

REUNION WATCH

USS HARDING DD625/DMS28 (WWII) reunion. 23-25 August 1985 in Ashland, OR. Contact: T. G. Watson, Box 13A, McDaniel, MD 21647.

USS YEW Y.N. 32 ship's reunion on June 16-15 at the Bristol Motor Inn, Bristol, PA. Contact: C. D. Theobald, Box 158, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

USS FREDERICK C. DAVIS (DE 136) reunion of survivors on May 25-27 May, 1985, at Orfordville, WI. Contact: Wm. Reimer, 2104 Hawthorne Park Dr., Janesville, WI 53545.

USS MARS AFS-1 reunion of former crew members. For info. write Mars Reunion, Box 3302, Chula Vista, CA 92011.

USS PATTERSON (DD 392) reunion Aug. 22-24, 1985 at Meridian, ID. Contact: Jack Erskine, 7315 N. Eagle Rd., Meridian, ID 83642.

USS CHANDELEUR reunion, July 31 & Aug. 1-3, 1985 at the Travel Lodge in San Antonio, TX. Write: Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, RR #4, Box 145, Culpeper, VA 22701.

USS PENNSYLVANIA reunion, July 19-21, 1985 in Memphis, TN. Contact: Leon Cooper, 10905 Old Harbor Rd., Fort Smith, AK 72903.

REUNION of SB2C pilots, aircrewmen, and squadron personnel, April 28, 1985 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Contact: CDR J. Alton Chinn, 2558 Blaze Trail, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

USS OKLAHOMA reunion, May 16-19, 1985, Sands Hotel Casino, Reno, NE. Contact: Clarence Q. Knight, 7831 Aberdeen Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814

USS SOMERS (DD381) reunion.

May 17-19, 1985 at Lehigh Resort Motel, Lehigh Acres, FL. Contact: Paul J. Gries, 508 N. Richmond Ave., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.

115th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION VETERANS (WWII) reunion. July 25-27, 1985 at the Sheraton Motel in Flint, MI. Contact: Ed Plummer, 5023 E. Naomi St., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

USS HILARY P. JONES (DD427) reunion. July 12-13, 1985 at Kansas City, MO. Contact: John F. Hood, P.O. Box 8, Treynor, IA 51575.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION BRANCH 53, Great Lakes, will hold its Annual Memorial Day Services at the boat basin at Great Lakes on May 27, 1985 commencing at 1130 hours.

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Say "I saw it in the *Bullhorn*".

FROM THE EDITOR

The recent to-do over Admiral Metcalf's supposed transgressions strikes one as much ado about very little, at best. The Armed Services are currently fair game for the cost-cutters, hence the Philistines among us have declared open season upon them for all purposes. Alas, like the poor, the Philistines we will have with us always. We think the following parable is appropriate to the occasion:

A PARABLE

by

THOMAS M. JOYCE

There was in those days a Great Nation, a veritable land of plenty, in which a benevolent and all-seeing king ruled with a firm but fair hand. Lesser nations looked to him for salvation and succor from oppression and hardship. One such island nation, far to the south, was beset by a Red Dragon which sorely oppressed its people.

The wise and benevolent king saw their oppression, heard their cries, and called unto him his chief ministers and generals. He said unto them: "Go ye, and slay the dragon in my name."

And the good king's mightiest war-

riors went thence and slew the dragon and the island nation rejoiced thereof greatly. The king's warriors then made ready to depart the island nation and thought to take with them as trophies of their victory, as was the custom of warriors since ancient times, certain of the dragon's teeth.

But the laws of the Great Nation forbade the taking of such trophies, for the dragon's evil lived on after him in his teeth and it was thought the people of the Great Nation should not be poisoned with such evil.

One warrior chieftan brought many such teeth to the border of the Great Nation, but the tax takers of the king said unto him: "Nay, these teeth may not pass, not in your hands or in any others." The warrior chieftan did not gainsay them and silently went his way.

But other lesser warriors, wicked of heart, sought to evade the law of the Great Nation and to sell the teeth to men of like heart as well as to steal weapons from the king's Armory. And the warriors of wicked heart were seized by the king's officers and punished according to their transgressions.

Upon seeing this punishment, certain Philistines in the Great Nation, being scribes and soothsayers and being with great blindness to the transgressions of lesser men and certain others in the kingdom, said of the warrior chieftan: "Verily, how doth he geteth away with it?" And they set up a hue and cry throughout the land that he should be made an example of.

Upon hearing this lamentation, the good king called unto him these self-same soothsayers and scribes and said unto them: "O ye of little faith and honor, makers of mountains out of mole hills, the laws of the land have been faithfully executed. And if they be not, then let only him among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone." Upon hearing this, the scribes and soothsayers, being fullsome in self-righteousness, picked up stones and, each of them, began to cast them one at the other until none were left standing. And the good king looked upon this scene and said: "It is written."

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BJA FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION A SUCCESS

On May 5, 1984 the faithful gathered in the banquet room of the Officers Club at Glenview NAS for the 5th Annual Reunion of the Association. During the business session five members were elected to the Board of Directors: Ronald Benoy, Donald Ryan,



Dennis Shaw

Principal Deputy Assistant Secy. of Defense

Richard Szatkiewicz, John Kenny, and Robert Bolt. Donald Ryan, of Lombard, IL and Robert Bolt, of Glenview, IL began their first terms on the Board.

National President Thomas M. Joyce, in his "State of the Association" message, reported that membership retention efforts had paid off dramatically but were still short of the goal of 85% retention from year to year. He further noted that while the *Bullhorn* was improved markedly in format and content, it was still not being published with the regularity desired and that this was a number one priority for the Association. At the Board meeting following the Reunion, Joyce was re-elected for a third term as Board Chairman and a second term as President.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dennis Shaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Mr. Shaw had just been appointed to this position at the time of the Reunion and was the first appointee to serve in this newly created position. Mr. Shaw is an attorney and, when not in Washington, makes his home in California.

Mr. Shaw's remarks were most timely and well received by the group. He outlined the accomplishments of the Reagan administration in the area of national defense with special reference to the increased readiness and improved morale of our Armed Forces. He urged the BJA to continue to support the President in his efforts to make America a power second to none.



Left to right: Don Ryan, Richard Szatkiewicz, John Kenney, Robert Bolt and Thomas M. Joyce. National President administers oath of office to newly elected board members.



Left to right: Master at Arms John Kenney, National President Thomas M. Joyce, Gordon Fancher. Pres. Joyce presents Gordon Fancher a certificate of appreciation for his efforts as Annual Reunion Committee Chairman.

NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY ELECTED



YNC Edwina Mroz, USCG(Res)
New National Secretary

The BJA Board of Directors, meeting in regular session on March 27, 1985, unanimously elected YNC Edwina Mroz, USCG(Res), of Glenview, IL to be National Secretary.

Chief Mroz has been in the Coast Guard Reserve for twelve years and is stationkeeper for two Coast Guard Reserve units in Chicago. She has been a BJA member for several years. She is also active in the local Navy League Council and the Reserve Officers Association Ladies Club.

Chief Mroz is a former teacher with under-and post-graduate work at the National College of Education. She is also a graduate of the Ray-Vogue School of Design and is in partnership with her husband, Casimir, a Marine Corps Reserve officer, in the antique business. Welcome aboard, Chief!