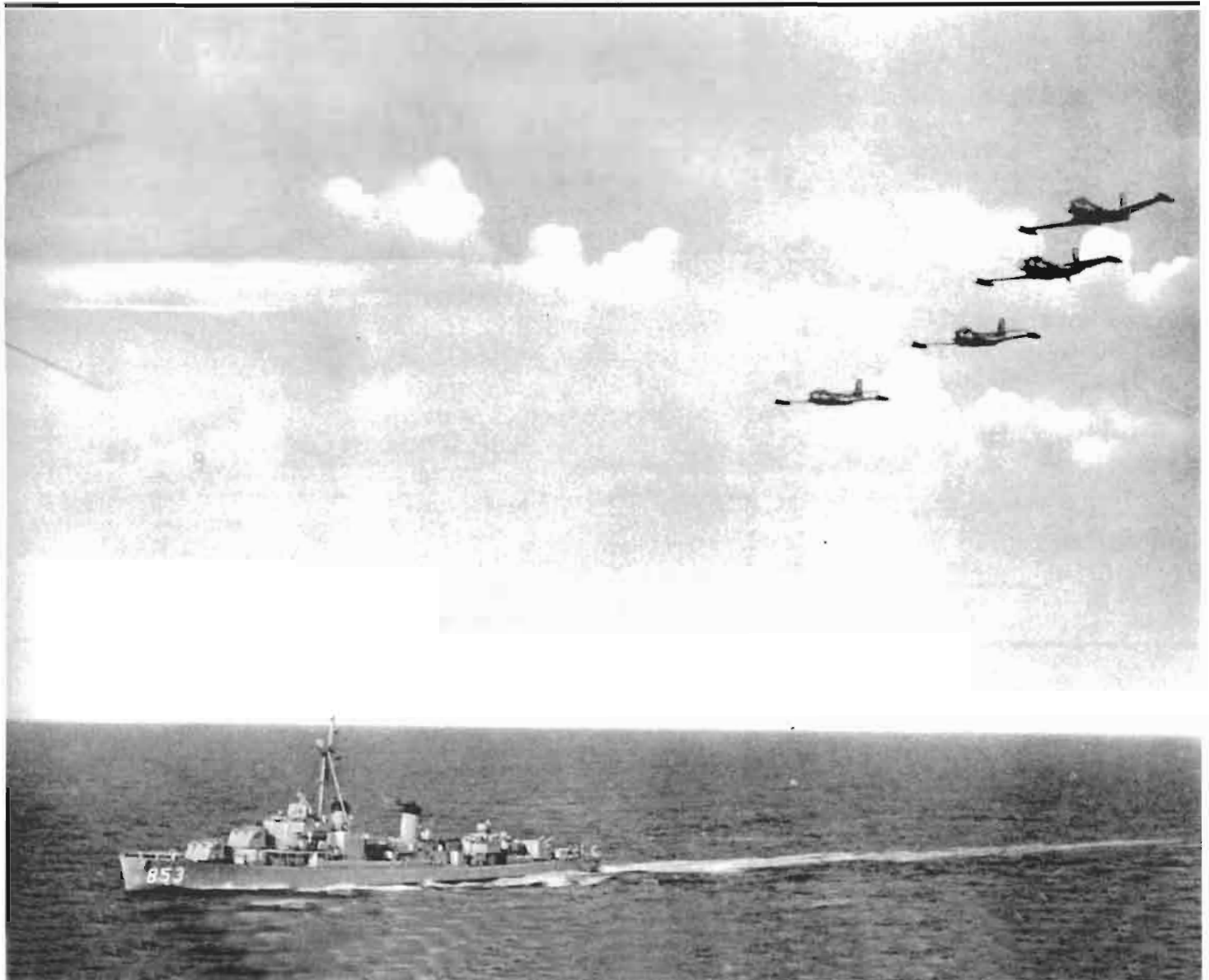
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May We Never Forget Our Departed
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully
and Gallantly

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William Nasiatka	GM3	52-56	08/01
Earl E. Nealy	SN	48-51	08/99
Henry Roan (Brother of Charles H.)			09/01
Jim Venhaus	MM3	48-53	01/98
Brian Woodward	LTJG		12/01

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. This addition of "The Jolly Cholly" alone will cost us over \$1000.00 to print and mail. Please read Souza's message and the financial report on page 3. Enclosed you will find an envelope to place your contribution in for mailing. 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 camaraderie we had when we served on the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

Thank you

FROM THE SIGNAL BRIDGE



Shipmates, if you missed our reunion in Norfolk; VA, you missed the largest we ever had, and one of the best ever. We had 138 shipmates attend and with their guests the total was 239. Tom VanPetten and Bob Sipka did not

leave a stone unturned to give us a splendid program. We have received countless Kudos from those who attended. Our congratulations go out to both shipmates who worked tirelessly so that we could have a reunion of which will be remembered for years to come. **BRAVO ZULU** to Tom and Bob. The next proposed reunion is scheduled for the New York area. Our reunion committee is looking for sites and seeing if it is feasible to hold a reunion in the New York area. We will keep you informed.

As you all know, we do not charge dues. All our money is collected through donations and the sale of ship store items. Between reunion dates, our budget is approximately 5 to 6 thousand dollars. Those costs are for the most part to publish our Newsletter, reunion notices, and postage. The sale of ship store items does not come close to offset those costs. I truly believe that our Newsletter is our lifeline and an open door to our shipmates.

Upon meeting with some members of our Board of Directors at the reunion, it was voted unanimous not to charge dues but to continue to try to survive on donations. **SHIPMATES** I am asking you to **HELP** us with any donation you may have, whether large or small will be greatly appreciated (See Financial Report) An envelope will be provided in this issue if you are able to donate.

PLEASE HELP US.

This challenge was sent to "The Tin Can Sailors Association" by President Souza.

December 3, 2001

The USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 challenges all other Tin Cans to top this. During the 1952 European cruise of the 'Roan', they had a total of 9 sets of brothers who served aboard her. (Carter, Cheek, Dalphee, Fisk, Hoffman, Houseknecht, Sams, Serna, Sinko)

Also, there was a claim by another Destroyer about the length of service that a person who served aboard their ship. I believe it was 8 or 9 years. Well the 'Roan' boasts she had several shipmates who served 8 or more years aboard her with the Grand Daddy of them all being Daniel Webster TMC who served aboard the "Roan" from 1948-1959 for a total of 11 years.

Richard F. Souza
USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association

Financial Report

April 1, 2002

Last Financial Report - September 25, 2001

Total Balance of checking Account	\$6,375.34
Reserve Fund (separate account)	\$1,400.00
Total Assets	\$7,775.34

EXPENITURES

Postage	\$316.24
Cyber Vision (Internet / Web Site)	\$239.40
Office Supplies	\$116.47
Checks	\$16.15
Refund (Jacket)	\$42.00
PIP Printing (Name Tags)	\$10.75
Eagle Crest (Hats, Visors)	\$1,281.21
Wings and Things (Jackets)	\$765.40
License Plate Holders	\$299.00
Hogeyc (Flag Pins)	\$456.10
Qualified Marketing (Shirts)	\$499.81
Program for Newsletter (Adobe)	\$336.00
Vigil Printing (Newsletter, Reunion Mailing)	\$2,442.05
Total	\$6,828.11

Balance 09/25/01	\$6,375.34
Deposits	+\$1,957.00
Total	\$8332.34
Expenditures	-\$6,828.11
Balance of Checking Account April 1,2002	\$1,504.23
Reserve Fund (separate Account)	+\$1,400.00
Total Assets	\$2,904.23

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Letters From Loved Ones

Dear Mr. Souza;

Thank you ever so much for your phone call in regards to my father and uncle who served aboard the Roan in the 1950s. My uncle, Joe Dalpee, Jr. was six years older than my father and moved away from Maine (their home state) as a young man so I only met him a few times in my childhood. I never even knew he was in the Navy until you called. Uncle Joe died of cardiac troubles on 15 Dec 1987. My father, Robert Dalpee, died on 19 Aug 1975 from lung cancer. He was only 41 years of age. He used to love to tell me stories of his time in the Navy as it meant so much to him. Partly due to his stories, I began working as a civilian for the Navy (my health precluded my own military service) and married a man who retired as a chief from the Navy. I have several photos of my father and I will mail you one so you can identify him in the book you talked about. I also plan to order a Pre-FRAM ball cap when I send you the photo. I regret that you were not able to catch up with my father or uncle, but even though that effort was unsuccessful, I gained a piece of family history that might have remained lost forever. For that I am deeply grateful and appreciative. If you ever want to keep in touch, or know someone who knew my father or uncle, please keep me in mind. My thoughts will be with you, especially at your April reunion. I only wish my father and uncle could have attended, but while they can't attend in person, I'm sure that they are there in spirit. I can't tell you how much it means to actually speak to someone who had a connection with my father since all I have left are his Navy hat, dog tags, some photos, and a lifetime of memories.

All the best,
Pam Hollifield
phollifield@snet.net

An e-mail from Brian Woodward's wife to Larry Thomas.

Hi Larry, and thank you for your newsy Christmas card we have always enjoyed your catch-ups.

I have some very sad news for you however. Brian passed away on Thursday of cancer. He was diagnosed on Nov. 11th with lung cancer that had spread to the brain, liver and bone. Yes, all very FAST. We wound up in the ER on that day thinking he may have had a mini stroke..... and came out with this news. Radiation, chemo, and hospice followed. He was doing Ok until Dec 11th when it was yet another trip to ER via ambulance. He went into surgery that night with a perforated diverticuli. Massive infection etc. He really fought very hard with a goal to come home by Christmas.

Unfortunately he was just too weak and full of cancer to survive this operation. Gosh Larry, he was only 62 years old. It's so sad. The boys were here off and on from

Thanksgiving. Jonathan, #2 son, and his fiancée were with me the day he died. Brad #1, was with us by phone.

Plans for a memorial service are underway hopefully it will be Feb. 2nd here in Florida. I'll let you know.

The Charles H. Roan seems like yesterday.
Sincerely, Bonnee

I don't know if you are the right person to contact, but my husband, who was a new member, died on June 14 of lung cancer caused from asbestos. He was a molder (ML1) for many years on repair ships and worked with the asbestos.

Thank you very much
William P. Higgins ML1
Retired Navy in 1969

Dear Joe

My name is Ellen Murphy. I am writing to let you know that my Dad, William J. Nasiatka, passed away on August 9, 2001. He served on the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan during the 1950's. He was a great father to my brother and me. He had four grandchildren. We all miss him very much.

My Dad loved the Navy. He was proud to have served on the Roan. I think he was a gunnersmate. I'll never forget how many times we would sit down and look at his Navy book. I call it his Navy book; maybe there is another name for it!

My Dad left my son Robbie, all his Navy certificates. They are from when he crossed the equator (shellback), the Arctic Circle (blue nose), going around the world and another one with something about the Orient. My son, Robbie and my Dad would sit and look at the book (the Navy book as I called it when I was a kid!) and all of these certificates. Dad would always tell Robbie that these were to be his when he was gone. So now my son has all these great treasures from his grandpa, and he treasures them with all of his heart. You see, they were very close as my Dad lived with us. My son Rob (who i.e. the oldest grandchild) was only seven when my dad passed on. My daughters, Lauren (3) and Emily (1) probably won't remember much of my Dad. I will tell them about Dad and all his stories that he told me about when he was in the Navy!

Sincerely
Ellen Nasiatka Murphy
P.S. Dad is buried in Carver, Massachusetts at the Central Cemetery.

USS CHARLES H. ROAN DD853

7TH REUNION

NORFOLK, VA

4 TO 7 APRIL 2002

Shipmates arriving in Norfolk, VA were amazed how much the city has changed from the late 40's and 50's. The city has grown into a major business center downtown with trendy restaurants, shops, and the new Mac Arthur Center shopping mall. In addition, downtown has Nauticus, a maritime exposition center, the USS Wisconsin, and the Naval Museum.

Early arrivals enjoyed an evening harbor cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk that included dinner and show. The cruise took us past the Navy Destroyer Piers and the Navy Base Piers.

Friday started off with a Golf Tournament, visits to Nauticus and USS Wisconsin, and ended with a Welcome Aboard Reception on Friday evening. Everyone was there, even Elvis.

On Saturday morning, we held an Association Meeting and picked the New York City area as the site of our next reunion. The meeting was followed by a tour to Williamsburg. The Banquet was held on Saturday night. We had a nice dance band to help us work off the good food.

The Waterside Marriott Hotel provided outstanding services, nice rooms, and excellent food.

This reunion turned out to be the biggest one yet. We had 228 attendees, 127 shipmates, and two former Captains attended. One hundred thirty seven went on the Spirit of Norfolk Tour, 117 went on the Williamsburg Tour. Everyone had a good time renewing friendships and telling sea stories. Our next reunion will be held in 18 to 24 months. Hope everyone can attend and make the next reunion even bigger and better than this one.

Tom Van Petten and Bob Sipka, Reunion Committee.

Shipmates Attending Reunion

Adams, Robert	47-50	Griggs, John	51-52	Powers, Choppy	56-58
Ahmed, Tom	57-60	Hansen, Bob	56-59	Quick, John	58-61
Allbright, Roger	64-66	Hare, Herbert	51-55	Quigley, James T.	62-64
Anderson, Robin "Andy"	58-63	Hayden, Charles	62-63	Rankin, Ralph	65-67
Angione, Joseph	46-47	Hazlett, Rex	65-66	Reese, Dallas	59-64
Anthony, Gordon	62-64	Heon, Robert H.	51-54	Reeves, William H.	51-54
Arena, Al	62-64	Herndon, Charles D	60-63	Robertson, Ronald	64-66
Bowe, Tom (Satchel)	51-54	Hudalla, Anthony	59-62	Rossi, Harry	57-60
Bowen, Charles	48-54	Inzana, Eugene	62-64	Savoie, Rene	59-64
Burger, Edward R,	62-64	Jamitis, Jim J.	56-59	Scileppi, Al	58-60
Burgess, Billy	47-49	Johnson, Michael	68-71	Serna, John	50-53
Calabro, Richard	66-68	Kaidan, Vic	52-55	Serna, Richard	51-54
Carlson, Joe M.	49-53	Kent, Frank	61-64	Silcox, Gordon	60-63
Cheek, Wade	51-56	Klecker, John	57-61	Sipka, Robert	65-67
Chenard, John	60-62	Klimek, Joe	58-59	Skogstrom, John	61-62
Cherry, Richard	47-50	Klotz, Robert	51-53	Sloan, Ken	61-64
Clark, David	53-57	Kramer, Jerry	56-59	Smith, Alfred E	55-57
Crisci, Robert	60-63	Lambert, Allen	56-58	Smith, Ray T;	59-61
Davis, Bob	48-52	Lambert, Joe	61-64	Smith, William J.	56-58
De Niro, Tony	58-60	Larsen, Larry	56-59	Sneddon, Jim	58-60
De Pasquale, Deeps	49-52	Leuthold, Tom E.	57-58	Solis, Paul Jr.	57-59
Diaz, Jaun R.	63-67	Lincoln, Donald	57-60	Sonsini, Jim	71-72
Dixon, Frank E Jr.	61-63	LoCastro, Frank	53-57	Souza, Richard	58-66
Domanus, Jim	56-57	Loudenslarger, Edward	62-65	Stinsman, Jack	61-64
Dowland, Winston	61-62	Lovas, Joe	59-61	Strickland, Morris	53-57
Duggan, Kenny	63-65	Lucchesi, Ron	66-68	Sylvia, Norman	53-55
Eckeston, Ralph	54-57	Lueck, Wallace	53-56	Tetreault, Donald	55-59
Edwards, Jerry	66-68	Marsh, Art	51-55	Tumblison, Dennis	53-55
Eldred, Allen "Pinky"	55-56	Marshall, Bob	60-62	Ungania, Dario	55-59
Eppendorf, Irv	62-65	Matuska, Joesph	62-64	Van Petten, Tom	58-61
Etling, Donald	49-52	Mc Donald, Orland	52-56	Vangasbeck, Ron	55-57
Fanning, Skip	67-71	Mc Ginty, Thomas	57-59	Varner, Bill	46-48
Flaherty, Stephen	61-63	Medlar, Charles	66-70	Ward, David R	56-59
Fodera, Salvatore	51-54	Moshiek, Bud	47-51	Ward, Ray	65-67
Fortunato, Al	51-54	Muller, John A	56-57	Willet, Bob	62-66
Frame, Tom	51-53	Murphy, James	52-53	Wilmouth, Robert	51-53
Fugate, Jesse	52-55	Nalley, Thuston	48-56	Wilson, Gerald W.	64-66
Gabriel, Thomas	56-59	Nascarella, Paul	62-66	Wishart, Carlton	56-59
Genova, Sal	52-55	Nunes, Ed	63-66	Witt, John (Jack)	59-62
Golding, Bill	58-60	Oppel, Lary	64-66	Wood, James	59-60
Goldsmith, Roe "Goldy"	51-54	Orr, Clearance	54-57	Wright, Dick	51-53
Griffith, Mel	57-60	Powell, Tom	60-62	Wurdemann, John	57-59
				Zumbrum, Charles	54-56

REUNION LETTERS

Richard,

Ann and I had a super time at the reunion this past weekend. It was so great to see so many of our old shipmates! You and the committee get my personal well done for a great reunion. We will be sifting through the pictures of the Roan again and ones of interest will be forthcoming. Again, thank you and all concerned in the help we had in getting last minute reservations.

Charlie Hayden
CO/CDR 62 - 63

Tom,

One hundred thousand Bravo Zulu's to you and all who helped you pull together such a well organized, nicely paced and memorable event. I am sure there were many behind the scene challenges that never were apparent to us celebrants. Thank you so much for all your hard work, and to Jean as well, who I am sure suffered much with you through the whole ordeal. Just wish the old wardroom crowd could have had more time together; we will fix that in New York.

Again Bravo Zulu and all our love to you and Jean.

Tom & Peggy McGinty
57 - 59

Hi Dick,

I just wanted to drop you a few lines to express my appreciation to you and Tom for a great Reunion!!! Bravo Zulu!

As you know it was my first one, but I assure you, it will not be my last! As you personally know it is greatly rewarding to see old shipmates after such a long time.

I would like to know if there is a way that you could send me a list of the attendee's with their e-mail address's. I got several while attending the reunion, but lost them while traveling back to Las Vegas.

As a footnote, I was able to attend the dinner on board as a standby after someone didn't show. I forgot to ask you for the amount I owed for the dinner and cruise. So I owe you, or someone some "bucks". Please let me know the amount and I'll send it to you along with a donation to the fund.

O.J.McDonald
52 - 56

Joe

I wanted to express my feelings about the reunion held at Norfolk. I cannot imagine the amount of work that was necessary to host a reunion that as far as I and my wife feel was just superb. We expressed our gratitude to Tom Van Petten and Bob Sipka in person before leaving and heading home. We feel that we must publicly thank them for all their hard work. The reunion went on like clock work and at all times the hosts could be seen on the spot making sure there were no glitches and everyone was having a wonderful time. The dinner cruise was wonderful, the welcome aboard

reception was absolutely great, the banquet was just fantastic. What a great lesson in early American history was learned by all who took the Williamsburg Tour. I think all the golfers had a great time.

The standard has been raised for hosting a Jolly Cholly reunion. The signalmen would display flag hoist BZ with a broom tied to the halyard for this operation. WELL DONE, CLEANSWEEP. Again thank you Tom and Bob

A Shipmate Ed Loudenslarger and CINC Sonja
RD2 62-65

Richard

Thank you ever so much for the wonderful time at the reunion. I had a wonderful time. The people were great and I made some new friends that I hope I can keep in contact with. Joe Lambert was one of them. It seems like a million years ago that I was on the Roan. At the reunion things came flooding back. Most of the fellows I met were just little kids when I went on the Roan. They might have been kids that I had never met but I'll always carry them in my heart as shipmates. I was told a long time ago that first shipmates are remembered longer. I met some new shipmates and was very happy to enjoy their company. I'll always remember this reunion. The Lord willing I'll see you in New York. I remain your shipmate.

Bob Adams
MM3 47-50

Hi Richard,

Hope you arrived safely back home. Just wanted to say that it was a terrific reunion in Norfolk. Bob and Tom are to be congratulated on a job well done. Your contribution to the reunion was also much appreciated by us all. I don't know how Duggan will be able to improve the next reunion in NYC, as this reunion didn't leave much room for improvement.

This e-mail is also a reminder that you asked me to send to you regarding the passing of a couple of our shipmates. I noticed that Bunoso (sp) was missing from the list and I think there might be a typo regarding another shipmate. I recall seeing Bix, William on the list. That might be a misspell as there was a William Dix from New Jersey on board as an ET in the same time frame listed. In fact, his picture is in the "66" Med cruise book with the rest of the ET's.

Also, I might add that I didn't score with the photographer. Nunes has been giving me a bad time since we got back here telling all of our buddies that I had it right in my hand and then blew it. I'm still recovering from all the static I've been getting and from the likes of Loudenslarger and yourself. I'll do better next time

Looking forward to the next reunion

Your Shipmate
Roger Allbright
ETR3 64 - 66

Reunion Photo's

Crew of 1960 to 1965



From left:
Bob Sipka - Reunion Committee
Richard Souza - Association President
Tom Van Petten - Reunion Committee



Plankowners (from left):
Joseph Angione - Bill Varner



We danced up a storm. Our kids won't believe it.



Carl Wishart and Richard Souza after they gave the financial report.

You can see more reunion photo's by ordering a reunion book with the order blank on page 9.



Reunion Book Order Form

If you did not attend the reunion and would like to have a reunion book use the order form below to order. The books, in color are \$21.50 which includes shipping and handling. Please order as soon as possible. Send you order directly to "Rainbow Publishing" with your check or money order enclosed to the address on the order form.

Those shipmates who attended the reunion and had their photo's taken before the banquet will receive order forms directly from Rainbow Publishing, (but only if you had your photo taken.)

These are very nice keepsakes with a lot of pictures of your old shipmates, so be sure to order one.

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USS CHARLES H. ROAN - DD 853 MINI - REUNION

15 APRIL 1994 - 22 APRIL 1994
MIDNIGHT COVE CONDOMINIUMS
SIESTA KEY, FLORIDA

PARTICIPANTS

Bob and Ellen Bunnell - Don and Shirley Busch
Hank and Barbara Curran - Roy and Barbara Heistand
Brewster and Ann Sturtevant - Denny and Nina West
Wayman "Red" Lawrence - Jim Smeallie - Paul Troutman

I am sorry to have to tell you that on July 4, 2001 Bob passed away after a battle with lymphoma. We thank our god for allowing Bob to rest in peace. He was a fighter but could not win this round.

The article "A Recollection of the USS Charles H Roan History in the 1950's" brought back memories of life in the navy. Our son was born August 25, 1954 in Newport while the Roan was on a world cruise. Six months later the wives and children welcomed the return of the ship. Our signs were held high as the destroyers came by Castle Hill men at attention and the colors flying. This is one of the many memories I have as the wife of a navy man.

Enclosed are pictures of our mini reunion in 1994 at Siesta Key, Florida. We all brought slides and listened to navy tales we had heard before. It was five days of fun and the stories continued each day. I asked Brewster Sturtevant to write up the story he had told us about the quarterdeck name board on the USS C.H.Roan so we could share it with all at the April reunion.

Joe Lambert, I thank you for keeping the records of the USS Roan up to date. Reading the Jolly Cholly has been an enjoyment.

Sincerely,
Ellen Burmell



A Very Unusual Story

This story must begin with a bit of history. I was the president of an insurance agency in Springfield, MA when a couple, my insures, called to say they had decided to sell their house here and were moving to a retirement community in Rhode Island to be near their daughter and son-in-law who lived in Jamestown, RI.

In the fall of 1992 or the very early spring of 1993 I called the daughter to wind down our account with her parents. She was not there so I spoke with her husband. After dealing with the business at hand we both discovered we had served on DDs homeported in Newport, RI. (He was on active duty in the late 50s.) He asked on which destroyer I had served and I told him the USS Charles H. Roan. There was a moment of stony silence and then he told me I would not believe what he had in a pile of stuff stored under his house. He said he had the name board for the USS C. H. Roan. He said the "H" was missing. As it turned out this was the quarterdeck name board used in port to identify the ship that was made in the Brooklyn Navy Yard during our yard period the winter of 1955-1956. He said he had found it washed up on the beach after a storm on the West Passage of Narragansett Bay near his house in Jamestown "a few years ago" and had just put it under his house. I think he was glad to find a reason to unload it and he did.

My wife and I went to Jamestown and had a delightful visit with an old friend and her husband and we brought the board home. The wood was badly eaten on the back and the letters were not in much better shape having been in salt water for a number of years. I was fortunate to find a local metal shop that was willing to tackle the job of cleaning and restoring what I had, and they did. What you see is the result.

Brewster Sturtevant
COMM OFF AND OPS OFF
1953-1956



Flags and Signals

Hello Joe:

While scrounging around in some papers I found a few names to add to your list of shipmates. My number one best buddy was a little short fellow whose name was David L. Bingaman MM3. Our chief's name was Harry Dozier John Holzinger MM1, Ritchie Smart MM1, J.R. Coccozza MM3; a drunk driver killed Jessie after being transferred from the Roan. Clarence Brown MM3. We all went from Beantown to Newport. Oh those moterlaunch trips back to the ship in the wintertime. Tied up to the tender in that god forsaken hole that I can't remember its name. In the summer time it was skunks and in the winter it was the cold. From there we went on my first Med. cruise. I had three captains while I was on Chollie. Richard B. Derickson, William (Willie) N. Deragon and the last was David L Martineau. I remember Capt. Deragon because he was always fair to his crew. He always leaned to the snipes for some reason. He was a very good man I guess this is all for this trip. Hope I'm still around next year so I can meet you face to face I remain your shipmate
Bob Adams MM3 48-50

Hi Joe

Sorry I couldn't get my dues in sooner. I had surgery to remove a cataract from my right eye, because of glaucoma, on top of that the surgery came out poorly! I received the fall 2001 newsletter; I'll frame the first page. The \$25.00 check is for dues and wherever else it is needed. My salute besides my prayers are going to all the fellows going in "Harms Way." Regards
K. W. Thuillier SN 47-48

Dear Joe

I really enjoyed my first newsletter, especially the recollection from Commander Boorum about our world cruise in "54". I still have a copy of the ships itinerary of that cruise. I went aboard about the same time as he did. I'll never forget the evening I stepped aboard the Jolly Cholly. I was straight out of Boot Camp, 17 years old and had no idea what a Fireman Apprentice was or did. Someone escorted me aboard and we started walking aft to my sleeping quarters. I had my seabag on my shoulder and duffel bag in my hand and I admit I was a little nervous. Just before we got to the aft fireroom, the outside starboard hatch opened and the bright lights shined up from below because it was dark outside and whoever was escorting me said, "that's where you will be working" and I became a little more worried. Then all of a sudden a head popped up out of the lighted hatch and since it was dark outside, it had an eerie look. It had on an old dirty white hat that was pulled unfolded down over its ears, grease and oil on its face, a big wide boxers nose and a grin from ear to ear with a couple front teeth missing. I'm telling you Joe, that was one weird looking sailor - then it yelled "my replacement, my replacement," over and over in an excitable manner until we passed. All I could think of was what the hell have I got myself into. Afterwards, I

found out that It (the head) belonged to "Tugs" Kelly from Cleveland. I think he planned it all to worry us a little and it worked.

Sincerely

Andy Stitzer BT2 54 - 57

Dear Joe

Thank you so much for sending the "Jolly Cholly" to Charles. He loves to read the news. His health is fair but is getting along pretty well for 86 years. Do have a wonderful holiday. Beverly ... Charles Hart

Dear Mr. Lambert

I've been very interested in the dates for my husbands duties in the Navy. Unfortunately, growing older has dimmed our memories. Your Vol.4, Num. 2 "Jolly Cholly" had a brief history of the USS Roan. The paragraph about Captain Hart being relieved in Jan. 1957 is wrong. We were living in Buenos Aires, Argentina at that time. It was probably Jan. 1956 that he was relieved as Captain of the USS Roan. Our next tour of duty was to Argentina in April 1956.

This helps me and I hope you for the history of the USS Roan.

Sincerely

Beverly C. Hart

Wife of Captain Charles S. Hart, USN Ret.

CDR/CO 54-55

Hello Joe

I trust you are in good health. It is with deepest regrets that I cannot attend the 2002 reunion of the Roan. I have never had so much problems with my health. The amount of medication that I am taking is staggering. I really thought I had good genes until age 66, then I found out differently.

I feel like a lost soul, keep in touch won't you, occasionally.

Most sincerely

Walt Crawford SN 51-55

Dear Joe,

Sorry in answering your letter so late. I just received a beautiful Roan cap from the Roan Association which I wear all the time. I remember the incident you inquired about in which we lost the starboard shaft and screw. The brave, timely and correct-ive action by the forward engine room watch prevent-ed major damage and injury to the ship and our shipmates. As I recall Commander Destroyer Force presented a medal to the senior petty officer in the forward engine room for his actions. The cause of this casualty has always bothered me. I believe collision on the Roan by Brownson in late 50's may have contributed to this casualty. I was very proud to have commanded such a fine ship and crew.

Your old shipmate,

Charlie Hayden

CDR/CO 62-63

Sea Stories

From: "Robert Masters"

For what it's worth, I visited the Roan during July 1967 when she was at Cannes, France after serving off Israel during the 7 days war. I was a beach bum/student and traveling through Europe at the time. The Israeli war broke out and the 6th fleet gave some sailors liberty in Cannes. They hosted us as American nationals and we got a tour and (gratefully accepted) free meal. I became popular with the crew, because those of us on the beach knew where all the good bars were.

Thanks

Robert Masters

RICHARD SOUZA wrote:

Thanks Robert I find this very interesting. May I use your story for our Newsletter?

Feel free to use the story.

Let's see how good my memory actually is: The Lt. who showed us around was Jeffery Scott Longshaw. Why do I remember this? I have no idea. But for some reason I can recall this guys name. There was another destroyer with the Roan whose name I cannot recall (The Lloyd?).

That summer was quite a time for me, a 20 year old college student. I had worked for a while in Switzerland, and it snowed there on June 13th. I said I had enough lousy cold weather, and headed for the sunny Riviera and Cannes. Had a little money, so a bunch of us just slept on the beach and showered at the outdoor facility. Saw the sights, drank French beer and chased girls all day. That's pretty much how I spent the entire two months bumming in Europe that summer.

One evening, we had really scored dates with some very pretty (and wealthy) girls. While waiting for them to return from their hotel before dinner, one of the Roan's sailors was walking along the beach known as the Coisette with his 8 track tape playing Tommy James and the Shondells' "Mirage". To this day if that song comes on my oldies station, I can hear and see that scene as clearly as if I were there. This was a good summer.

Also recall that the Roan was to be the Host boat for the America's Cup later.

So when the Roan and the other ship pulled into port, we were ready to do our patriotic duty. In gratitude for our assistance, a couple of the guys told us American nationals were welcome to tour the ship, get a free meal!

Thanks for the reply.

Robert Masters

RICHARD SOUZA wrote:

We have several shipmates on our roster that were aboard during that cruise but we do not have Lt. Longshaw on our roster. The Llyod could be correct, as she was a member of our destroyer squadron. I had just gotten off of her (Roan) the year before. I served on her from 1958 to 1966. You sure have a fine memory. I hope the officers and the crew treated you well. She is known affectionately to us as the "Cholly Jolly". I assumed you found us on the Internet. Please feel free to chat at any time.

Richard F. Souza

USS Charles H. Roan DD-853

Rich,

As I've been perusing the web site, I came onto the lack of info in the 70's. I'll tell you what I can remember:

The Roan and the William R. Rush had departed Newport in April (I think) of '72, on their way to join the Mideast Force. There were a number of ship jumpers, and I can recall at least one picture in the local papers of an attempted deserter being dragged back on board. This was to be an "Around the World" deployment, and a number of folks were still protesting our involvement in Vietnam. I was in Destroyer School at the time.....a Lieutenant.

Previous to my arriving on board, I know that both ships visited Mombasa, Kenya, because the legends about the XO's fight with the XO of the Rush were already expanding exponentially. Naturally, we won!

I joined Roan in Bahrain (Persian Gulf) in July 1972, and relieved Joe Conway as Chief Engineer (CHENG)..... Charlie Poreda was the CO and Dave Micalchuck was the XO It was dead in the water, anchored in the harbor with both plants salted up.....no power.....no air conditioning.....and no fresh water. With help from the Valcour (the Mideast Force flagship), we got some fresh water, and were then towed alongside one of the piers to get continuous truckloads of more fresh water as we flushed out both systems. About ten days later we got underway for Karachi (I'd lost 14 pounds in the meantime.... wish I

could do that now!), and continued repairing our evaporators. We made it into Karachi, and I immediately bummed more fresh water from the Pakistani Navy.... that was an adventure!

Then on to Singapore, up the coast past Vietnam, and, instead of Hong Kong, Yokosuka, because we had a bent screw which had to be replaced. From Japan, on to Midway (underway for 21 days), where we opened the clubs at 10 AM and could barely navigate out of the harbor after relieving the locals of quite a lot of liquor.

We stopped in Pearl, and then on to the Panama Canal. Through some quirk of fate, we missed it to the north by about twenty miles, and had to race to make our arrival time at the locks. Shortly after that, the navigator decided to transfer to the Coast Guard.

Through the canal, up the Caribbean with a fuel stop in Freeport, Bahamas, and then on to Newport. We arrived some time in October. Sorry I'm so vague about the dates, but I'm doing this from memory.

From then until the following July, we did a lot of local ops, and picked up a lot of commitments for other ships that couldn't make theirs. We never got to tow a FF (my ultimate dream), but we operated quite a bit, as far south as the Caribbean.

In June/July of '73, we found out that we were going to be decommissioned as "beyond economical repair" (we'd only been operating almost continuously!), and then found out that we were to be sold to the Turks.

I volunteered to ride the ship for three weeks after the sale, with a team of about ten guys, in order to teach the Turks what we could about the Cakmak's (pronounced Chuck-Muck) systems and idiosyncrasies.

We finally left her in Gitmo, and she went on her way to, I guess, about twenty more years of service. I went on to be Chief Engineer of a new LST (Spartanburg County), and the rest is history.

I retired from the Navy in '94 as a Captain, and, including the Roan, had served on seven different ships, as Operations Officer, Chief Engineer, XO and CO. ROAN was the best! The crew and officers were tight, and we were truly a band of brothers.

Hope this "book" was informative. I just received my first issue of the Jolly Cholly, and enjoyed every word. Keep up the great work. If I can make it, I'll be at the 2002 reunion.

Ted Witt

Richard,

I got wind of your web site from a former Roan sailor who saw my entry on one of the newer web sites. I was only on her for two months, from November 1970 to January 1971. I was a CTII (Russian linguist) TAD from Edzell, Scotland, and our detachment was working in the old converted Dash hangar. There were about 8-10 of us CTs, plus two civilians from Sanders Associates out on a hush, hush data collection effort. It was a most interesting trip, and I enjoyed pretty much all of it, except for the first time they fired the rear 5-incher while we were lounging around in the hangar atop burn bags. The noise damn near made me deaf and scared the devil out of me!

I caught the ship, along with another linguist from Edzell, at Rota, Spain when she arrived from CONUS, having just completed her FRAM II conversion. As we were told, it was a poorly done job and, she had to be redone, as all her watertight doors and hatches leaked after the conversion. From what I recall in the Atlantic and Med, some of them still did afterwards! We were looking forward to our first week on the Roan being spent in port Palma, having heard wonderful things about that port. Twas not to be, however, as the Russians had picked that time to make their semi-annual submarine turnover from the Northern Fleet at Murmansk. We went out in the Atlantic to the northern tip of Spain and picked them up in the dark of night, with one nuke running submerged and about 5-6 old diesels running on the surface, plus the mother ship, an old cruiser, as I recall. Was interesting to see them scatter when they found out who we were at daybreak. We escorted them down to Melilla anchorage in the Med and steamed around them for a day or so, just watching and listening. Nothing of import, just interesting. We did get to spend two weeks in Naples, though. Was only supposed to be one, but think the Roan's boiler and gyro blew as she was backing away, and we had to spend another week there. We were supposed to be en-route to the Black Sea to see what kind of reaction we could generate, but had to spend the next week drinking in Naples. What a pity!

When the Russians sent one of their two ASW helo carriers into the Med from the Black Sea, we got to steam all around their formation and watch them launch their KA-25 helos all day long. Again, not all that exciting, but still interesting. That, plus, I damn near fell overboard in rough seas that day, and, while hanging backwards over the port side, holding onto the lower rope covered cable with both hands, my 6 CT "buddies" were behind me laughing their butts off at the funniest sight they'd ever seen!

We had gone into port at Athens, supposedly to be sent home. In fact, there was a plane warming up at airport waiting for us. We were on the fantail, civvies on, bags in hand, when one of the ship's officers came out laughing gleefully, and said something to the effect of, "Where do you think you're going? Get your uniforms back on. You ain't going nowhere!" That resulted in him getting decked by one of the CTs, who never got in trouble for it, owing to the circumstances. That was Dec. 21st. At Edzell they knew that day that I would not be home in time for Christmas. They did not tell my wife until 10:00 am Christmas Day! That marked the beginning of my disenchantment with the Naval establishment. We stayed in Athens until

about the 7th of January at which time we finally got to go home. I remember spending New Year's Eve draped over the torpedo tubes outside the Dash hanger, in front of the torpedo storage locker, drinking rotgut Greek rum. What a night! At the stroke of midnight, every ship and boat in the harbor sounded their horns, sirens, etc. My wife keeps telling me I should forget all this, but I remember it well. Even a bit fondly, given the circumstances. I even remember many of the old stories told to us by her crew, such as her backing into the USS Bang (sub) when trying to leave a port, thus denting the sub's hull and lending credence to her name.

I remember reading in the Stars and Stripes that the Roan was finally sold to the Turkish Navy for about \$265,000. My initial reaction was fear that the Turks would hate us when they found out how she leaked, yet also happiness that she wasn't sold for scrap and turned into razor blades, because I'm sure they would have ended up attacking any sailor they came near.

At any rate, hope the above adds a bit of color to the ship's past from one with a vivid memory. I really did enjoy the work part of my "cruise". It was interesting, rather exciting, and totally memorable.

Regards, and best to you all,
 Bill Branick
 Former CTI 1

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From After Diesel

I apologize for the lateness of this addition of "The Jolly Cholly." I held off putting it out until after the Norfolk reunion.

And what a reunion it was. I hate to say "the best ever" because they all have been terrific, but this reunion was quite good. You could tell by the quality of events, that Tom Van Petten and Bob Sipka had put a great deal of work into this get together.

The feel of good-fellowship and well being was very gratifying. Visiting with old friends is always fun and I meet first timers at each reunion who wish they had joined us earlier. Meeting and talking to shipmates who served at different times on the Roan is very entertaining and can lead to lasting friendships.

The next reunion is being planned for the New York city area in 18 to 24 months. Plan to join us, and I guarantee you won't regret it. Two first timers, Kenny Duggan (63-65) and Al Arena (62-64), have volunteered to chair the reunion and hope to put together a committee of shipmates from that area. If Ken or Al contact you please offer your assistance. Putting together a reunion is a lot of work and the more people involved the easier it will be. Start planning now to attend the next reunion, this will be an event you won't want to miss.

Ron Luccehssi our web master has been working on our web page. Take a look at it at www.usscharleshroan.org/ to keep up to date on happenings in the Association. He has some interesting things on the site and say's he'll be improving it in the near future.

I want to again thank those shipmates who send me material for the newsletter. While you may not see your material right away, please know that the material is saved for future newsletters. The newsletters are only as good as the material I receive from you so keep the information coming. I would like to run a series profiling the ships captains. We have 6 captains in the association. If they would send me a bio and photo, I would greatly appreciate it.

In a couple of areas in this newsletter we mention the finances of the association. The size of the association has grown over the last 10 years from a couple of hundred to over seven hundred. Shipmates - it cost money to keep this going. I don't want to bore you with repeating what has been said before, but please consider sending a contribution in the enclosed envelope. With that money the board can keep the association together and find more shipmates for you to reconnect with.

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