

USS CONCORD NEWS LETTER FALL 2020



Ahoy

By Vice President \ Web Dude \ HT1 82-86,

Shipmates \ Families, as I was making my “rack” the other night, (yes that’s what I still call it and by the way I still fold my skivvies too), I began recalling doing the same on our ship. Do any of you remember the large “for a lack of better words” pillow case that encompassed your mattress? If you don’t and keeping it clean it was called a f*#t sack. If you need further explanation check the Goat Locker on the web for the exact details. I can still remember the Chief telling us to change our f%\$t sacks and sometimes we even lugged our mattress up on deck to air in the sun. I’m not exactly sure but I can imagine if that were to happen today someone would be offended, feelings would be hurt and the Chief called up to find out if he had gone off the deep end. With that thought in mind I decided to start adding an article in our letter describing a bit of our Naval trivia. By the way the first recorded use of skivvies I could find was in 1925–30; origin uncertain, there were several ideas suggested but none for sure. Hope this letter finds your family well and you are at least considering our reunion in 2021. Who knows maybe we’ll have a trivia contest 🚢

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Article one: From the Secretary,

Hello shipmates,

Wow, hasn't 2020 been a nightmare so far? I can't believe it's October already. This is the season where we begin to look at the CVA membership rolls to see whose membership is set to expire. I have sent out fewer emails this year and I intend to maintain that policy so I won't be sending frequent reminders. Folks are just too occupied with other things. That said, I have reviewed our current membership muster. Please take a moment to re-enlist. The following shipmates' membership will expire at year end: Have a safe remainder of the year and mark those calendars for reunion 2021 garrysea@gmail.com:

Charlie Arrants, Larry Baun, Robert Beaumont, Bob Boykin, George Campbell, Dennis Dee, Vincent Dekeris, Skip Dent, Larry Dickey, Paul Dow, Ben Ellis, Paul Erasmus, Kevin Ferrell, Tom Fox, William Golding, Allan Hale, Gordon Hillesland, Cal Hrivnak, Brent Kelsey, John Kosicki, Steve Larsen, John Lendman, John Lewis, Wes Linscott, Robert Martin, Jim Maslowski, Bill Matterazo, Ed Million, Carlos Mize, Ron Moss, Dave Muldowney, Mike Neeser, Harry Noel, Ed Pacheco, Darrell Pauley, Wilmert Rivera, Thomas Roach, Dwight Roberson, Marc Schnittker, John Schuchter, Steve Severance, Robert Sharp, Robert Smith, Kent Sotzing, George Trbovich, Stevan Wagner, Tom Weber, Larry Weill, and Neal White. You can join or renew online here: <http://www.ussconcord.org/id29.html>

Welcome aboard to the following shipmates who either renewed or signed up for the first time in our club since our Spring Newsletter release: *Geoff Easter (LT 79-82), Mike Hangelia (ET2 86-90), Neil Westgate (BT2 70-73), Gary Jardine (BT2 70-73), Michael Crutcher (BM3 83-87), Matthew Bucherati (LT 84-86), Frank Sprada (MM3 68-72).*

GARRY COLLINS (LTjg 81-84)

Article Two: From the Treasurer,

As of September 27, 2020, Concord's bank balance is \$4115.04. Since last quarter sales in Ships Store were \$62.30. Only expenses for the Website were \$19.90 and \$216.00 for A Complete reunion. PayPal balance is \$19.12, (\$317.43) were transferred to the bank account.

STEVE LARSEN (DP2 68-70)

Article Three: Reunion

As a tribute to what our nation is experiencing we placed our association "O's" picture with mask in this newsletter and we know this would have been no way to have enjoyed our reunion this year. Can you imagine trying to tell sea-stories with a mask on? So, with much reluctance, and feedback from you, we decided it was in everyone's best interest to slide this event out until next year. With that now in place our new date is September 21st -26th 2021. Our planners (A Complete Reunion) will send out the brochure when updated and you can once again book your rooms and pick your tours. You may check their site www.acomplereunion.com/uss-concord and our site www.ussconcord.org. The details are pretty much the same with so much planned for the week and I'm sure there will be something for everyone. One minor change however....and this is a good one.... Mike Huckabee's show will be recording on Friday night that week as it now stands so this will be a much better tour date for our group. We will let you know when you can start signing up and get your hotel rooms reserved soon so put the dates on your calendar.

Article Four: Member Spotlight

Our association identifies various members throughout the year and shares their memories while they served aboard. I'm pleased to announce our *Fall 2020 "Spotlighted member. MS1 Bob Cherry, 80-83.*



MS1 Cherry was a legend aboard our ship. I was fortunate to have served with Bob and enjoyed several conversations with him at our 2019 reunion. We're grateful for Bob's service to our ship, our association and the Navy as well. We have honored MS1 Cherry at our website and invite you to enjoy and celebrate his, and Colleen's service, with us. You can enjoy his story at our ussconcord.org website.

Article Five: *Navy Trivia*

"Bell Bottom Trousers" It's believed the trousers were introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks, and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. The trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs. (anyone remember this drill in boot camp)?

Article Six: *Taps*

The following shipmates have been reported as loss during this newsletter period:
Capt. George Waterman (Commanding Officer 86-88).

If you have news of a member who has passed and has not been recognized as eternally departed at our website, please contact the webmaster at ussconcord.org.

Chaplain's thoughts:

Hello Mates, I hope all is well. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:13, But now faith, hope, and love remain—these three. The greatest of these is love. We know that without faith, it is impossible to please God and that God has given every man the measure of faith. God has given you the faith it takes to please him. I heard recently that the difference in outcomes in similar situations can be attributed to hope. The greatest commandments are to love God and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Heavenly Father, I pray that each of us would find the faith, hope and love we need to heal our relationships while healing our world. Amen

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