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Reunion Update Notice

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thoughts and prayers

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Binnacle List

Ron (Richardson) Lucchesi

*May We Never Forget Our Departed
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully
and Gallantly*

Taps

Bob Adams	MM 3	48-50
Margaret Boorum	wife of Bob Boorum	
Robert Busing	Plank owner	46
Harold King		
Rosemarie Lucinski	wife of Chester Lucinski	
Priscilla Poreda	wife of Capt. Poreda	
Ron Vangasbeck		
Kenneth Webster		

With a Little Help From Our Friends

Shipmates, please INSERT the following in your local newspaper if they have a REUNION COLUMN. This would help us greatly in getting the word out and finding lost shipmates.

USS CHARLES H. ROAN DD-853 Reunion
August 11-15, 2004 Warwick, RI. Please contact
Richard F. Souza 6396 Manassas Court, Pensacola,
FL 32503-7530 (850) 476-1350 E-mail
<Rsouza1@worldnet.att.net>

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 addition of "The Jolly Cholly" costs us about \$1000.00 to print and mail. Enclosed you will find an envelope to place your contribution in to mail back to the association. 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 camaraderie we had when we served on the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

Thank you

FROM THE SIGNAL

BRIDGE



Regretfully, we have to report that we could not come up with a property to accommodate us in the New York/ Atlantic City area at a reasonable cost to us. We would like to thank

all our shipmates who gave of their time and efforts to try and find a property suitable for us. These individuals did a lot of legwork, met countless times, and visited properties trying to put together a reasonable reunion package for us. Our thanks go out to all of them for their efforts.

We have since moved on and I have searched the CT - MA - RI area for a suitable property for our reunion. Shipmates, we no longer can go to properties that can't handle convention style activities. Because of our size, the rooms required, the space for our activities, we now need to search for large properties that can accommodate groups of our size. With that in mind, costs are going to be higher for us but the accommodations and services are going to be suited for all our needs. I visited 10 properties in the New England area.

We have contracted with a property in Warwick, RI (Providence, RI), The Crowne Plaza, for our next reunion in August 11-15, 2004. Shipmates Carl Wishart, Bob Hansen, Henry Rossi, and I toured the site, viewed the rooms needed, and signed the contract for our reunion. We all agreed that this was a very beautiful property with all the amenities we would need for a successful reunion. I MUST EMPHASIZE please do not WAIT until our reunion registrations go out in January to register for your room. DO IT NOW. This is very important to us and will help us secure or delete room requirements without penalty. Please follow the reunion guide that's in this Newsletter. Our reunion will start Wednesday with a free day for sightseeing. Its IMPERATIVE that you arrive before 5 P.M. THURSDAY if you plan going on the Dinner Cruise to Newport, RI, as the buses will be loading at 6 P.M. in front of our hotel.

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Financial Report

Last Financial Report-April 16, 2003

Balance of Check Book	\$15,737.34
Reserve Fund-Separate account	\$700.00
Total Assets April 16, 2003	\$16,437.34
Expenditures	
Post Office	-\$251.21
Office Supplies	-\$513.41
Small Stores	-\$913.07
Newsletter	-\$978.16
Funeral Arrangement (Flowers)	-\$100.00
Computer Repair	-\$170.00
Reunion Expenses (2004)	-\$2205.84
Total Expenses	-\$5,131.69
Checking Account (minus reserve fund)	\$15,737.34
Expenses	-\$5,131.69
Total	\$10,605.65
Deposits	\$3450.00
(Deposits include Donations and Sale of Ship store items)	
Total Balance Checking Account October 1, 2003	\$14,055.65
Reserve Fund (separate Account)	\$700.00
Total Assets including reserve fund	\$14,755.65

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Notice / Urgent

We have contracted with the Crowne Plaza Hotel for 90 rooms. It is URGENT that you make your room reservations NOW. We need to make sure that all our shipmates stay at the Crowne Plaza. We may be penalized and may not be able to accommodate all our shipmates if another group contracts with the hotel for the same dates as we have. SO it's urgent that you make your room reservations NOW and before you receive our reunion registration forms. If you use your credit card you will NOT be billed until your stay. There is a 24 hour cancellation policy if for some reason you can not attend the reunion. The credit card just holds your reservation. Please help us by making your room reservation now. If you plan to stay at the hotel for any period before or beyond the dates of the reunion, please call the HOTEL directly rather than the 1-800 number. Also notify the hotel if you have any special needs. The Hotel rate for our stay is \$109.00 not including tax. Please ask for the USS Charles H. Roan Reunion Rate. Reunion dates are August 11-15, 2004. Our reunion tours will start Thursday evening with a Dinner Night Cruise to Newport, RI. with entertainment. Please plan to arrive before 5 P.M. so that we may board buses for our cruise. PLEASE HELP US, RESERVE ROOMS NOW!

Crowne Plaza At The Crossings

801 Greenwich Avenue

Warwick, RI 02886

(401) 732-6000 Hotel

1-800-227-6963 Central Reservation System

(For best results making reservations call hotel directly at (401) 732-6000 Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Wednesday room reservations may be limited. If you have any problems call Souza at

(850)476-1350.)

PLAN OF THE DAY

August 11, 2004 - Wednesday - Free day - Hospitality room open.

August 12, 2004 - Thursday - Night dinner cruise to Newport, RI with live entertainment and dinner - 4 hour cruise. Buses depart hotel about 6 p.m.

August 13, 2004 - Friday - Buses Depart about 11 a.m. to take you to FOXWOODS the largest casino in the world. Approximately 5 hour stay return by 4 p.m. (we may receive some special comps from the casino)

Golf Tournament - Friday - a.m.

Friday Night WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

Live show / entertainment.

August 14, 2004 - Saturday - a.m. - Business Meeting.

10 a.m. Buses depart for Newport, RI for a tour of the city with the remainder of the time for shopping, sightseeing and having lunch on your time. If security allows us, we will try to get a quick glimpse of the piers and the base in Newport. Approximately 5 - 6 hours in Newport. Return by 4 p.m. Individual and group pictures start at 4 p.m. for our reunion book.

Saturday Evening will be our Dinner Dance with live entertainment.

August 15, 2004 - Sunday - Reunion Ends - Farewells

AGAIN please do not be left out of these tours so plan accordingly. In many cases, latecomers will not be able to get seats as buses fill and seats for the cruise are sold out to other customers. Rooms are also sold out to other customers, SECURE your room rate by reserving your rooms NOW. Do it today!!!

**LETS MAKE THIS OUR LARGEST REUNION EVER. REMEMBER,
THERE IS A SHIPMATE WAITING TO SEE YOU.**

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LETS MAKE THIS OUR LARGEST REUNION EVER. A shipmate is waiting to see YOU.

We are surviving on your donations. The Association is contributing well over \$4000.00 toward the reunion to lower expenses to our shipmates. We will continue to provide an envelope for you to order ship store items and/or send us any donation that you are able to afford. We do not charge dues but depend on your generosity to keep us afloat. A special thanks goes out to Boatswains Mate John Martin. Also a special thanks John Switzer.

We would like to welcome a new Board Member. Sal Genova has graciously agreed to join our board. Sal and MaryAnn Welcome Aboard. We are looking for a shipmate who served in the latter years of the Roan, especially from 1970-1973 to be on our board to serve the interests of that era. Anyone interested?

SEE YOU IN WARWICK,RI (PROVIDENCE,RI) AUGUST 11-15, 2004

*****RESERVE ROOMS NOW*****

With Great Sadness

Richard

I just learned that Cdr. Kenneth Webster died in June of this year. He served as the Supply Officer for a couple years beginning in 1948 or 49. I was unsuccessful in getting his last address so I could write to Ethel, his widow, from the Naval Academy, and hope you might have the information. If you do, would you please send it along to me?

Congratulations to you and the other workers who keep the Roan Association thriving. Bravo Zulu.

John Holland
LTjg 47-50

Richard,

I am honored to pass this information to you. I know Bob (Bob Adams) enjoyed reading your e-mail. Bob was taken to Hospice August 6, he was there one week when he passed away Aug. 13. He was 74 years old. For the most part he was cheerful throughout this ordeal. I often wondered how he could keep such a positive attitude. We were acquainted for many years. We were neighbors, our children used to play together. I am missing him and will miss him terribly. As a friend to Bob, I wish you well.

Jerry

Dick

Margaret, spouse of shipmate Bob Booram, passed away over the week end. Viewing Tuesday afternoon and evening 06/24/03; Mass Wed 06/25/03 St.

Mary's, Alexandria, VA + Arlington Cemetery.

Joe Trainor
Lt 50 - 52

Dear Richard,

Here's something for the kitty.

I found out via a Christmas card that Capt. Poreda's wife Priscilla passed away. She had been ill for a long time. Capt. Poreda was my CO when I was XO on the Roan. He was the last CO to serve a full tour (9/71 - 2/73) then Glynn Thompson (2/73 to 8/73) then me (8/73 to 9/73) when we sold her to the Turks. Enjoyed the last edition of "The Jolly Cholly."

Dave Micalchuck
LCDR CO/XO 72 - 73

Richard

I received the following Email from Betty Vangasbeck. I did not open Email for a couple of days and by the time I learned of Ron's passing, it was too late for me to attend the funeral. Ron will be missed. He helped on the planning of the April 02 Reunion in Norfolk until his health began to fade. He did attend the reunion banquet.

Tom Van Petten
LTjg 58 - 61

To all of Ronald's friends,

This is to let you know that he went to be with the Lord on May 1. There will be a service on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Miller's Funeral home in Gatesville, NC. Viewing and visitation will be after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gates County Rescue Squad.
Betty, Peggy, Larry, Beth



Flags and Signals

Hi Richard and Joe,

I was very pleasantly surprised and pleased at the flattering article on my Navy career. Although I was forced to leave the Navy on physical disability of MS, I was very fortunate to have years when I had remission of the disease.

Tried to make a sailor of our son, but he got seasick in the bathtub. However he is now a LTCOL in the Army Field Artillery.

Please execute a Bravo Zula to all hands. It was a great pleasure to serve with such a fine bunch of sailors.

Your shipmate,
Charlie Hayden
CO/CDR 62 - 63

Dear Richard

Enclosed you will find a check to help out the association. You are doing a great job.

I noted in the last publication that EN 2 Henry Steadman (47 - 51) had passed away. Even after all of these years, he stands out as a thoroughly outstanding man. (He was in my division.)

Thanks again for all of the work that you do.
Warren C. Hamm Jr.
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Ltjg 49 - 52

Dear Sigs,

Got the latest copy of the newsletter and it blew me away! Super job!!

I read the letter from Oscar Roos with great interest. He worked with me in the ET gang - a super sailor. If you have his address or e-mail, I'd appreciate it if you could send it to me. I'd like to let him know that some of his shipmates are still around.

As I read the newsletter, memories came flooding back. Frank Thelen was on board with us as well and I remember running into him in Mayport many years after I left the Roan.

Just a few lines to tell you how much I enjoy the news letter. Keep up the good work. I am sending a donation via snail mail.

Hope this finds you well. Keep up the good work.
Bob Lee
RD1 63-67

Dear Richard

I am so glad by making myself go to the first reunion in Fall River. It was great. But ever since the years haven't been to kind to me, and it takes a real effort to do the smallest things.

Love to you all, as you are my second family.
Respectfully and sincerely
Charles E. Stevens
MMFN 52 - 53

Dear Dick

Enclosed is my check to cover the enclosed order for a ball cap and T-shirt with some extra long overdue funds for the Association's use. Also, I still have the letters USS C ROAN in my possession that were used on the quarter-deck subsequent to our 1955-56 yard period. I would be delighted to send them to you, or to whomever you direct me, for use at reunions of the Association. The "H" is still residing at the bottom of Narragansett Bay. I have not been able to find a shop locally that wanted to fabricate an "H" at a reasonable cost. Guess it is too small a job.

Hope you have better luck. I did have the letters cleaned and gold plated for preservation. Let me know if there is interest in using them.

Trust the binnacle list is behind you. Keep up the great work and thanks.
Brewster Sturtevant
LTjg 53 - 56

P.S. The story on the name board was in the spring 2002 issue of "The Jolly Cholly", submitted by Ellen Bunnell widow of Bob Bunnell. Bob was responsible for the name board.

Hello Richard,

As always I am pleased to receive "The Jolly Cholly" and even more pleased to see an article from Lt. Heinzman. I have often thought of why I have not seen any of the officers in the Jolly Cholly. Lt. Heinzman was always one of my favorite officers. There are a couple others such as, Lt. Sturtevant, Lt. Helwig, Lt. Doaks, who don't seem to be on our roaster. Then there was also one of my favorite, who's name I can't remember. Lt. Heinzman would remember. He was from "The Academy" and was from New Mexico.

Richard, you must speak to or see Bob Boorum occasionally. If you do tell him I have a bone to pick with him. I have been trying to join the VFW down here in Florida but it seems my record does not have, "Korean Occupation" in it, so I am not qualified to join since we were there in 1954. One of my shipmates told me he belongs to the VFW and has in his record "Korean Occupation". Bob was our Yeoman at that time. It's no big deal, just bust on him a little for me. The beer down here is a little stale anyway.

Enclosed is a donation to help with the expenses. I hope to see you at the next reunion.

Yours Truly
Chuck Glad
FT3, 54-56

Richard

Enclosed is \$40 for some expenses - I enjoy "The Jolly Cholly." I was a "Plankie" - from 4/46 to 9/46
Best
Ray Duval
RMSN 46

Flags and Signals

Dear Richard:

Here's my roster update. Not much has changed. I'm pretty well semi-retired, although I still do some private investigating and substitute teaching at the local high and middle schools.

I recently received an e-mail from Marty Dandridge (DASH Team). It was certainly good to hear from him. He is working at Northrop Grumman and lives in Melbourne, FL.

It was good to see the article on Capt. Hayden in the last newsletter. He was the best C.O I served under.

Since the next reunion is in Atlantic City, I'm going to try to attend. Hope to see you there. Hope all is well with you.

Best regards,
Larry Thomas
Lt 63 - 65

Dear Richard,

I enjoyed the Spring edition of "The Jolly Cholly." It is very informative. I only spent 13 months aboard the Roan in 1951 to 1952 but I enjoyed the ship and the duty immensely. I do not have recollection of too many of the crew however.

I am delighted to see that next years reunion will be in Atlantic City. That is only about 50 miles from my home. I'm in pretty good shape but the years are creeping up.

Enclosed is my contribution for the continuation of the printing of "The Jolly Cholly." news.

Thank you for your continued dedication and, although you were apparently under the weather I hope sincerely that both you and your wife are completely recovered.

Former Charles H. Roan Crewman
Bill De Joy
RD 2 51 - 52

Hi Richard

Here in the boilerroom reading "The Jolly Cholly", and it don't get better then that. Looking forward to Atlantic City - my favorite place (Gold Card holder at Bally's.) You can bet I will be there.

Traveling alone again these days - But always looking - HA! Please find a little donation enclosed - Help stuff for the Roan.

Smooth Sailing
Chief Jack
Jack Klecker
MM1 57 - 61

Richard

Thanks for your good work!
James R Sweeney
Attorney at Law
Ens. 50 - 51

Hi Richard

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoy the newsletter. Enclosed please find two checks, one for the license plate holder and one for a donation. I am looking forward to seeing you and the rest of our shipmates at the next reunion. You guys are doing a great job and it is much appreciated.

Thank you
Howard Stulbaum
SN 59 - 60

Richard

Here is a little contribution for the Roan Association. I enjoy "The Jolly Cholly." "BZ" Keep up the good work. Hope you and your wife are feeling better and plan on one day to attend a reunion.

Jim Wallin
QM3 63 - 67

Rich

Keep up the good work - see ya in Atlantic City. Hope this helps.

Mel Griffith
BMSN 58 - 61

Hi Richard

Always glad to give a donation to the association. Haven't seen any of my shipmates since "the first reunion." I must get to the next one being close to my home the "Bronx." I will make it to Atlantic City next year.

Jack Stiglianese
SN 52-56

Hi Rich

Excuse my writing. I don't have a computer.

My wife and I enjoy every reunion. Meeting my old shipmates and new shipmates. We have been to 4 reunions so far. If the health stay's good we'll continue.

I hope this \$20 will help a little.

Sincerely
Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kaidan
MM3 52 - 55

P.S. We had a great room in Norfolk. It was quite a let down after the 9/11. We were looking forward to see more.

Richard

Please accept this contribution to the Association. Keep up the good work. See you in Atlantic City.
Tom Frame
EM3 51 - 54

Flags and Signals

Dear Richard

I trust you are in good health. The sands run fast when the bottle nears empty. "Later on in mid-life or older, we come to realize that dreams left behind cannot be reclaimed."

Walter Crawford
SN 51 - 55

Richard

Please note my new address, (the old one is still on the check - we are moving in slowly over the next couple of weeks.)

The newsletter is simply great!

Keep it coming!

Dennis Davan
QM 2 66 - 68

Dear Richard Souza

Enclosed is a check to support your good work on behalf of the Roan.

I was pleased to see a letter from my Commanding Officer, Capt. Jack Nuttall in your most recent newsletter. I served on board from 1957 to 1959 and it brought back many good memories. I still have the scars on my knees from crossing the Equator.

Keep up the good work. Hope to see you in Atlantic City.

My best regards

Jack Guyet
LTjg 57 - 59

Dear Dick

I just thought I would send a little donation to the treasury on this bright and glorious day. Take care and I'll see you in Atlantic City.

Your shipmate
Bob Crisci
RD2 60 - 63

Dear Richard

Enclosed is a \$25 check for the cause (donation.)

Sincerely

John (Andy) Stitzer
BT2 54 - 57

Richard

Hope this little donation will help.

Robert L. Adams
MM3 48 - 50

P.S. - You should put the web page on the address side of "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter and on the web page a link to all the members names.

Hi Rich

Just a note to say how happy I am about the reunion next year - I am really looking forward to it. I was really disappointed that I let the recent ones pass me by but for certain I will make the next one (God willing.)

Thank you for your faithful service along with our other officers and board members. Enclosed is a "ship store" order and a little something for the "kitty."

Fair winds & following seas

Gary Lupton
TM2 59 - 62

Souza

Enclosed is a check. Keep up the good work. I hope to see you and Lorraine next summer at Atlantic City.

Tony DeNiro
SN 58 - 60

Joe

Receiving "The Jolly Cholly" is appreciated. I've enjoyed reading the stories of Navy life.

Please accept a small donation from a Navy wife and please keep me on the mailing list.

Ellen Bunnell
Wife of Bob Bunnell

Dear Richard

I appreciate receiving "The Jolly Cholly" and reading each of the articles. Keep up the good work. I hope this small contribution helps.

Glenn Poisson
ETN2 66-67

Hi Richard

Here's a little donation to help offset the cost of the newsletter. I served in the Roan from 47 to 52. I had two brothers and we were stationed on the Roan at the same time. My brother Jack and I were cooks and my younger brother was a shipserviceman - laundryman.

Stay well Richard, we need you to keep this thing going.

T. E. Ballard
CS 47 - 52

Richard

It was a pleasure to meet you when I went through Pensacola. You and your wife were very nice to me. I hope I can do it again.

Here is a small check for the association. Hope it helps.

Tom Hayden
SN 47 - 49

Remembering a Sad Day

Richard,

I am writing this on behalf of my father, Wendelin S. Jahner (Carroll Jahner Simmons) He is uncomfortable talking to some people because he can not hear them well. I hope that with the publication of his letter that he get in some contact with anyone that he knew from those days, especially around the time of the collision. His address and phone # is Wendelin S. Jahner, 3735W. Hazelwood, Phoenix, AZ 85019, phone #602-973-6024

Thank you again for responding to my email

Richard Souza:

In the Spring 2003 Vol.6, N.1 issue of "The Jolly Cholly" QM2 Willis William wrote about the collision of the Roan and the Bronson. I am that man that Mr. Williams did not have the name of, and I can give you a first hand account of what I went through in that collision. The man that died at Kinley Base Hospital was John Pecararo.

I had the "Mid Depth Charge" watch (0000-0400) that was supposed to be on the fantail, the ship was taking water over the fantail and we had gotten permission to secure the area around the 3"50 gun mount. I was on the port side of the mount, leaning against the mount. Pecararo TM2 and his crew were mostly on the starboard side.

Directly behind the gun mount was a deck house with approx. 2500 rounds of 3" 50 ammunition and radar on top of it. Zigorski SM3 called me from the sound phone and asked if I could see anything to starboard. I then walked down the short passage way between the deck house and the life line and looked to starboard, but it was dark and I could see nothing. I told Zigorski I could see nothing. I asked Pecararo if he could see anything and he said no. After that I went back and leaned against the gun mount.

When I awoke there was 3" 50 ammunition over me and 3 feet around me and I was no longer leaning against the mount. The deck house and the radar was gone and through the holes in the ammunition I could see electrical sparks. Thank God it never got to dry powder. I called the gunners mate, but he never answered, no one answered from that side. People were running over the deck and wondering what side they should jump off. I yelled over and told them "jump hell, come over and dig us out" and they did.

The fellow that dug me out, all I could see was his eyeballs; I always thought it was Quiqley, I tried to walk but couldn't, they got a metal basket stretcher and placed me in it. I was taken to the ward room and put on the ward room table. My dungarees and shirt were cut off of me. And they shaved the hair off my right eyebrow. They bandaged me up and put an immobilize on my right leg and my right arm. They thought that my leg was broken and the arm badly bruised, but it was the other way around.

They told me they were taking me off the table because they were bringing in James White BM1, and they were putting me in the forward passageway between the

baggage room and bulkhead. Before they got me to the passage way they put me on the deck, and put Whitey on the table, and Whitey said "Joe I am not going to make it" and BM 3 Joe Slaboda replied that "yes, Whitey you are too". Whitey asked Joe to go see his wife and he did.

There was always somebody coming to check on me, for which I was thankful. I slept most of the time after morphine, and when I woke up in the morning, they said they were going to pack my bag for me and load me onto another destroyer. I asked if they would take the \$5 out of my billfold and give it to me.

Phillip Fare was taken outside the midship passageway to be loaded onto the destroyer, also to be taken to Bermuda. The captain was there to see us off and he handed me \$5 and I thought it was the \$5 out of my sea bag and did not think to much about it. We were loaded onto the "Weaks," not sure about the name at this late date. We arrived in Bermuda quite early the next morning (I believe it was the 10th) and were transferred to the air force base. We were cleaned up there.

Four days later we were put on a C47 and were flown to Anacosta Naval Air Station where we arrived at 2400 on the 15th. We were lowered into an ambulance by naval hospital corpsmen, and were taken to Bathesda Naval Hospital. This is where I found out that my leg was not broken but bruised and that my arm was broken and required a metal screw. When they were wheeling me down the passageway in a wheelchair, we passed a room with a man moaning, I said that man sounds hurt and the corpsman told me that that man was off my ship and he was not expected to survive and that he had a 3" 50 shell in his belly, I always thought it was Pecararo in the passageway. The day after Fare was operated on he asked to see me and I went over there. They had removed his right leg to just below the knee. I met his parents who were there. He was medically discharged from the navy. I went on 30 days convalescent leave Jan 11, 1951, and that was the first time I got to look in my sea bag. I looked in my billfold and there was the \$5 I had wanted. So I owe Captain Martineau a Thanks for that \$5" I was asked if I wanted a medical discharge. I replied negative, I would just as soon go back to my ship. I left Betheasda Naval Hospital the 25th of Feb. 1951 and arrived back to the USS Roan at the Charleston Naval Yard, Boston, Mass on Feb. 28, 1951. I mustered out of the navy June 19, 1952.

Wendelin S. Jahner
TM2 48 - 52

Richard,

I'll never forget the U.S.S. Roan. I served from 1948 to 1952. November 8, 1950 is a day I'll always have in my memory, the day of the U.S.S. C. H. Roan accident. Willis Williams wrote he could not remember the 5th man who later died from his injuries. His name was John Pecararo. I played on a football team with John, Dominick Sylvester,

Nick Waller, Henry Steadman and many others that I can't remember. Age has a way with the memory. Of all the things I've done in my life, my years on the U.S.S. C. H. Roan will never be forgotten

I was extremely fortunate to be able to serve with a fine group of men.

I served as an electrician and stayed with the trade all my working years, so the Navy has been good to me.

In appreciation I'm sending a check. Keep up the good work.

Oscar Squire

FN 48 - 52

Hi Joe

Just got my copy of "The Jolly Cholly" and it was very good.

I was on the Roan when she got hit . I had just got off watch on the bridge. I was sleeping below the mess hall and was the last one out of the compartment.

The fire control gang kept her from sinking as the fantail was under water. After several days a sea going tug sent divers over the side and they welded a sheet of metal on the side. They then towed us to Bermuda where they put us in a floating dry dock at the British base. From Bermuda we were towed back to Charleston Ship Yard in Boston. I think the Brink's Bank was robbed while we were in dry dock.

Victor Carson was the lookout when the collision occurred. The sailor that died was John Pecoraro from St. Louis. The attached articles were from the ST. Louis Post Dispatch newspaper.

About the reunion, I would think any Casino would welcome a reunion Let us know as soon as plans are finalized so we can make our plans and arrangements.

Sincerely

Don Etling

GM 3 48 - 52

St. Louis Sailor Hurt In Destroyer Crash

A St Louis sailor was among those critically injured when two

U. S. Navy destroyers collided early yesterday during fleet maneuvers off the North Carolina coast.

He is Gunners Mate Second Class Filippo Pecoraro, U.S.N. 26, son of Filippo Pecoraro of 5241 Thursh ave. Pecoraro was aboard the



Pecoraro

U.S.S. Roan when it collided with the U. S. S. Brownson while ships were darkened during night exercises. Four other men were killed and two more injured in the accident.

The family was notified by the Defense Department yesterday. Pecoraro, who has a wife and two children in Jacksonville FL. has been in the Navy since 1942. He attended Hadley Technical School before enlisting.

St. Louisan Killed In Navy Maneuvers

A St Louis sailor who was injured in a collision of two destroyers off the coast of North Carolina died Sunday night in a Bermuda hospital, his family said yesterday.

He is John Filippo Pecoraro, Navy Gunners Mate 2C, son of Filippo Pecoraro, 5241 Thursh

ave. Four men were killed and two others seriously injured in the accident, which occurred during pre-dawn maneuvers Nov. 8.

Pecoraro, sbody will be returned to St. Louis for burial. He was 26 and had been in the Navy for eight years. His widow and two children live in Jacksonville, FL.

European Cruise - 1952

What happened to my black shoes?

Hi Joe,

Really enjoy every issue of "The Jolly Cholly" and especially when I come across the name and/or photo of a shipmate.

I was reviewing older copies and the spring 2002 really got me reliving the European Cruise - 1952. The Cover was of course, right out of our cruise book.

Here is a reflection on one of my experiences on that cruise:

All those involved in the European Cruise - 1952, will remember the great ports of call. One was especially interesting to me. We were the first U.S. ship to visit the Spanish city of Castellon de la Plana in over 20 years.

The local people were just great....they even staged a bull fight, out of season, in our honor. The bulls were quite small, as I remember, the toreadors were novices. Our host was an American expatriate, who had lived in Spain for about 23 years and had married a Spanish lady. He was in the business of growing and exporting Valencia oranges, which were the size of small grapefruits in this country. Every day during our visit, a crate of these beauties was delivered to the ship. Some of us were fortunate to have a "light" lunch at his home, the Casa Delores, "light" meant seven courses. A side trip to a local shoe factory was also a high light. Generalissimo Franco's photos and name in huge letters were in evidence. Naturally there was another light lunch of wine and paella. One of our hosts was a short fellow and as we gazed out on the orange groves, he pointed out a tree which was about 3 feet tall, but it had two full size oranges. 'See, small like me, but it's got em!' Our gracious hosts offered each of us a pair of shoes, as a souvenir of our visit. The choices were black or brown. I asked for black.

Well, our sizes are different from their sizes, so we traced our feet on a sheet of paper. It turned out that mine were just too small for me, and when I tried to give them away I had no takers. I couldn't just give them the deep six, so I hid them in my room. I lived in the forward officers' quarters. Mine was the top rack, hard up against the skin of the ship.. horrible sounds during rough weather.

When I was detached in the summer of 1953, the black shoes stayed aboard ship. Even today I can't help wonder, if they were ever found, by whom and were they a good fit? Maybe no one ever discovered them and they went on to the Turkish Navy with the Roan.

Best regards,
Clint Vail
CIC Officer 51-53

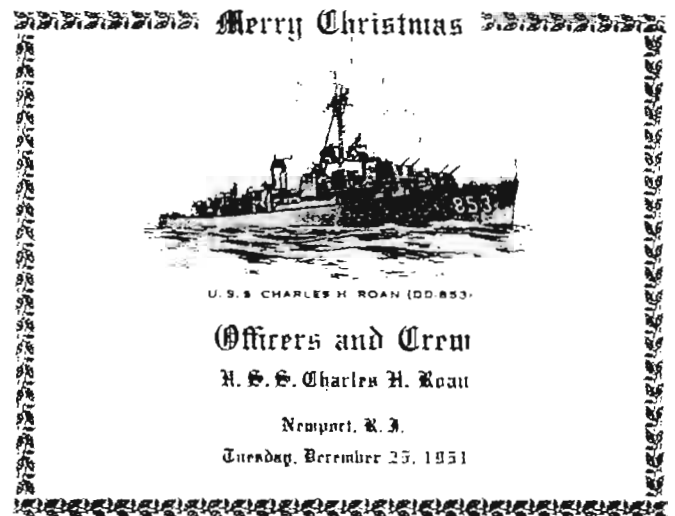
P.S. Joe, we all knew she was a "feeder", here's further proof. A copy of the 1951 Christmas menu.

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 R. HAMMOND, *Galley Captain*
 T. E. BALLARD, *Watch Captain*
 J. SINKO

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Commanding Officer CDR. W. H. FISHER, U.S.N.
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Supply Officer LT. (jg) J. L. GOLDING, U.S.N.R.

Wish You
Season's Greetings
 and
Happiness for the New Year

Menu

Chicken Gumbo Soup	Croutons
Stuffed Olives	Mixed Sweet Pickles Ripe Olives
	Roast Young Tom Turkey
	Virginia Baked Ham
Whipped Snowflake Potatoes	Buttered Fresh Peas
Giblet Gravy	Sage Dressing
Cranberry Sauce	Stuffed Celery
	Pumpkin Pie
Sweet Grapes	Apples Tangerines
	Ice Cream
Assorted Hard Candies	Mixed Nuts
Fresh Milk	Coffee
Hot Parker House Rolls and Butter	
Cigars	Cigarettes

Flags and Signals

Hi Richard & Lorraine

I hope this note finds you both feeling better. My wife had a rough 2002 also.

I hope my contribution helps the association. Have a great day and a better year.

Short time shipmate

John Griggs

SN 51 - 52

Richard

Really enjoyed reading the news letter. Although I was on the Roan for about five months, I enjoyed my time aboard her.

Enclosed is a check for a cap and a little extra.

Shipmate

Tom Kauffman

BMC "57"

Hi Joe

I was only on the Roan from March "51" to Dec. "51". I volunteered for U.D.T's the month I was on board.

I was on an assignment in Gitmo in "53" and the Roan was there. We were doing sneak attacks in the harbor and I made it aboard about 2 a.m. by climbing up the stern and lighting a flare. My regret was that I should have logged in my name at the quarter deck. I was pleased to get the assignment. I spent the rest of my enlistment at Little Creek, VA.

I went on to become a firefighter in Newark, NJ for 39 years and loved every minute of it.

John Griggs

TMSN 51

Hey Richard

I served in the Roan from Nov. 1966 to Jan. 1970. As I grow older I can only remember the good times I had while serving in the Roan. I look forward to the newsletter to see if I can recognize anyone now. I have my yearbook from Med. 1968, sometimes I remember a name but not a face.

As I was reading this newsletter certain memories came back to me.

- 1) The Roan had a dog aboard in Nov. 1966.
- 2) One winter the snow and ice had to be almost six inches covering the ship in Newport.
- 3) One Med cruise we made we were left behind because another destroyer out of Mayport, Florida needed repairs. "Homeward Bound" by Simon and Garfunkel was our ships song and the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean alone to Newport, R.I.
- 4) One of the Drone unmanned helicopters crashed on the main deck and the Captain sounded GQ.
- 5) We had a flag football team in Boston when the Roan was in dry dock. We took second place and got a nice trophy. I remember after every game we would stop in

the hole in the wall bar for beers.

- 6) The America's Cup race off Newport, R.I. Every day we took spectators off the coast of Newport to see these beautiful boats race.

It doesn't seem like it's been 37 years. My wife and I went to Newport, R.I. after thirty years and I was shocked. No more bar on every corner, it's a beautiful resort town.

Thanks for the memories you give me and I take pleasure in donating to this newsletter.

Tome E. Parker

DC 2 66 - 70

Hello Richard

Thoroughly enjoy "The Jolly Cholly", and looking forward to the 2004 reunion.

Hope in some way this donation will help

Al Fortunato

SN 51 - 54

Hello Richard

I'm sending you a check of \$20 as a donation to the association. I'm also sending a check for a flag pin and a wind breaker jacket. I just finished reading "The Jolly Cholly." Very good job on this issue (more of my time on the Roan 61 - 64.) The article on the lost screw brought back a lot times I had on the ship. I was on her when that happened. I'm going to have to sit down and write about my fun on the Roan.

Bye for now Richard

Bob Spargo

SN 61 - 64

Richard

Enclosed is a small check for the Roan Association. I enjoy the bulletin very much!

James Williams

MM 1 51 - 55

Richard,

Hope this letter finds you in better health. I am enclosing \$25.00 for the Roan Fund.

I have also enclosed an original copy of the 'ROAN GRAM' sent to my parents during our '67 Med Cruise. I just found it and had some pleasant memories of that adventure. (and some unpleasant ones)

I was on Roan from 65-67 as an STG-3. I was transferred to Lloyd Thomas (DD-764) in 67. Great newsletter! All of you folks are doing a great job.

Regards

Ken Jennings

STG 3 65 - 67

Flags and Signals

Joe

Just sent a donation to Richard.

I am very much interested in pictures of Equator crossing in Jan.27, 1955 & Dec. 18 1956 for my scrapbook. I'm willing to pay or donate to the cause if anyone has pictures.

Sincerely

John (Andy) Stitzer

BT 2 54 - 57

1102 W. Decker Rd.

Kirksville, MO 63501

Hi Richard

How are you feeling ? I had to write you to tell you what happened to me last weekend. I was up in the beautiful state of New Hampshire at our summer cottage for the weekend, when I took a ride to the town of Plymouth, N.H. to hit the local True Value store to check out gas grilles. While in the store, I noticed a man wearing a jacket with a picture of a ship on it. Whenever I see someone with a hat or jacket on with a ship on it I always check it out to see if I recognize the name of the ship. He was a little too far away, so I had to get a little closer to see what he was wearing. As I approached, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. On the back of the navy blue jacket as proud as can be was 'USS. Charles H. Roan DD 853. I almost dropped, I had my wife with me , and like a little kid I was pointing out the man for my wife to see. I had to talk to him, and I'm glad I did. I think you should know him from what he was telling me. His name is Jack Toomey (FT2 51 - 56) from Wentworth, New Hampshire.

He served in the early 50's. He seemed like a very nice man. We talked for about 15 minutes, and he said hopefully he'll be attending the reunion next year, as I also hope to attend. It was great seeing the jacket with the proud lady on it. They are nice looking jackets, maybe I'll treat myself to one. I hope you're feeling all right, I know the last time I wrote you ,you weren't feeling well. I hope you enjoyed my little experience as much as I did. It was great to run into a member of our exclusive club.

Take care of yourself,

Brad York

SHSN 66 - 68

(Ship Store items can be used to find shipmates or for gifts. Your purchase will also support the association. Go to page 16 & 17 and do a little shopping.)

Hi Joe,

Sorry to hear about your dog. It sure was a nice one. On your story of the lost screw. I was on watch on #2 boiler water level check station and I don't think that's right, we had already got through with a full back down and were building back up forward close to 28 knots when it let go, all hell broke and my water level went out of sight in less than a second, all safety valves lifted and supper heaters went wild, its something I will never forget, even with the senior moments we all have. Well I thought I would hit you up with this. What do you think?

Bob Willet

BT 2 62 - 66

Richard

I better respond to this news letter while its fresh in my mind, otherwise I'll forget. I'm sending a donation and hope it will help some. I sure enjoy the news letters It brings back a lot of great memories. I was aboard the Roan when it went on world cruise 54 & 55. A lot of the pictures and names you have been printing were my good friends at the time, keep up the good work.

Jim Haldane

BT3 54.56

Hi Richard

Enclosed please find my contribution for the association. I certainly enjoy every issue of "The Jolly Cholly" and find the articles of great interest.

I proudly display my Charles H. Roan hat in my rear car window for others to see - especially since I live in Annapolis Maryland and around so many from the Naval Academy. The other day I found a note on my car from a John Conley who served as a RM on the Roan from 68 - 70. I provided him with the Jolly Cholly information.

I enjoyed the article on Commander Hayden, especially since I served under him. Keep up the good work.

Tom Powell

FT3 60 - 62

We are looking for a shipmate who served in the latter years of the Roan, especially from 1970-1973 to be on our board to serve the interests of that era. Anyone interested?



Ball Cap

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or

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Before 1961 silhouette

or

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My name is Ronald J. Maciejowski and I am the Membership Chairman of the United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Association. We have been underway since 1992 when seven former cruiser Sailors founded our Association at the Fleet Reserve Hall, SeaBee Base, Davisville, Rhode Island. Now, we point with pride that our nearly 4,000 members represent virtually every cruiser that sailed, or are sailing in our Nation's Fleet.

Membership is open to all ships company, Marine Detachment, aviation division, flag personnel and midshipmen that served or are serving aboard cruisers. Response from former cruiser personnel has been, and continues, to be outstanding. Associate memberships are available for past and present Navy men and women, reservists, widows of cruiser Sailors and Marines, interested individuals and foreign nationals.

We can now point with pride that our members represent virtually all light, heavy, nuclear and guided missile cruisers that served in our Nations Fleet. Today's Navy is represented by members serving aboard the fleets Aegis cruisers. Our shipmates come from all fifty states and seven foreign countries. We have dedicated ourselves to establishing and maintaining communication and to develop camaraderie among our members. Also, to foster our collective interest for the cruisers we served aboard and for which we hold such a high regard.

The UNITED STATES NAVY CRUISER SAILORS ASSOCIATION is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization incorporated in the State of Rhode Island. Association Officers are all former cruisermen, the exception being the lady who is our Widow's Representative. We do not have a lifetime Chief Executive or lifetime leaders paid or unpaid. Our Officers, and other Association personnel, are all volunteers and none are compensated for their time.

The purpose of our organization is as follows:

- A. To perpetuate the interest in U.S. Navy Cruisers.
- B. To establish a line of communication and comradery among Sailors, Airmen and Marines who served aboard a U.S. Navy Cruiser.
- C. To establish an informative newsletter with interesting stories about past and present events.
- D. To offer assistance to individual ship associations and U.S. Naval Cruiser Memorials.
- E. To aid and assist veterans, their widows and orphans.

We hope you will decide to "come aboard" and become an active participant in what has developed into a outstanding Cruiser Sailors Association.

MEMBERSHIP: \$20.00 per calendar year. Up to 3 years advance dues accepted. Applications received after October 1 will be credited for the following year.

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From After Diesel

As I get ready to put together each issue of "The Jolly Cholly" I contact Souza and ask him to send any material he may have for the newsletter. Well this time he told me he had received many letters, and as you can see there are many. That's just great. Keep them coming. History is chronicled by people telling their story. The Charles H. Roan's history lives within the crews who served in her and can only be told by you.

Once more I would like to bring up our roster update. I had occasion to e-mail our members about the change in plans for our upcoming reunion. Many messages were returned as unknown. Also with every mailing I do I have over between 25 and 50 returned because of shipmates moving. Please send in the below roster update whenever you have a change in your personal information so that the association can keep up with you. Those of you with more than one address, please let us know about that also. To you shipmates who send in updates, thank you very much. It makes my job much easier. I may have jumped the gun in the last newsletter with information about the next reunion. I'm sorry if I have caused anyone any inconvenience. I hope to see you in Warwick. Come and join old friends and make some new ones. On a personal note about new friends; you'll see under Taps "Bob Adams." I met Bob due to a very funny incident that happened through e-mail. I then met him in person in Norfolk at the last reunion. Bob was a very nice guy and although I only knew him a very short time I'll miss him at the next reunion.

"THERE IS A SHIPMATE WAITING TO SEE YOU"

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