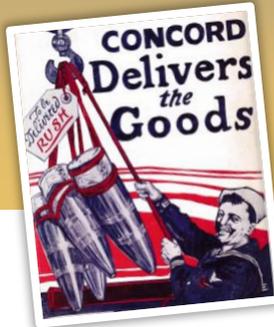


# USS CONCORD NEWS LETTER WINTER 2020



## Ahoy

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

Shipmates \ Families, greetings during this holiday season. As we roll into 2020 it is once again time to remind all that we will be performing the annual changing of the website "Hatch" entry password in February. The Hatch is a member's only privilege and as such we must maintain security which also protects membership personal information. This would also be an ideal time to ensure your dues are current throughout 2020. As you know we intend to leave our mark in Nashville in September and paid up membership is required to attend. On a more somber note, we lost a legend in our association in October of 2019. MS1 Bob Cherry was well know by most who attended our reunions and an original association member since 2010. Bob was admired and respected by those who worked for him as well as the officers and chiefs on board. Together with MS1 Wallace they ran the mess decks and provided tasty hot meals for the crew and a clean and orderly place to eat. I had the opportunity to serve with MS1 on the Concord and grateful for our conversations at the 2019 reunion in Charleston. I dedicate this letter to you Chief Cherry and promise that we will not forget your service and will honor you in Nashville.

### *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 152 active members on our muster, with 34 of those memberships expiring the end of 2019. If you need confirmation of dues expiration, email our Secretary at [garrysea@gmail.com](mailto: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), receive our quarterly newsletters and gain access to the members only hatch page at our site. Welcome aboard to the following shipmates who either renewed or signed up for the first time in our club since our Fall Newsletter release: *Michael Sheppard (LT 78-81)*, *Lawrence Gamba (MS2 73-77)*, *Steve Anderson (RM2 68-71)*, *Michael Ashmore (SK3 81-85)*, *Robert Toof (YN3 72-75)*, *David Beagle (E-5 78-82)*, *Thomas Davis (ETN2 68-70)*, *Robert Turzak (BTC 89-91)*, *Rodney Cooke (SM2 80-84)*, *Frank Korzeniewski (RM3 72-74)*. You can join or renew online here: <http://www.usssconcord.org/id29.html>

**GARRY COLLINS (LTjg 81-84)**

## Article Two: Reunion

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 those 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, the final details of the party pamphlet, by planners (A Complete Reunion), are in the final stages and we 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 possible thereafter. See you there.

## Article Three: *From the Treasurer,*

As of December 27, 2019, Concord's bank balance is \$4304.35. Since last quarter sales in our Ships Store were \$70.00. Our only expenses for this quarter were for our website of \$69.65. PayPal balance is \$0.

**STEVE LARSEN (DP2 68-70)**

## Article Four: Member Spotlight's

Our association identifies various members throughout the year and share their memories while they served aboard. I'm pleased to announce our *Winter 2020 "Spotlighted member, Danny Gatchell (GMG3 68 – 70).*

I, like many of you, have the upmost respect for each of our shipmates who served our fine ship, some we served with and others we have the privilege of knowing through our reunions and correspondence. There is a special group, however, we refer to as “plank owners”. These are the men who saw our ship through its initial construction, sea trials and eventual placement into service to our nation. Danny is one of those men who is honored here this quarter. Our reunions are always blessed with a large showing of plank owners (13 present at our 2018 event), and it is our intention to eventually honor each of them at our site.

*Thanks Danny*



## Article Five: Taps

The following shipmates have been reported as loss during this newsletter period:

*MS1 Robert Cherry 80-83, Captain Crawford A. Easterling.*



*Commanding Officer 73-78,*

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](http://ussconcord.org).

## Chaplain's thoughts:

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

At the First Noel we find Joseph and Mary traveling “*Luke 2:4 (KJV) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)*” and it seems that today we have families getting together with people coming and going from near and far.

The Christmas season is full of memories. Old traditions often kept and new traditions forming. We experience the joy of coming together and the sadness of missing loved ones. Reaching out to someone at this time could make the difference in their holidays and yours too. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings and pray for safe travels, happy reunions and for your providence to supply what is needed to each one that may feel loss in this Christmas season. Amen

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