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Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully  
and Gallantly*

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### COVER

At this years reunion we voted to have "Reunion 2016" in Amarillo, Texas. Read Tom VanPetten's (the Association front man) write up on page 16.

## 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 over a \$1,200 to print and mail. By you mailing a contribution to the Association President we will be able to keep the spirit of the Charles H. Roan alive. 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



I would like to commend our reunion committee for doing an outstanding job setting up and carrying out our reunion in September in Philadelphia.

Ed Semcheski was the ramrod and his crew of Jack Cook, Bob Crisci, and Marty O'Hara did an outstanding job. I can't say enough about them.

Many hours were spent to make our reunion an event that we won't forget. I would also like to thank the families and friends of these men who supported them and were patient for the many hours taken from them. Philadelphia and the Wyndam Hotel properties made for a very successful and outstanding reunion. Bravo Zulu to all.

In April 2014, Pensacola, FL received over 28 inches of rain in less than 24 hours. Many homes and businesses flooded even though they were not in a flood plain. All the Association's small stores which were in a huge climate controlled stowage building were almost completely lost. I was devastated at the loss which included our collection of Roan memorabilia. It was sickening to see. I couldn't get in the locker for over a week. Very few things were salvageable as they were under water all that time.

With this in mind I will no longer stock or carry the list of items we carried in small stores. The only definite thing I will carry will be HATS. I am thinking of carrying one BLUE golf type shirt with the CREST and maybe the challenge coin and pin. I am also thinking of carrying on special order the Windbreaker Jacket. All this will depend on my health and getting a stowage space. I do have some washed items I saved but most of them are all 2x and above. If you're interested they will all be sold at a reduced price. Any suggestions or recommendations on this matter are appreciated.

Our next reunion in 2016 as voted on, will be in Amarillo Texas which is close to the home town of Charles H Roan. Surprisingly, the vote was heavy in favor of Amarillo. Amarillo is also the home of the veteran's home named after Charles. (USSERY-ROAN) Two of our shipmates have volunteered to run this reunion. Tom Van Petten and John Molstad have taken on this huge undertaking. We have heard that the city and certain individuals from Amarillo are ready to bring out the RED carpet for our Association members. If you have any ideas, suggestions or can help these individuals please do so by contacting ME.

# Financial Report

Last Financial report  
April 29, 2014

Balance of Checking Account 8,978.27  
Reserve Fund - Separate Account 700.00

### Expenditures

Post office -206.43  
Office supplies -148.97  
Small stores -462.64  
Newsletter/printing -1466.98  
Telephone/internet 7 months -875.00  
Refunds -782.00  
Reunion expenses -10,440.53

Total expenses -14,382.55

### Deposits

Donations, small store 17,664.33  
(includes reunion sales/donations/registrations)

Checking Account 8,978.27  
Deposits 17,664.33  
Expenses -14,382.55

Total Balance 12,260.05

Reserve Fund 700.00

Total Assets including Reserve Fund \$12,960.05

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Gentlemen:

This obit for Rear Admiral Robert Reimann appeared in today's (July 13) Washington Post. He was XO on the Charles H. Roan when I was aboard in 69-70.

As a RM2 I certainly have memories of being chewed out and praised by him. He was a constant presence everywhere on the ship. Those of us in the radio shack always thought he was especially interested in us, which I suspect did every other department. That would be the sign of a good XO.

I recently retired and live in Kent Island, Maryland, which is near Annapolis. Among my many tasks is to do a summary of Roan activities while I was onboard for the history files.

I greatly appreciate receiving "The Jolly Cholly." It was my pleasure to make the Hawaii reunion trip from which I still owe so many pictures to people. I have very fond memories of meeting Chief Sousa's commanding officer. A lovely lady who is surely greatly missed.

John Conley

RM2 69-70



Rear Admiral Robert T. Reimann, U.S. Navy, passed away June 29, 2014. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Boston University, College of Business Administration in 1958. Upon subsequent graduation from Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI, he was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 1, 1959. His first assignment was the USS Gainard (DD 706). In January 1964, he was assigned as Executive Officer of the destroyer escort USS Van Voorhis (DE 1028). In August 1966 RADM Reimann was assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. which was followed by assignment to the destroyer USS Charles H. Roan (DD 853) as Executive Officer. From July 1970 to January 1972, he commanded the destroyer escort USS Courtney (DE 1021). From January 1972 until August 1973, RADM Reimann commanded the frigate USS Garcia (FF 1040). Following this command, he attended the U.S. Naval War College. In September 1974, he established and was the first Officer in Charge of the Surface Warfare Officer School Command Detachment in Coronado, CA. In August 1977, he was assigned duties as Executive Officer of the guided missile cruiser USS Chicago (CG 11). In April 1979, RADM Reimann reported for duty as Deputy Director OP 39 in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. RADM Reimann left this duty in May 1981 to assume duties as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare). RADM Reimann reported aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Gridley (CG 21) as Commanding Officer in January 1982. The USS Gridley received the Battle "E" while he was in command along with numerous other awards and honors. Following selection to Flag rank, he departed USS Gridley in January 1985 for assignment as Inspector General for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet. RADM Reimann's next assignment was Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific/Commander Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In July 1988 he was assigned as Deputy Commander of Surface Combatants, Naval Sea Systems Command. RADM Reimann assumed duties as Deputy Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) in December 1990. Upon retirement in January of 1993, RADM Reimann served on several Corporate Boards as a Military Consultant. RADM Reimann's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3), and the Meritorious Service Medal (3). RADM Reimann is survived by the former Iris Johnson of Holbrook, Massachusetts. Interment to take place at Arlington National Cemetery.

John,

Thanks for your very kind words and letting us know about Admiral Reimann. I'm sure my CO has made Admiral by now and must be serving on the Joint Chief of Staffs somewhere up above. She is sorely missed as she was with me for over 60 years. Again, thanks for your kind words.

It's amazing how many officers made Admiral after serving aboard the Roan. I take that as I do my own career aboard the "Jolly Cholly." It was the CREW, many in their teens and very early 20's, who had the professionalism to operate with ships many times our size, with many times the crew, to keep up to them all and not to be second to none. That was an operational fact that we can all be proud of.

Your shipmate Souza

# Shipmate Obits

## **Max L. Slankard CO/CDR 67-69**

I would like to share the news that my father, Cdr. Max L. Slankard (USN-RET) died Friday, November 7th, 2014 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. He will be laid to rest at Leavenworth National Cemetery on Monday, November 17th. We feel that his time as Captain of the Roan was the highlight of his naval career.

Many thanks,  
Marilyn Slankard Ollila

## **David P Micalchuck XO/CO/LCDR 72/73**

I found your address on my husbands desk...My husband passed away on September 10, 2014 of lung cancer.

Rosalie Micalchuck

## **John D. Kellog (SN 48-51) 80, died 3/16/2011.**

He was born in Jan.1931, in Decatur, IL. and married Janie Beth Adams in Temple, TX. on April 1969. He served 13 years in the U.S. Navy and seven years as an Army Airborne Ranger. He had three tours in Vietnam and then one tour in Korea. His decorations include the Bronze Star. After his military service he worked for the city of Belton, TX and managed the Belton Purina Store. He had lived 32 years in Belton and 11 years in Little River-Academy, TX.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian Kellog of Temple; a daughter Kimberly Bates of Temple; and two grandsons.

## **Major Charles Andrew Weseman (ETS3 58-61)**

Major Charles Andrew Weseman, US Army (Ret.), 72  
Brevard County • Melbourne, Florida —  
Passed away April 8, 2012.

Charles was a veteran of the USMC and US Navy before retiring from the US Army.  
Major Weseman flew a helicopter gun ship in Vietnam

## **John R Witt LTjg 59-62**

Jack Witt passed away on Monday, October 27,2014. He had come home to hospice care the Wednesday before. His wife, Anita, said the funeral will be in the Philadelphia area sometime around Thanksgiving. His ashes will be buried in a plot he and his wife had purchased.

His wife said he died from lung problems.

Tony Hudalla LTjg 59-62

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**“Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction’ - ‘I served in the United States Navy’ “. John F. Kennedy**

# **“Within my heart the song still plays in memory of those better days”**

## **Flags and Signals**

Chief Souza,

It has come to my attention that our Shipmates from the USS CHARLES H. ROAN have recently attended their THIRTEENTH reunion. Please accept the attached note of congratulations and pass along our absolute best wishes.

Very respectfully,  
CDR Chris England  
Commanding Officer  
USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62)

Thank you Captain,

We certainly appreciate hearing from you and your comments about the Roan. As the leading Signalman aboard the Roan, I knew Mr. Fitzgerald well. We have the honor of having being named after a Medal of Honor recipient to having a Medal of Honor recipient who served aboard the USS Charles H. Roan DD-853. From the almost 1000 shipmates that belong to our association, we wish you and your crew,

“Smooth sailing and following seas”

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

Hi Joe,

After a year and a half I received the medals requested for our service in the Cuban Crisis. I sent the letter you helped draft in January 2013. I would like to let others know, if they requested their medals not to give up. Thank you Joe for your help.

Ted F. Phillips  
SH3 61-63

Dear Richard,

We enjoy reading each edition of “The Jolly Cholly.” I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$200 to help to continue this great publication. Thank you all for remembering our service to the United States Navy and to our country. Please keep up all your good work to provide each person with these terrific memories and history. We appreciate the efforts.

Warm regards,  
Paul Kopyscianski  
SN 59-61

Richard,

As I get older I look forward to receiving “The Jolly Cholly” and putting faces with names in my 1967 and 1968 Med Cruise books. Being on the Charles H Roan is an experience I’ll never forget. Here’s a check for the Association kitty.

Tom E Parker  
DC2 66-70

Chief Souza,

The article in the last news letter, “The Training culminates with a Bravo Zulu” for the Jolly Cholly was a very reminiscent of the initial shakedown cruise following the Roan’s commissioning at the Charleston Navy Yard in 1946. At the time I was a boot Ensign having been newly commissioned out of the NROTC program at the University of Texas. Enclosed is a small contribution for the Association.

R. P. Siegfried (Slim, Capt. Derickson’s appellation)  
Ens 46-47

Hi Richard,

I would like to order a couple of items from the Ship’s Store. Enclosed is a check for the cost of the items and please keep the remainder for the Association. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Glenn Blanchette  
SN 67-69

Hi Richard,

I just wanted you to know the jacket is a perfect fit. I promise to wear it with pride. My friend from Omaha served the Roan in 58-59. Him and I were aboard the USS Greenwood two years prior to the Roan. I told you about his episode at Newport, where one young man drowned when the car he was in went off the parking lot into the bay. I didn’t know he was involved in that incident. We had also talked about the man overboard incident while refueling.

Thank you for your service,  
Ed Boyer  
SK1 71-73

# Down Memory Lane with Joe Carlson SO2 49-53

Dear Joe,

I joined the Navy in July 1949. My high school sweetheart and I got engaged at Christmas that year. In December of 1950 I got one of those famous "Dear John" letters. It was a real shocker at the time, but it turned out to be the best thing that happened in my life.

In one of my letters to my sister, who was a Junior in high school at the time, I asked if she knew a nice girl and that maybe we could double date some time when I was home on leave. She answered by sending me a girls name and address; described her as a red head with blue eyes and said maybe I should write her.

I had no idea where to start. My shipmate, Edward Moody (SO1, 50-52) wrote the letter, which I in-turn copied in my hand. She answered, so Moody and I composed another letter in answer.

In February 1951, I took a 20 day leave and went home to meet this girl for the first time. She was the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. Being in her Junior year in high school I figured her to be about 17, which she looked. We dated while I was home on leave and continued to write when I returned to the Roan.

In one of her letters she mentioned her birthday

was on July 14<sup>th</sup> which turned out to be a Sunday on a week end that I had a 72 hour liberty. I flew home from Boston so I could help celebrate her birthday with her. She came with me to air port on Sunday so I could return to the ship and when I asked her what birthday this was she answered,

much to my surprise, that she had turned 16. In April of 1952 she turn 17 and graduated from high school in May and we married in August of that year. I was extended a year that year because of Korea.

After service I went to West Virginia University on a G.I. bill and received a B.S. degree in Pharmacy.

Our first daughter was born at the end of my freshman year. Our second daughter was born at the end of my junior year and three years later we had another little girl. After I received my degree my wife Annalee went to college and received a degree in business and then her masters degree from Marshall

University. We also sent my three daughters to college.

My wife, Annalee retired in 1996 and passed away in 2000 from pancreatic cancer after 48 years of marriage. I had retired in 1999. My sister had married the boy she was with on our double date and they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.



# Flags and Signals

Richard,

My wife and I had a wonderful time at the 2014 Reunion as well as sight seeing in Center City, Philadelphia. Listening to the stories of Roan sailors attest to the "tie that binds" us together in an eternal brotherhood. While crew attendance was lean for the latter years of Roan's commission, talking to any Roan sailor was like talking to the shipmates I served with; we all had the same experiences albeit at different times in the ships life.

I was struck that while we honor the service we all participated in aboard Roan, there was no American flag posted, or recital of the pledge of allegiance prior to the invocation at the banquet which has become a distinct part of almost all military affiliated ceremonies since 9-11. Our service was greater and more meaningful then just our time aboard Roan. We served a country that provides us with the blessings of freedom and as such, I respectfully believe that at a minimum, we have a patriotic duty to collectively remember and recommit ourselves to that cause at every gathering by reciting the pledge.

The traditions of the sea service evolve with each generation and since 1971, the tradition of remembering our brother-in-arms that are missing in action or unaccounted for Prisoners Of War has become a integral part of not only ceremonies, but also the day to day life on military installation world wide. I visit many ships and Naval facilities on a continuing basis in my civilian work and almost all base and most afloat dining facilities and mess halls have a standing POW place setting. At ever ceremonial gathering or banquet there is usually a POW place setting to remind all in attendance that we have fellow citizens that are still unaccounted for or being held against their will from wars as far back as the Korean War. This is a sobering reminder that while we enjoy the fruits of liberty that our service helped to keep secure, there are fellow Americans and their families that suffer the indignity of becoming faceless and nameless statistics thus ignoring the deprivations of life they endure, denying them their God given rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness,

rights, their service helped to secure for their fellow citizens.

I respectfully urge the Roan Association Board to adopt and institute a policy of having the American Flag at all Association functions, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the Invocation at all banquets and prior to all Association formal meetings and having a POW place setting at all banquets as a reminder that not all of our fellow citizens returned home at the cessation of hostilities.

Thank you,

Al Quartararo CWO3 USN (ret)

FN 71-73

Al,

I am glad you both enjoyed the reunion and we are always happy to have "first timers." To answer some of your concerns, I would like to say that we do have a National Flag at all of our reunions and it is mounted next to our deceased list throughout the reunion.

The person who brings that flag and the mounted list had an unexpected need to return home early Saturday morning and took the items back with him. I thought our speaker at the banquet not only covered our deceased members, but all veterans and 9-11 victims and more. We have had POW settings and we have also recited the pledge at various past reunions and have other ceremonies and items connected to our service members current and past. As a past reunion planner, things can be unintentionally omitted.

A copy of your comments are being passed to our reunion members for their consideration. I am sure, like you, we are all proud of who we are, how we served, and to say the least, truly patriotic. I appreciate your thoughts and suggestions.

Your shipmate Souza

Rich,

Here is a check for the Roan Association, compliments of the Engineering Dept. (Snipes.)

Al Timchak



# Flags and Signals

MM3 59-62

Richard,

Thank you for filling my Ship's Store order. I plan to wear one shirt on my journey into the unknown. With my health history of two heart attacks and kidney problems I want to go out with the USS Charles H Roan proudly displayed. The greatest and proudest time in my life was while serving with my shipmates on the Charles H Roan. I really missed the Navy since getting out and I would have stayed in, however my wife had a different idea. I had to finish my education.

Your shipmate,

Billy Burgess

SO3 47-49

Hi Richard,

I would like to thank my former Quartermaster shipmate, Paul (Fred) Fredericks QM2 for mentioning his eligibility for medals as a result of participating in the Cuban Missile Crisis. I was able to obtain medals thanks to Fred's making us aware of our eligibility.

I was really taken back in time to the memories Frank Manasseri shared in the Spring 2012 edition of "The Jolly Cholly." I have fond memories of Captain Hayden and the respect with which he treated the crew. I remember him thanking crew members for making the effort to get back as they were returning to the ship via a boatswin chair from the USS Enterprise while we were at sea after they had missed our departure from Newport.

When he came up to the bridge while we were in port he never failed to take time to talk with me when I had the watch (even after catching me sitting in his chair.) I'm sure he treated most of the guys the same way. My ears are still ringing from our shelling of Culedra. I had completely forgotten about the "Sea Bat" experience, as well as a host of other things mentioned in Frank's memories. Thanks again Frank.

I am placing an order for an item from the ships store. Please fell free to use the balance as you see fit.

Regards,

Bob Shannon

QM3 62-64

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## Amber Alert

Hi Joe,

We didn't get much time to talk at the last reunion. I hope everything worked out OK for you. I thought the reunion was just great. John Cook, Marty O'Hara and Bob Crisci did a great job. I can't thank them enough.

Now, on a sad note. You see the attached pic of the sailor hitchhiking to Bainbridge, Md.? That was gift to me from a good friend. He knew I went to Radioman "A" school at Bainbridge and when he came across this ash try he knew I would treasure it. And I did. I made a point o bringing it to the reunion as I thought some of us would find it interesting, and someone did, because now he has it!!! Whoever he is?

I'm crushed by its loss. I find it hard to believe that one of my shipmates would walk off with it, but they did.

If you would place an every so, tender, subtle appeal to return it, I would surly appreciate that.

Your Shipmate

Ed Semcheski

RM2 62-64



# Philadelphia Reunion 2014 with Gordon & Rosie Anthony YN3 61-63



Hi Joe:

Sorry for being so late getting this to you. I looked forward to retirement when everything would slow down and I would have time to do nothing but enjoy life, well I'm sure we all know how that works.

Anyway here are some thoughts about our recent Reunion. Rosie and I always look forward to the Roan Reunions. Seeing old shipmates and catching up on their lives is always fun. Also, meeting new members of our Association who are making their first reunion is great. We are a unique bunch.

We arrived at the hotel on Wednesday, checked in then decided to walk about with Ed Ecker and his lady Marie looking for a local cafe with character. We found one just a couple of blocks away and low and behold a big part of the sidewalk area was already under control of Roan shipmates and their ladies. This evening was memorable but that's another story.

The next morning we met at the Hospitality Room and started off on our Philadelphia adventure. First we visited a cemetery right behind the hotel where Ben Franklin is resting. Reading the list of his accomplishments through 84 years of life proves just how brilliant he was. Next we crossed the street and toured the U.S. Mint, very interesting but try as we might they wouldn't give us any samples. On then to visit the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall and Independence Hall. To see the first Supreme Court Chamber then walk in the footsteps of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, John Hancock and the other framers of our Great Nation, to see their desks, chairs and the room where they did their work is indeed inspiring.

This experience of being in Old Philadelphia was great as was the tour of the U.S.S. New Jersey BB 62. This tour was special, not only from the ships presence and its history, but also from seeing her with Roan shipmate Ed Ecker who served on her as a BT. Ed and I got special permission to visit his old boiler room and reminisce at bit. Four decks down plus three levels of catwalks made me glad I had a port hole on the Roan.

We attended the Bristro Romano Mystery Theater Dinner Show in a quaint neighborhood old tavern for a fun evening that was well done. Thanks to the guys from Philly for setting it up. All of these experiences, tours and meetings was topped by a great Banquet on Saturday night. Dinner was good, awards and prizes were handed out and then we were entertained by the Mummies Polish American String Band, and I do mean entertained. Their show was concluded when some of our members parade/danced with the Mummies. Great Show, Great Reunion. Thanks to all who had a hand in making it so. Rosie and I are looking forward and saving our pennies for Texas in 2016. Here we'll be able to visit the home town of Charles H. Roan and should be an outstanding Reunion. See you all there. A Special Note to shipmate Hank Menefee: Attend one of these Reunions Please, you'll be amazed.

There is a special place for "Shipmates" in our hearts.

Gordon and Rosie Anthony

YN3 61-63

# Welcome Aboard Party



# Banquet Night with Mummers Polish American String Band



## Misc.



Richard Souza & Ceil Wiggins



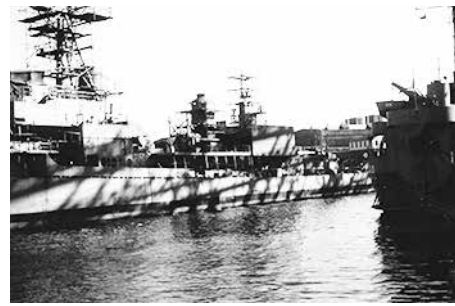
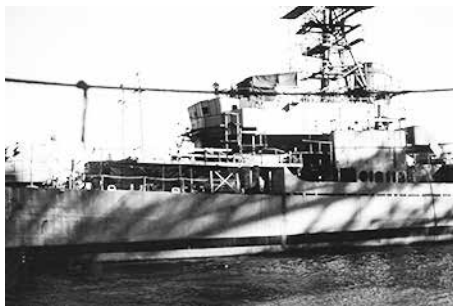
Reuion Chairman Ed Semcheski



## Attendees

Bob Davis	SN	48-52	Bob Marshall	LT	59-61	Larry Oppel	EM3	64-66
Donald Burton	FN	49-51	Robert Smith	ENFN	59-61	Ronald Robertson	MM3	64-66
Roy Byle	FT3	51-56	Thomas Taggart	FTG3	59-61	John Cook	BT3	65-67
Charles Glad	FT3	54-56	Alan Timchak	MM3	59-62	Roger Le Blanc	TM3	65-67
David Newton	FN	55-56	Dallas Rees	QM2	59-64	Ralph Rakin	FTGSN	65-67
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Richard Bowers	MM3	56-59	Robert Crisci	RD2	60-62	Ron Lucchesi	FTG3	66-68
Jerry Kramer	BM3	56-59	John Horner	FN	60-62	Charles Medlar	BM3	66-70
Carlton Wishart	QM2	56-59	Gordon Anthony	YN3	61-63	Robert Adams	LTjg	67-69
Edmund Ecker	MM3	57-58	Edwin Wieder	ETR2	61-64	Mike Barker	LTjg	67-69
Robert Svopa	MM3	57-58	Eugene Inzana	SFP3	62-64	Robert Attas	LTjg	68-70
Howard Timblin	SN	57-59	Joseph Lambert	EM2	62-64	Michael Schaffer	FA	69-70
Henry Rossi	SK2	57-60	Francis McColl	MM2	62-64	Randall Hall	DC3	69-71
Thomas Van Petten	LTjg	58-61	Marty O'hara	RD2	62-64	Gerald Ray	PN2	70-71
Anthony Deniro	SN	59-60	Edward Loudenslarger	RD2	62-65	Paul Dabbs	FTG2	70-72
Joseph Lovas	EN2	59-61	John Molstad	RDSN	63-64	Alan Quartararo	FN	71-73
Joseph Marolda	RD3	59-61				Richard Bartlett	IC2	72

# Down Memory Lane with Bill Peterson FTG2 62-65



Hi Joe,

I want to give my thanks to Frank Manasseri. His description of the Roan from FRAM through the exciting times of 1962 was excellent. It brought back many memories

and I would like to share some. I, too, carried my seabag across the shipyard only to be told I had to go back to a building where the ship's office was located and then even farther to get to the Receiving Station where we were living. I came aboard as a two year reservist with no training as to a rate. Therefore I was assigned to the deck force (2nd Div.) where I was to learn the fine arts of chipping, wire brushing, and painting. I found it was an interesting and valuable experience. It gave me an appreciation of how much work and effort it took to properly maintain a ship. Otherwise, I likely would not have learned that.

I especially enjoyed working over the side near the bow where the plank we sat on had to be pulled in to the side of the ship due to the bow contour. I generally shared the plank with Tom Sherwood who was a fan of the dance "The Twist" and he often practiced his moves while we were over the side. Neither of us ever fell off, but I do recall grabbing the rope to maintain balance a number of times. It was one of those days when several of us were working over the side that I learned to drink coffee. After working a bit, Joe Provo told us to come on up for a break. As were sitting on the deck, when BMC Feeney approached and asked what was going on. Some held up a coffee cup and said "coffee break Chief", others held up a cigarette and

said "smoke break Chief." Since I did not smoke or drink coffee, he asked me what I was doing, I replied "taking a break Chief" whereupon he said I should get back to work. I decided I could put up with the taste of coffee.



FRAM was a time that many of us who worked aboard ship will remember. Yard workers with cutting torches were cutting holes all over the place and welders were welding patches into the holes that had been cut a few days before. Everything that needed to be removed, moved, or installed was too big and/or heavy to be handled any other way. Every cutter and welder had a crew member with a fire extinguisher (or 2) as a "fire watch." Although not a strenuous duty, it was winter and there were very few heaters on board so it was often a chilly job. It was quite common (especially on the night shift) to see a "fire watch" wrapped up in a string of light bulbs attempting to keep warm.

After FRAM and before going to Gitmo, I was adopted into the Fire Control gang where I found my niche and eventually extended for an additional two years in order to decide what I really wanted to do in life. I can't imagine any other rate more suited to my interests. Similarly, many friends from the deck force ended up in a wide variety of rates. I found it interesting that I could go so many places on the ship and find someone with whom I had shared that experience. That was a plus in my opinion.

Bill Peterson  
FTG2 62-65

Hi Joe,

Frank Manasseri mentioned Roan photographed ships near Cuba while we were at Gitmo for training. I thought I'd send a photo I took of a Russian ship we encountered near Cuba in Sept. 1962.

Bill Peterson  
FTG2 62-65



# NEXT CHARLES H ROAN REUNION WILL BE HELD IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

By unanimous vote, the attendees of the 2014 Charles H. Roan Reunion in Philadelphia decided to hold the next Reunion, scheduled for September 2016, in Amarillo, Texas. At first, Amarillo seemed so far away for our normal East Coasts locations but there are numerous reasons why Amarillo is a good choice.

Amarillo is 30 miles west of Claude, Texas where Charles Roan grew up. Charles Roan is a local hero. The new, recently opened, disabled veteran's home is named Ussery-Roan Veteran's Home. The VA Center in Amarillo is also named for Charles Roan. The VFW and American Legion in Claude, Texas (Population 1,196) are very proud of their native son. On August 3, 2013, the Town of Claude dedicated the Charles Roan Veterans' Memorial Park. The Memorial Park has extensive information about Pvt. Charles Roan and his namesake ship, the USS Charles H. Roan DD853. Our association contributed funds for the Memorial Park.

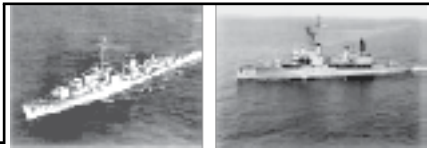
In September 2014, the Charles H. Roan Association received a letter from Paul Harploe, Mayor of Amarillo, Texas, inviting us to hold our 2016 reunion in Amarillo. In addition, a local Attorney, Mike Moore, has offered to assist us making the reunion arrangements. There are several hotels in Amarillo that can handle our size reunion. Mr. Moore informed me that the American Legion and VFW Posts in Amarillo and Claude would help provide activities for the Roan group while we were in Amarillo. Southwest Airlines flies into Amarillo from both east and west.

The 2016 Roan Reunion Committee is starting to take shape. Tom Van Petten is Chairman, John Molstad and Robert Smith have signed on to help. Our first visit to Amarillo we be in the spring or summer 2015. Plans are not firm for the visit yet. Anyone who would like to help can contact Tom Van Petten at 183 Beech Ridge Road Littleton, NC 27850, phone 252 586 5853, Cell 757 620 7846, e mail rangerunner@msn.com.



Hi Everybody: Please don't worry about the air fare to Amarillo until I get a change to talk to Southwest Airlines about a special promotion for Veterans. Possibly we can get a discount on our fares as we come from all over the US. This will be a special reunion as it honors the bravery of the person that our ship was named for. I am sure the city of Amarillo will roll out the red carpet for us and it will be awesome. I have started savings for the trip.  
Carlton Wishart QM2 56-59

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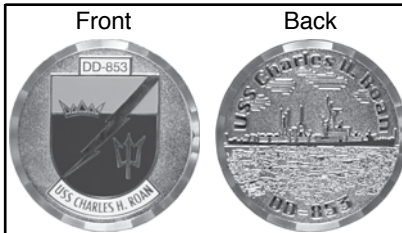


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# DECEASED SHIPMATES

On page 2 there is a list of shipmates who were Association members.

This is a list of shipmates who we did not find before they passed.

George R Copper	LJTG	46-47	04/07	James I Hyatt	FN	47-50	04/05	Joseph Didio	BTC	49	06/78
William E Davis	Y2	46-47	07/58	Elwin L Jaeschke	YNC	47-50	04/93	Richard Margrave	BTC	49	03/82
John W McKenna	MM3	46-47	12/07	Albert J Lagasse	FN	47-50	06/12	Wiley H Chapman	TMC	49-50	12/66
Frank A Nicholson	CM1	46-47		Michael Londitch	EM2	47-50	05/96	Donald R Hickey	SO2	49-50	06/90
Willis F Davis	S2	46-48	01/04	John E Mite	GM2	47-50	05/92	Harold E Keim	SKC	49-50	06/94
Michael Hornyak	CGM	46-48	01/72	Herdis E Morse	MM2	47-50	02/80	Frederic L Kyzar	SA	49-50	02/91
Herbert F Venhaus	BMC	46-48	03/83	Robert D Osterhout	FN	47-50	06/87	George A McCreery	SN	49-50	04/11
Joseph O Cain	CS1	47	07/96	William E Reubart	YN3	47-50	05/05	John A McMahan	BM2	49-50	05/61
Gerald Carmichael	F2	47	03/82	Ralph T Burton	CSSN	47-51	12/97	Michael F Mocarski	GM2	49-50	09/86
Joseph A Divietro	SK1	47	12/88	Walter L Costello	BM2	47-51	04/93	Robert B Adalph	BT1	49-51	08/05
Thomas J Gawron	F1	47	04/86	John R Cress	BM3	47-51	11/91	James F Bonfig	RM3	49-51	11/82
Boza A Grassi	F1	47	03/01	John J Holzinger	MMC	47-54	07/07	Vaughn L Caley	FN	49-51	12/89
Kenneth W Gregory	F1	47	10/11	Floyd W Cornish	BT3	47-59	04/70	Jerome G Griffin	HMC	49-51	02/92
Morris D King	F1	47	07/12	Robert E Bruderly	ET1	48	11/12	Matthew MacEacharn	BM1	49-51	70/72
Jack O Nichols	ETM2	47	11/05	Henry Dewnsnag	RDSA48	10/84		Nathan Redmond	TN	49-51	05/96
Robert G Nolda	GM3	47	12/02	Frederick J Gagner	RDSA	48	01/00	Charles E Barber Jr	RM3	49-52	11/96
Dennis H All	SOSA	47-48	01/97	Ernest G Kleiderlein	DC3	48	10/86	Philip J Bousquet	MM3	49-52	01/80
Harlee Batson	EN3	47-48	08/80	Robert W Klimpel	ET3	48	07/85	Theodore Hammer Jr	LTJg	49-52	04/98
Rodney L Bourne	SM2	47-48	03/76	Donald R McLenigan	CS1	48	11/75	Jack Watkins Kay	SH3	49-52	12/78
Ford J Calhoun	WT1	47-48	07/84	Edward T Barth	SN	48-49	07/94	James F Kinsella	QMC	49-52	08/02
John M Curley	BMC	47-48	01/73	Willard M Bates	SN	48-49	06/10	Leonard J Chapel	FCC	49-54	07/80
Harry G Dopp	BMC	47-48	01/73	Mark A Carey	SN	48-49	09/98	Richard C Jorgeson	ET1	49-55	01/91
James L Fulford	GM1	47-48	08/90	Dominico Cassetta	SA	48-49	04/85	Henry J Pavlok	GMC	49-56	12/83
Paul R Kazebee	F1	47-48	03/50	Juluis Chisolm	TN	48-49	02/87	Camille Jacquel	BMC	50	10/88
Frank Lopes	S1	47-48	09/62	Dainal DeHuff	LT	48-49	06/88	Lester N Hinkle	MM1	50	08/10
Clarence Harrington	FN	47-48	09/02	Fred Delk Jr	TE2	48-49	03/11	Robert Braunsdorf	RD1	50-51	02/80
Hector Hinojosa	S2	47-48	09/79	John J Flatley	GM1	48-49	01/03	Michael R Gumina	YNSN	50-51	08/02
Mack E Luton	SDC	47-48	06/74	Earl P Gant	SN	48-49	09/05	Wendell J Hayden	QMS2	50-51	07/10
Fredrick H Michels	TM1	47-48	01/04	Robert R Kusch	SN	48-49	01/09	Robert N Hellstrom	SN	50-51	11/99
Thomas J Omelia	S1	47-48	12/73	Morris E Livingston	SH2	48-49	06/65	Woodrow W Hobbs	GMC	50-51	08/84
Emory H Brown	MM3	47-49	05/13	Lyrel Mcgill	SA	48-49	10/07	Robert B Lightcap Jr	SA	50-51	10/01
Walter J Buchanan	BT1	47-49	02/98	Arnold P. Oswald	SA	48-49	12/97	Ralph O Napoli	QMQ3	50-51	11/99
Theodore H Clark	SN	47-49	03/98	Grover C Reasner Jr	SA	48-49	10/03	Ronald E Messick	BM3	50-52	04/74
Carl Latsch	BT3	47-49	01/13	Eugene F Alix	FC3	48-50	12/91	Elwyn C Griffin	MML3	50-53	04/98
Leo A Harvey	FC3	47-52	09/05	Ralph Cebon	SA	48-50	07/05	Ernest Galayda	MM3	50-54	11/85
Joseph Godfroy Jr	CS1	47-54	07/10	Alfred J Farnsworth	SN	48-50	11/69	Gerald F Paccia	SN	51	02/11
Wayne A Cole	BT2	47-49	05/92	Joseph W Goodine	SN	48-50	03/90	Charles I Pendleton	BTG2	51	04/98
Billie J Covington	FN	47-49	01/93	Richard Hornsby	SN	48-52	06/01	Henry E DeJoy	PNA1	51-52	02/82
Charles H Harlow	SN	47-49	02/86	Victor L Carson	BMSN	48-51	01/02	William LeFabvre	GMM1	51-52	10/12
Leonard Kruizena	RDSN	47-49	07/97	James Ieroy Grou	FN	48-51	09/92	Robert J Martindale	SH3	51-54	06/05
Joseph J Landy	BT3	47-49	09/07	Charles Hamberger	FN	48-51	07/07	Harold E Broemser	BMC	51-56	12/85
John W McLees	FN	47-49	01/08	Albert O Holmgreen	SN	48-51	08/00	Lawrence M Geschke	FP1	51-56	09/93
Ettore Pagano	MML2	47-49	09/87	John D Kellog	SN	48-51	03/11	James F Bonfig	RM3	53-54	11/82
Alvin J Barclay	RM3	47-50	12/99	Warren G Leonard	BM3	48-51	09/97	Clyde Lasswell	XO/LCDR	53-54	02/96
David L Bingamon	MM3	47-50	04/07	Louis P Marconnot	EN2	48-51	02/75	Arnold G Zins	Ens	55-57	03/14
James V Boyett	FC2	47-50	04/84	John J Henehan	MM3	48-53	02/83	Wilfredo P Lucero	SD2	57-59	04/07
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Ron Lucchesi, FTG3, 66-68, has put a lot of hard work into it.

# NO SENSE OF DECORUM

Jack Byrne XO/LCDR 66-68

September 2005

In late summer 1968, a small group of destroyer type ships from the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force arrived in Newport, Rhode Island on what may be best described as a diplomatic port visit. Indeed, this small task force had visited several United States ports in Hawaii and on both coasts. Newport was its farthest on stop. The voyage and the departure from Japanese home waters was the first such journey undertaken by Japanese Navy ships since World War II.

Along the way, the ships had opportunities to train with their U.S. Navy counterparts. This was nothing new for those of us who may have worked with the Japanese in their own waters but it was certainly a grand opportunity for our Atlantic Fleet ships to work with the well-disciplined and surprisingly effective, Japanese. It also provided a distraction from the Vietnamese action which, by this time, was eating at almost everyone except those crying out for some sort of personal combat involvement.

In any case, the port calls were primarily for "meeting and greeting" and by the time they had reached Newport, the Japanese ships had become very adept at entertaining Americans. I was executive officer in the USS CHARLES H. ROAN (DD-853) nearing the end of my two year tour but I was feeling somewhat harried. Not only did we have to deal with the distractions occasioned by the presence of the Japanese ships but the America's Cup races were about to begin and ROAN was to be a host ship for hundreds of

Secretary of the Navy's guests.

Nevertheless, one early evening, in dress whites and Lois in cocktail dress, along with hat and gloves (if memory serves), we prepared to board one of the Japanese ships for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We chatted a little in the car on the way over about some of the dos and don'ts with the Japanese officers – none of which I can recall exactly now but I do remember having been given a list, which included a lot of bowing and smiling as one sure way to overcome language difficulties. That worked in Japanese ports; why not here?

However, as we crossed the brow to board the ship on her quarterdeck, we began to laugh somewhat raucously and I'm sure we may have been seen as giving offense to the very dignified Japanese. What brought this one? It was an innocent response to Lois's last, whispered question as she was about to step down onto the deck and to be greeted by the ship's watch officer. "What shall I say to him", she asked. "Remember Pearl Harbor!", I whispered. This struck both our funny bones at precisely the most inopportune time.

Fortunately, while clearly puzzled by our laughing, the officer didn't hear my remark and probably chalked our behavior up to being no more than the usual gauche Americanism. We soon got over our giddiness and enjoyed a very nice visit in the ship. The Japanese officers were most hospitable.

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## New Members

Harold C Hallsworth  
QM2 48-51  
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George P McCarty  
MM3 49-52  
Seattle, WA

Steven Gluck  
SN 65-66  
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Jack R Horvath  
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Atlantic Beach FL

Bernard Shalkowski  
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Williamville, NY

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FTG3 65-66  
Hollis, NY

Karl Nehis  
RD3 48-52  
Mayer, AZ

David G. Gentile  
RM3 64-67  
Athens, PA

Robert F. Adams  
LTjg 67-69  
West Chester PA

# FROM AFTER DIESEL

Because of prior commitments my stay at the reunion in Philadelphia was very short. Gordon and Rosie Anthony (YN3 61-63) put together the review beginning on page 10 and also took the photos. I would like to thank them for their help.

While my stay was short, I did have a chance to see a few of the historic landmarks associated with Philadelphia. All were within walking distance of the hotel. The reunion committee did a very nice job in putting this reunion together. As per the Anthony's review there was a lot to do and see.

Now let me get to Homer and his sign. I have been putting together this newsletter for about 17 years and I'm running out of material to make them interesting. That material must come from you. Like I've said many times before, I am not the Roan's historian. You are.

While attending these reunions I listen to my shipmates tell all kinds of stories but I can't seem to get them to tell them in the "Jolly Cholly." I can't continue putting together a newsletter without material. Numerous times I have asked shipmates to send me the story they just told and I receive nothing. Here are a



few examples. Did you know the Roan was involved in the 1958 Lebanon affair. Or that she went to the aid of the USS Liberty after she was attacked by the Israeli Air Force. In the late 60's a group of shipmates formed a band aboard Roan and entertained on ship and in the area. I have been after them for years to tell their story to no avail. In Philadelphia I cornered Roger LeBlance (TM3 65-67) who played guitar in the band about doing a story. Roger promised me he would get together with the other band mates and put something together. Roger passed suddenly away this November. Now that's a sad note, but there is one more story that won't be told. If you attended our reunion in Warwick, RI, Roger played a couple of great pieces with the band we had for entertainment. I was also promised a story of how Roan damaged one of her screws by settling into the bottom while in a port when the tide went out. Another no show.

I always intended this newsletter to be a history of USS Charles H Roan. I shied away from stories that did not tell Roan's history. If it happened aboard ship or to you when you were assigned it's part of Roan's history. When I run out of the material I have on hand "The Jolly Cholly" will cease to exist.

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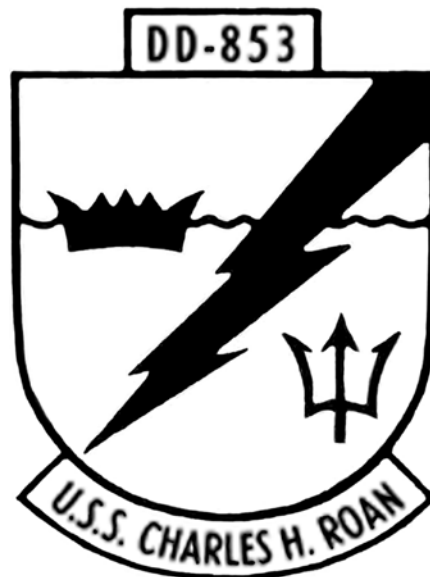
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