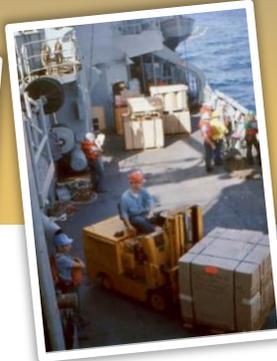
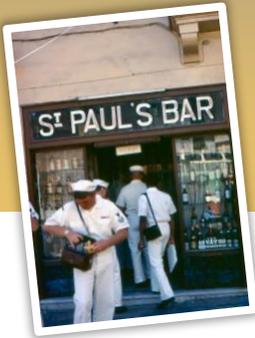


USS CONCORD NEWS LETTER FALL 2019



Ahoy

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

Shipmates \ Families, we are officially in the “window” to get our 2020 reunion in gear. I hope by now you are aware of the location, have blocked the dates on your calendar and renewed your membership, if necessary, to attend? We are mere months away and as we all know time flies at this point in our lives and you can bet it will be here before you know it. Another note and minor change, we have included two spotlighted members in this newsletter to better align the SLM and the season with our newsletter release date. Having said that we present the “two” member submissions below and might I recommend that after you finish reading through our letter go to our website and see the additional pictures and read their stories, they’re great.

Topics for this newsletter are as follows:

Article One: Secretaries report.

Article Two: Reunion 2020 update

Article Three: Treasurer’s report

Article Four: Member Spotlight

Article Five: Taps



Article one: *From the Secretary,*

Association membership remains strong. As of this letter we currently have 147 active members on our muster. If you need confirmation of dues expiration, email our Secretary at garrysea@gmail.com.

We welcome new members to our organization and remind all that we are non-profit and all our proceeds go toward club functions such as our reunion event. Membership is required for those who wish to attend our reunions, but that's not the only reason to join. By joining or renewing you'll stay up-to-date on all association happenings (by the way it's still only \$20 bucks for two years), and gain access to the members only hatch page, which also permits access to the "members only" message board at our site. Welcome aboard to the following shipmates who either renewed or signed up for the first time in our club since our Summer Newsletter release: *William Lambert (YN3 68-69), David Cates (IC3 71-74), Rob Harris ("Doc" LT 71-71), Geoff Easter (LT 79-81), Nick Kormylo (CS2 68-70), Marc Schnittker (SK3 82-86), Robert Devins (LTjg 71-74), Micheal Yamrick (DS1 72-76), Britt Straud "Steve" (BT3 67-69), John Rogers (SK2 77-80), Pamela Mundling (HMC 91-92), Larry Dickey (PN3 80-84), Thomas Roach (GMG3 78-82)*. You can join or renew online here: <http://www.ussconcord.org/id29.html>

GARRY COLLINS (LTjg 81-84)

Article Two: Reunion 2020

Reunion 2020 has been set for September 22nd-27th at the Hotel Preston in Nashville Tennessee. Ok I know I always say it, "*this will be our best yet*", but the truth is we keep growing stronger and having more fun. What can put this one over the top you ask, what about being in the studio audience as a group function for a taping of the Huckabee show. That's right we have been invited to attend and after the show enjoy a meet and greet with the governor. For any of you who may not follow the show, it's on TBN on Saturday night and he always has a great show. The only hitch though, taping for that week will be on the 22nd, (our first night) so if you want to go, leave early to arrive at the hotel for check-in and information. A word of caution however, these TV tapings are subject to change so be aware that it can happen if you choose to sign up for this event. Regardless we'll have a great week! Continuing on, we'll soon be receiving the party pamphlet from our planners (A Complete Reunion) and will email it and reunion details to you as soon as it is available, we recommend you book your room and get your request / checks in the mail as soon as we get the go-ahead. See you there.

Article Three: *From the Treasurer,*

As of August 31, 2019, Concord's bank balance is \$3911.85. Since last quarter, sales in Ships Store were \$37.08. Our only expenses were for our website which was \$19.90. PayPal balance is \$74.14.

STEVE LARSEN (DP2 68-70)

Article Four: Member Spotlight's

Our association identifies various members throughout the year and shares their memories while they served aboard. I'm pleased to announce our **Fall 2019** "Spotlighted member *Matthew Arnold MS2 89 – 92*."

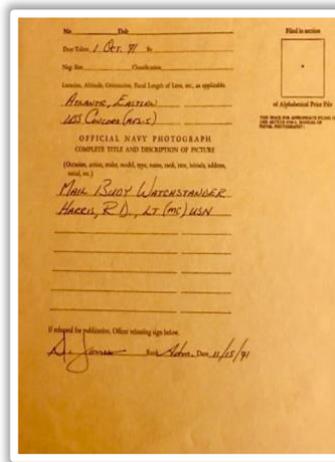


I reached out to Matt a while back after sharing some sea stories at our 50th reunion celebration, and asked if he would be willing to share some of his memories with us. He did so and I am pleased to share his thoughts which you can enjoy at our ussconcord.org website.

As mentioned in my opening comments we are honored to present two "Spotlighted members" in this Fall edition of our newsletter. **Our Winter 2019** "SLM" is *Lt Rob Harris (Doc 1971 – 72)*.

Doc Harris contacted us after reading GMG2 Alan Wisniewski's sea story at our "sea stories" page, at our website, concerning a certain mail buoy watch during an early 1970's Med-cruise. It seems that Lt Harris had first hand news about who that watch stander was, and even provided a picture of the man to prove it. Doc it seems has many great stories from his time on board and so much "good stuff" that we gave him his own page at our website to tell his tells. I highly recommend you visit our site and enjoy Doc's vignettes and check back often as he shares still more memories as they reappear in his head. If you haven't guessed who the watch stander is by now, see the photo below.

Here is Doc in full "mail buoy" garb standing by to receive the crew's mail, and the official certificate. Thanks doc for sharing your memories, and readers you truly will enjoy reading about his "adventures" while on board our ship, head over to our website and choose the "Doc's Vignettes" page.



Article Five: Taps

The following shipmates have been reported as loss during this newsletter period: *I'm happy to report that we have not been notified of the loss of a member during this quarter.*

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 *Ecclesiastes 3:1* (KJV) "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". We are entering into a season of harvest, leaves will be turning, temperatures cooling and days getting shorter, it's a most wonderful time. We are alive in this season at this time for the purpose of seeing the goodness of the Lord!

Heavenly Father, thank you for this time in our lives. Thank you for your many blessings including the blessings of friends and family. I pray for each of us that we would see dreams fulfilled, relationships healed and the goodness of the Lord while in the Land of the living. Amen

Byron Carroll (OS1 82-87)

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