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

*Taps*

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**Cover Photo's**

Photo's of 4 major historic Naval events that our featured captain, Captain Charles Hart witnessed and participated in, during WWII.

**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 comaraderie we had when we served on the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

**Thank you**

# FROM THE SIGNAL BRIDGE



Shipmates every so often one of us has need of some very special thoughts and prayers. When we learn of these shipmates, we try to inform other's of the need for some special prayers and thoughts for those who need them. I am proposing a prayer/special thoughts wheel we can use when needed. When we learn one of our shipmates or his mate

is about to go through surgery or has a life threatening illness we can activate this support group. This situation is becoming more prevalent among us. I am asking those who are willing to support this program to send me your e-mail address, or mail address, or your telephone number. When we learn that a shipmate or his mate or significant other requires some needed spiritual help we can be there for them. I will immediately inform you of the need for the wheel to be turned and set in motion.

## Hurricane Katrina

We have a shipmate who lives in New Orleans. I have posted on 2 web sites a missing/locator and asking to know if he is ok. I talked to his brother in Texas and he has not heard from him. If anyone learns that he is alive and well please pass it on. Your help and prayers are appreciated.

Willie & Barbara Young  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
SD1 46-47

We have 2 shipmates who live in MS and I have contacted one but unable to contact the other who lives in Northern MS. Tom Hayden SN 47-49 is fine but his area has been hit with moderate damage. He lives in Meridian, MS. I have offered our assistance and prayers. I could not contact Homer Graham who lives in Pontotoc, MS.

## Special thanks

Special thanks go out to these very special people. Jacquelyn Born, Oscar Carter, Jack Cook, Bob Davis, Arthur Drummond, Thomas Grayson, John Griggs, James Griffin, Arthur Hammell, Bob Heon, Jack Klecker, William Morrison, Rene Savoie, John Serna, Tom Vella, and John Wurdemann

## Reunion

Shipmates our next reunion is just around the corner. We would love to make this our largest ever. It's time to make your plans now to join us. Registration letters and packets will be going out after the first of the year (Jan. 2006) for our August 2006 reunion. Our hosts Dallas and Pat Rees are working diligently to make this a great and enjoyable reunion. Branson, MO has been voted many times as the most "Veteran Friendly Reunion City." Dallas and Pat encourage you to plan an early or extended stay as prices for the hotel will be good for a few days before and after our reunion. **SEE YOU IN BRANSON**

## BRAVO ZULU

Much of the success of our Association is because we have shipmates who give of their time and energy to support us. Two of these special people are Joe Lambert our Editor and Ron Lucchesi our Webmaster. Shipmates, the success of our Association is largely because of these two individuals. Many hours are selflessly given by these two shipmates. I truly don't know what I would do without them. They deserve all the kudos worthy of their dedication to our Association. Joe and Ron a big thanks from all of us BRAVO ZULU (well done).

## ALL MEMBERS HELP NEEDED

And finally, we are running into a crisis with our roster. So many of you have moved or changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses which makes it very difficult to contact you and sometimes ends up costing the Association. These are funds that can be better used elsewhere. We are asking ALL MEMBERS to please fill out the Roster Update form on page 22 and mail it to me with the regular envelope provided in this newsletter.

Please include your seasonal homes with the dates you occupy them. Also indicate your address and your post office box (if you have both) and which to use in our mailings. e-mail addresses should not be forgotten. They are the cheapest and quickest way for us to communicate with you. This information will help us so much to get our roster back in shape. Please remember this is for ALL MEMBERS, whether you think we have the correct information or not. Thank you in advance for your co-operation shipmate.

*Editors note:*

## Hurricane Rita

Also please keep the following shipmates in your thoughts and prayers:

Mrs Ellen Bunnell	The Woodlands, TX		
Don Diebel	Houston, TX	BMSN	64-68
Bobby Drumond	Leaque City, TX	BM3	51-56
Edward Murphy	Houston, TX		
Charles Rosenbaum	Houston, TX	SN	46-47
Jerry Sears	Orange, TX		
John Witt	Kingwood, TX	LT	59-62
Ritchie Smart	Lafayette, LA	MM!	46-49
Willie Young	New Orleans, LA	SD1	46-47

And any other shipmate who may have been effected by these hurricanes.

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# Letters From Loved Ones

Dear Richard,

My husband Richard J. Born served on the USS C.H. Roan DD-853 from about 1948 to 1950. He passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 after almost 50 years of marriage. You may want to update your records. We had a military funeral, which was very impressive. He would have been so proud.

I'm enclosing six dollars for the flag pin with the USS Roan on it and want to pin it on the flag that was presented to me at the funeral. I am also enclosing a little extra on the check for a donation to "The Jolly Cholly" in Dick's name.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn A. Born (Wife of)  
Richard J. Born  
FC3 48-50

Dear Richard,

I'm writing to thank you and the "Roan Association" for the lovely flowers and cards sent to me and Mary Jane during her illness and her loss. I miss her so much. Her father and three brothers are all Navy veterans and Mary Jane was always very supportive of my Navy type activities. Mary Jane and I were a "team." I am slowly adjusting to my life without her, but I know she is in Heaven and watching over me.

Richard I want to thank you and my Roan shipmates, for all their support and always look forward to receiving my Roan newsletter.

Enclosed is an extra donation to the Association.

Thank you, - Your shipmate,  
Richard Calabro  
EN3 66-68

Dear Sir,

I just wanted you to know that my father, Lt Cdr. Allan Viquers passed away. He really enjoyed your publication, but no more will be needed.

Thank you,

Laura Torkelson (daughter of)  
Allan Viquers  
LT 52-53

Dear Joe,

This is to inform you that Joseph E. McGlynn who served aboard USS Charles H. Roan in Newport, Rhode Island, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2005. He served in the Navy for 30 years, his last duty station being Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida.

Thank you for the newsletter, he really enjoyed it. I would love to continue receiving it also if that's okay.

Sincerely,

Doris McGlynn (wife of)  
Joe McGlynn  
SKC 71-73



# WE HAVE ALL BEEN HERE AND SOME SOUND ADVICE

Hello Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Charles C. Penrod, better known as C.C. I have read every edition of the newsletter that has been mailed to my father. I have heard many sea stories from my father, and I would like to thank you personally for publishing the story of my entrance into the world's finest Navy, it has meant so much to me as a young American boy growing up under a father who served in the Navy, hearing the stories, hearing the names of his shipmates, who he holds so dear to his heart. I promise you, that my dad's favorite time in his life were the few years he spent in the Navy. He holds those memories with such pride and patriotism; without the men like you, my dad, and your shipmates from the Roan there is no way I would have even considered enlisting into the Navy. In October of 1993 I was an 8 year old boy who wore his dad's white hat at the ship's first reunion in Newport, Rhode Island. Today I am a 19 year old sailor trying to give back to you men who have served before me. Especially the various crews of DD-853. February 1 of 2005 I left my home, Akron, Ohio for the greatest adventure of my life. A boy leaving the only home he ever knew to try to become a sailor in today's United States Navy. I remember the first letter I received in boot camp in Great Lakes Ill. It was from my father, telling me how proud he was of me to serve in his Navy. I had never cried so hard in my life as I did that night lying in my rack, feeling lonely, unwanted, and hopeless, but watching the ink run down the page from my tears, I knew I COULD NOT go home without wearing my uniform, just as you all did. That moment I decided there was no room for failure, that my daddy did it, and I could do it too.

Upon graduation from boot camp, after "LIBERTY CALL" was announced, I stood on the parade deck looking for my family, in my dress blues and my white hat, then I saw my father for the first time in almost 3 months since I left home for the Navy, and we ran to each other and grasped each other in our arms and just cried. I finally did it, I was finally a sailor in the United States Navy. Since then I spent 10 weeks at Great Lakes Training Command across the street from boot camp attending "Strand-9" school. Upon graduation from that on 13 June 2005, I left Chicago for San Diego, California, where I am currently attending Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare school to become the same rate as my father, a Sonar Technician. Within a few weeks I will receive my orders as to what my first command will be and in my heart I am hoping to be a sailor on DDG-62, USS Fitzgerald, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. I feel that if I could be on that ship then I will finally be serving the men who served with Lt. Fitzgerald, who I know is a personal hero to not only my father, but to the men who served along side him on the Roan.

Thank you so much for your service to the shipmates

and families of the Roan. Without you, and your dedication there is no way I would be a sailor today.

God Bless,  
STGSA Penrod, Charles C.O.

C.C.

I must apologize for my tardiness in answering you but a Hurricane named Dennis knocked out our power among other things here in Pensacola, FL..

Thanks for a great letter I will be sending it off so it may be inserted in our newsletter, if you don't mind. Most of us who served before you had to go through the same life experiences of our first days away from our family and those first few hours and nights saying to ourselves "what have I done". Don't feel ashamed of shedding tears, as it was the same for all of us and the start of manhood.

I am sure your Dad and your family is as proud of you as we are that you are serving our country. I was once asked by another shipmate, "How can we get Penrod's son to serve aboard the Fitzgerald? Who do we know in Washington? Well, my answer to him was, "how do we know he wants too?" A few years ago a few phone calls might have worked. However, if after you get more time in and think you may want to serve aboard the Fitzgerald I will write a letter on your behalf. I do think you should weigh all the options and the duties such as ships and stations before you make any final decisions. There are so many duty stations and assignments that may be better for you to choose from. So its my suggestion that you give it much thought as this assignment may be a lasting one and can be critical to what your life in the Navy will turn out to be. Some duty stations can be rewarding while others can be not so enjoyable.

I would like to share some thoughts with you. Do your very best to pass "A" school if that's what they still call a rate school. Ask questions if you don't understand something. Don't hesitate to ask for help if you need too. Its very important to take advantage of any school or education that is offered you. Your main goal is to reach your highest potential. Listen before you speak, its better to be a good listener. Carefully pick the shipmates you go ashore with and trust. Remember life is not easy, no one owes you anything. Your choices dictate your future and your daily living experiences, think before you act and make your choices wisely.

May God bless you and keep you safe for all of us. The USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association will have you in our thoughts and prayers.

May you have smooth sailing and following seas.  
Richard F. Souza  
USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association

## Down Memory Lane



Dear Mr. Rees,

I got a reminder e-mail from Joe Lambert about sending in a personal photograph while onboard the Jolly Cholly. I quickly dug through an old album and grabbed one of myself on the ASROC deck with Italy in the background. A Med cruise 1967 at the age of 20. I was a kiddy-cruiser and got out of the Navy on my 21st birthday having joined at the age of 17 with my parent's permission. I re-enlisted a year later and got orders to the USS Claude V. Ricketts DDG-5 out of Norfolk, Virginia. With a new wife and child, we moved to Virginia from Maine and I did two more years onboard USS C.V. Ricketts. After another Med cruise I elected not to ship over as an RM2 and got out of the Navy again so I could become a civilian and raise a family.

I spent the next 27 years in law enforcement with the Norfolk Police Department and retired nine years ago. I returned to the Navy eight years ago as a Forensic Scientist with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service at the Regional Forensic Laboratory in

Norfolk, VA. Once again, I walk and work near the D&S piers where I was stationed some 36 years ago. Like Yogi said, "It's deja vu all over again!"

I am proud to be a part of the USS Charles H. Roan crew under the excellent leadership of the Association and entire Board. Thank you for all you are doing for the Association. I am attending a USS Claude V. Ricketts reunion later this week in Philadelphia and am looking forward to Branson next year.

Sincerely,  
Jerry P. Edwards  
RM3 66-68



Dear Richard,

In going through some pictures to find one to send to Dallas Rees. I came across this one of me and a few of my shipmates playing a little "deck hockey" aboard the Roan during our 1968 Med Cruise. During our down time we were able to get a little exercise on the fantail with a rolled up leather glove and a broom or two. The participants in the game are shipmates Brad York (foreground) myself (middle with the broom) and Curtiss Clemens. Running around on the fantail tended to scuff up the deck a little and after our hockey tournament we earned the right to repaint the area. All in a days work I guess.

I came across an album of photos from the Med Cruise which I plan on bringing to the next reunion to share with my shipmates

I know that Brad York has not been feeling well of late and I think if you publish this photo in the next issue of "The Jolly Cholly", it may cheer him up a bit.

Enclosed is a small donation to the fund. Keep up the good work,

Your Shipmate,  
Dan McGovern  
PN3 67-69



Dallas,

I hope you can use this picture since it is the only one I have. On June 5, I will have been retired from the Navy 38 years. So you see pictures of me in my uniform are hard to come by. On the Roan I was a signalman striker and when I retired in 1967 I was a QMI. I had 23 years of Naval service. You and other shipmates may have fond memories of the Roan and rightly so but to me it was the first of my 3 happy ships out of the 10 ships I served on during my career. The second was the LST Stone County, and the third was the Hawkins DD-873. It should have been since it was a sister ship to the Roan.

So good luck. I hope you get many pictures.

Don Miller  
QMSN 47-48

Dear Shipmate Rees,

I am enclosing a number of photograph's taken aboard the USS Roan in 1951 when I was a HM3 Hospital Corpsman aboard "Jolly Cholly". The Roan was in Guantanamo Bay engaging in training after being in the Boston Naval Base for some long time. While we were there we were ordered to go to Santiago, Cuba with the USS Solly DD-707 to celebrate the birthday of Jose Marti who was known as the "George Washington" of Cuba. We were there for 5 days and most of the photo's were taken while we were in Santiago. I have made notes on the back side of the photo's. I think the time we were in Santiago was in late June of early July.



The pictures of myself were taken on the presentation of the Bronze Star Medal which caught up with me on the Roan. In 1950 (August-November) I was a medical corpsman with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division in Korea. I have enclosed a copy of the citation signed by the XO, LCDR Salzer. I joined the Roan after being a patient in the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for 5 months recovering from wounds received in late November. I was on the Roan from May 9, 1951 to September 8, 1951 a short period because I was having problems from the wounds. The Captain felt that I should not have been sent to the ship and he had me transferred when we returned from Guantanamo. My service was short but I look back on it as an important part of my 25 years in the Navy.

Please use any or all of the photo's that you wish. I do not want them returned. Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

William P. Davis

CDR, Medical Service Corps, USN, RET

HM3 51

**The Secretary of the Navy  
Washington**

**The President of the United States takes pleasure, in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to:**

**William Peter Davis  
Hospitalman Third Class  
United States Navy**

For service as set forth in the following

**Citation**

**"For heroic achievement as a Corpsman serving with a Marine Infantry Company in the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, Reinforced, in action against enemy aggressor forces' in Korea on 2 October, 1950. When his company was pinned down by intense hostile fire while attacking a heavily defended and well concealed enemy entrenched on a hill, DAVIS exposed himself to the fierce enemy fire to render first aid and to drag to covered positions several wounded marines. By his repeated and prolonged voluntary self-exposure to extremely perilous hostile fire, he served to inspire all members of his company and contributed materially to saving the lives of many wounded men. His courage, daring initiative and gallant devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services."**

**DAVIS is authorized to wear the Combat V**

**For the President,**

Secretary of the Navy

**Certified to be a True copy  
R.N. Salzer, LCDR, USN**



# Flags and Signals

Hi Shipmate,

I am sending you this piece of bearing from the after engine room feed pump that burned up and had to be replaced. You may remember it from the Norfolk Reunion, I had it along and showed it to you and others. I am sure if this makes the newsletter there will be others who will remember the time when we had this accident with the feed pump. It is an original piece of the ROAN and I can not think of a better place for it to belong than to the Association. It will probably get discarded after I'm gone.

I enjoyed the crossing of the equator pictures in the news letter very much. Hope there are more because I do not have any. I also see by my check book I have not made a donation this year. I will send a check along with this piece of the ROAN and hope it helps the fund.

Seeing Lt Heinzman, Green, Weatherby, Lollas, Deneen, Harris, Stitzer, Rueter, Kapi, and Williamson along with the others brings back memories.

Your Shipmate,

Morris G. Strickland  
MM3 53-57

Hi Richard,

Enclosed a few dollars for the Association and to let you know we are wearing our Roan sweatshirts with pride. Our best wishes to you and Lorraine and when you are in touch with Joe Lambert please give our best to him and Judy.

Rene and Margaret Savoie  
SH3 61-63

Dear Souza,

I wanted to let you know of the passing of James Creech. He was a Gunner's Mate that served on board in 1966. I read a memorial to him by his sister recently. He died over a year ago but I didn't know about it then. I was new on board the Roan when I met him. Place mats from Indiana were placed at the tables on the mess deck that displayed "Hoosier Hysteria." Someone asked what Hoosier Hysteria was? Jim and I said at the same time, it was high school basketball at its best. We found we were high school rivals and lived 19 miles apart.

Jim was a retired fighter and well liked in his community. He was from Connersville, Indiana. I will close for now but will write to you again.

John O. Anderson  
MMFN 66-67

Richard,

Just a note to thank you and your staff for the great job you all are doing. Enclosed is my order for a ball cap and winter jacket and a little for the kitty.

If anyone knows where I could get med. books for 1965 to 1968. please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold (Steve) Stevens  
GMSN 65-68

Richard,

Sorry for the delay. As for the remembering past names of shipmates, I really don't remember much, aside from the article that a Frank Selonke RM3 50-52 had published in your Volume 7 Fall 2004 issue. He mentioned a very close sidekick, Joe Slaboda BM3 and also Jim White BM1 of which I have fond memories. They indoctrinated me. I remember when they sent me to the stern of the ship looking for a "SKY HOOK" (boy were we gullible then.) In all, they were great guys. Donald Etling GM3 comes to mind and also John McDonald BM3. My being a deck hand was short lived, upon being transferred into the Gunners Division, in which I remained for the better part of my tour. There was a "MIKE" (last name, not remembering) GM3, that at the time, had been part of my experience serving aboard the Roan. Serving from the '47 to '50, put me aboard the Roan approximately six months after the ships commissioning, so virtually all of the crew aboard were at that time, the forerunners that molded the Charles H. Roan into being, from all accounts, the ultimate "Sub Killing Machine" of the Sixth Fleet. So much for my "Senior Moments"

If I may, with your approval, e-mail you a few pictures I have that might spark a few flash backs of those still able too.

Thank you, and keep up the good work. I remain, a faithful shipmate (of what's left of our time.)

Robert Makely  
GMSN 47-50

Richard,

I know you did not ask but I thought it would be a good idea to help out a little. I had heard Capt. James Curran had passed away. He was C.O. when I served on the Roan. A top drawer person. Your publication is great.

Thanks,  
Don Kacher  
ETSN 52-53

Hello Chief Souza,

I'm inclosing a small contribution to help with Association expenses and thanks for doing such a great job with the Roan Association. I enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Robert Wilmouth  
YN3 51-54

Dear Richard,

Here's a little check to help keep the Association going. I really enjoy "The Jolly Cholly."

Is it possible to get a list of all the deceased shipmates during my time on the Roan. I often wonder how many of us are still around. Thank you for the good work you guys are doing.

T.E. Ballard  
CSSN 47-52



# Flags and Signals

Richard,

Appreciate reading about the Roan - we were young sailors then (63-66) but we served with pride, listened, followed orders and worked with the best.

Saddened to read about Capt. Hayden - a great skipper and a pleasure to serve under. Also Lt. Fitzgerald - having a tough time remembering him - guess too many years have passed. Enclosed is to keep the Association going.

Your shipmate,  
James A. Griffin  
HMSN (Doc) 63-66

Hello Richard,

Just a Hi and let you know I got your new e-mail address. "The Jolly Cholly" is great as always and there is a check in the mail to help with it's expenses.

See you in Branson if not before.

Smooth Sailing Chief,  
Jack Klecker (Chief Jack)  
MM1 57-61

Hi Richard,

Just a short note to send you our congratulations on a great reunion. We had a wonderful time, it was great to see you, Al and Pam Cashman, Jim and Wendy Hubbard and Ray Ward. My wife Vera enjoyed meeting you and many other shipmates. Food was great, hotel was fine, and my wife's already using the tote bag. Great event all around! Congratulations!

Your shipmate,

Russell Cook

LTjg 65-67

PS. I still hope to get a copy of the "66" cruise book!

Dear Richard,

I hope all is well considering the weather you have been getting. Sorry we missed you all at the last reunion, but we'll certainly be at the next one. I'm ordering a new Roan hat because my dog chewed the last one I had. So there's money for the hat and something for the Roan Association. Take care and the best to Lorraine.

Al Scileppi

QMSN 58-60

Hi Richard,

Hope everything is well with you and your family. It's almost a year since my operation and I'm doing fine. I sent a condolence card to Mrs. Nuttal and received a thank you. I still think of the Captain from time to time.

I'm going to try to make it to Branson next year. I had a swell time in Norfolk, we'll all be older in "06". Take care and regards to your wife.

Tom Leuthold

YN3 57-59

Hi Richard,

Just got the Spring 2005 issue of "The Jolly Cholly". Great as usual and I was moved by the articles about Fitz, who I remember very well.

We had a busy time after we returned to Brazil. We had an attempted break-in which was very unpleasant (we were inside the house). Then in December I had heart bypass surgery. Hope things will settle down for a while. Hope both you and your wife are fine.

Best regards from your shipmates,

Russell and Vera.

Russell Cook

LTjg 65-67

PS. In reply to your Post it, I play the Lotto twice a week but haven't scored a penny yet'

Dear Rich,

I am sitting here enjoying my latest copy of "The Jolly Cholly". It is a Sunday in April, and outside we are having a blizzard. There is about 18 inches on my picnic table and it's still snowing.

I have been meaning to write, but never seem to get the chance. So now is my chance.

I had a great time at the reunion last August in R.I., met a lot of shipmates. I am sorry that I was unaware of the other reunions that were held. Thanks to Bob Willet, I am now aware of the organization and all that has been done and will be done in the future. You and all of the "Board of Directors" are doing a fantastic job.

My wife Linda and I are looking forward to the coming reunion in August of 2006 in Branson, MO. God willing, we will be there.

Somewhere I have misplaced the "Roster" that we received in R.I. I know it was quite large, so I have enclosed a check to cover postage with the balance going for the Association.

Keep up the good work.

Your Shipmate,

Artie Hammell

BT2 62 -64

Rich,

Enclosed is a check for a jacket and a hat and some money for the kitty. I just found out about the Jolly Cholly Association from an old friend and shipmate Bruce Hoosier SO2. My wife and I are looking forward to the next reunion in 2006 in Branson MO. I looked at the list of shipmates that attended the last reunion and only recall one name, James Jamitis SO2. Captain Bryce was the C.O. We participated in the Suez Canal crisis and I'll never forget crossing the Equator four times to get to the Red Sea for duty. I still have my shellback card just in case. Keep up the good work and God willing I'll see you in Branson.

Best regards,

Ken Mayen

SO3 56-57

# Flags and Signals

Hi Richard,

Please find a small order for Roan items attached. My check includes a donation to the Association.

The spring newsletter is terrific. I have a special interest in the USS Fitzgerald DDG-62. In 1995, I was privileged to attend the commissioning of this ship in Newport, R.I. A business friend of mine, Bob Simmonds, was a member of the academy class of 1963. He was invited and asked me to go along with him. Bob knew that I had served in the Roan, followed by two years at the Naval Academy as an instructor in celestial navigation and piloting, 1957-1959.

We were seated on Pier 2 with over 2000 people. Many academy alumni and family of crew were there. After speeches by Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Vice Admiral David Robinson and the widow of Bill Fitzgerald, the call went out "to make the ship come alive". Believe me, it brought out the "goose bumps". We were all invited for a brief tour of this beautiful ship. CIC was of great interest to me because of my Roan duties as CIC officer. With the Roan commissioning pennant flying, I felt part of it all.

At the reception which followed, I was introduced to Bob's roommates, which included, Vice Admiral Robinson. As I remember, Bob Boorum told me he served with the Admiral in the Pacific. I plan to forward a copy of the newsletter to Bob Simmonds. I'm sure he will be thrilled.

Thanks for all your efforts,

Clint Clough

Lt. 56 -57

Hi Richard,

Enclosed is some money for a ball cap and the rest for the kitty. I look forward to each issue of "The Jolly Cholly." I was sorry to read about the passing of Captain Fisher, our Commanding Officer when I was aboard the Roan (50-52). He was a great person and CO.

Smooth sailing,

Willis Williams

QM2 50-52

Dear Richard,

Really enjoy and appreciate your good work, that of Joe Lambert and the others keeping our memories of the Charles H. Roan alive. My wife, Caroline, and I missed last year's reunion but we plan on making it to Branson in 2006. I retired a few months ago after many fulfilling years with the National Weather Service. The last two issues of "The Jolly Cholly" were special to me (and I'm sure others) since I served with both Lt. Bill Fitzgerald and Capt. Riggs. I can recall shootin' the bull with Bill on the bridge watches as if it were yesterday. He was a super guy. I sure hope we get to visit with Capt. Riggs and Rose Marie next year at Branson.

Enclosed is a check for the Association.

Thanks again and Bravo Zulu.

Thomas H. Grayson

LTjg. 63-65

Capt. USNR Ret.

Dear Richard,

The enclosed check is for items ordered and the balance a donation for the newsletter. The hat, shirt and pin will be a great Fathers Day gift for Roy. We both have really enjoyed hearing from so many old friends the past few months. Hopefully we can make the next reunion.

Thank you,

Dolly Romer (wife of)

Roy Romer

MM2 61-66

Richard,

I had good intentions of attending the reunion in Branson this year, but my son and his wife and my two grandsons are visiting from Tokyo during August, so I will have to wait until next year. I read in "The Jolly Cholly" that several of last year's attendees were shipmates when I was aboard the Roan (1950-51), and had intended to go this year. Fortunately, I seem to have my 95 year old mother's genes, so I shall probably be able to make it to next year's reunion.

I served in the Charles H. Roan from December, 1949 until the collision with the Brownson. Actually, I was on TAD at Key West when the collision occurred, and never returned to the Roan. I was ordered to report to the Naval Station at Newport (the absolutely coldest place I've ever been!). After sitting in limbo for a month in Newport, I received orders assigning me to the training staff at Key West, where I spent the rest of my enlistment, including the "Truman Year".

After my discharge at Key West, I took advantage of the GI Bill and attended Ohio State University, where I received my MBA degree, then took a position in Personnel Management with General Electric's Computer Research and Development Lab in Palo Alto, California. I later served as Human Resources Director for the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, and for a few years before retirement I was a counselor at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, working mostly with Viet Nam Veterans. My wife, (nee) Dolores Hale, and I are both retired and enjoy visiting our daughter in Belize and our son and his family in Japan, gardening, and the many cultural and recreational activities of the San Francisco Bay Area. Life is good.

I wonder if you would be so gracious as to forward the enclosed letter to Mrs. Finkbiner. I read of Roy's passing, and since Roy and I did liberty together quite often, I wanted to write to her but don't have the address. Thank you for accommodating my request.

I will look forward to the reunion next year.

Roy Cramblit

SO3 49-51

(I think I made SO3 before I left the ship - was SO1 at discharge in February, 1953)

# Flags and Signals

Rich,

While I was relaxing in the coffee shop on my wedding day, lo and behold a gentleman approached me and asked if I served on the Jolly Cholly. How did he know? I was wearing my windbreaker with the ship's name on it. Come to find out he and his wife were traveling through and were eating breakfast when he spotted me. Naturally after the intros I mentioned our reunions and the organization. He was very impressed and would like to be included. He was not aware of our Association. His name is, Tom Nichols HM2 70-72. Small world isn't it?

Jerry (Deeps) DePasquale  
BT3 49-52

Dear Richard,

I am really looking forward to the next reunion.

A little note you may find interesting - Lt. Joe Trainor, who was operations officer on the Roan in 1951, is the brother of General Bernard E. Trainor, USMC (RET.), whom you've probably seen on national TV over the past two or three years. He has co-written a book, "The Generals War," about the Gulf War, which you may want to read.

Many years ago, General Trainor and I along with a few other guys, went from the fleet to Holy Cross College together and got our commissions.

I hope all is well with you.

Regards,  
Bob Heon  
LTJg 51-54

Richard,

I'm sending you a small donation to help with "The Jolly Cholly." I'll try to make the next reunion in Branson.

Everett Harris  
BT1 52-58

Richard,

Enjoyed the spring 2005 "The Jolly Cholly." I really look forward to receiving each issue. Enclosed is a check to help with the cost of future issues. Thanks for the great job you do.

Sincerely,  
John W. Byrd  
MM3 66-69

Rich,

Just received "The Jolly Cholly" and again it was excellent. It sure is nice to receive your publication and I enjoy all the information in it.

I am enclosing my check and information on what I would like from your ship's store.

All monies left over apply to "The Jolly Cholly" as a donation.

Regards,  
Don Edwards  
SK2 47-48

Dear Souza,

Everything you've heard about Branson, MO. is true. They love the military! They have a welcome home VietNam Vet. starting next week. They have a lot of good shows. I've been to several shows there and not a bad one yet. It's a place you can bring your kids and grandkids. I'm looking forward to the reunion in "06". I have a funny story to pass on about Lt Fitzgerald that took place on a Sunday morning. Also I saw the Roan in the Med after she was flying the Turkish flag. I recognized her right off. She had been in a major sea battle with a whole herd of Greek destroyers. When that little set to was done she went looking for more and you know she had the speed. Got to close. Also here's a little something for the pot.

Your friend,  
Perry (Woody) Woodman  
RD1 65-67

Hi Richard,

Enjoy getting "The Jolly Cholly". Here is a donation to help carry on.

Orville (Duvie) Duvall  
EM3 48-52

Hi Richard,

Sorry it's taken me so long to make a donation. I found out in March I had cancer in my esophagus and I didn't know how long I would be here.

It turned out to be only the size of a pea. After 5 weeks of radiation and 3 weeks of chemo (which took 9 weeks) they went in and took two samples and found no cancer cells. So on August 23<sup>rd</sup> they will go in and get two more samples; if no cancer cells are found we may wait another 6 to 8 weeks, or the doctor may decide to remove the esophagus. In any case I will be around a while longer unless the Lord intervenes.

It's been really hot here in WV for the last 8 weeks. Enjoyed the last newsletter. I remember Bill Marshall EN3, we use to go on liberty together.

Dick Hinerman  
EMFN 49-51

Dear Richard,

We both enjoy the newsletter. Thanks for being there.

Don Burton  
MM3 49-52

Hi Richard,

Here is a small donation to the coffee mess to help with "The Jolly Cholly" costs. God Bless you and all our shipmates. Keep a full head of steam.

Jack Klecker  
MM1 57-61

Dear Mr. Lambert,

I'm very sorry not to have written you before this time. It has been a very difficult, sad time for me as Captain Hart passed away on 14 March, 2005 due to a severe stroke. He was 90 + 42 days. His brother died at 54 from a heart attack.

Charles was born in Richmond, IN. near Preble County in OH. where he lived on a farm. The farm was in his mothers family since they bought acreage in 1805.

His uncle, a doctor, told him of the Naval Academy. I found a letter to my father in 1944 and Charles wrote, he wanted to be in the Navy from the time he was 13 or 14 years old. He was appointed and attended the Naval Academy from 1934 to 1938.

We met through a friend in Berkeley, CA. We married in 1943 and were married for over 61 years.

The last 10 years were difficult but he never complained. He'd forget at times. Heart problem's and forgetfulness. Blood problems. The last 3 or 4 years he had Alzheimers and I took care of him.

Sincerely,

Beverly Hart

# Captain Charles S. Hart (Ret)

Sixth Commanding Officer

U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD - 853

6 July 1954 to 28 Dec 1955



## Charles Hart Awarded Place At Annapolis

Charles S. Hart, youngest son of Mr & Mrs. Stanley Hart, residents of the Campbellstown community, has received notification of his success in passing examinations which entitle him to entrance to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis MD. He will report at the school about the middle of June. Charles is a graduate of the Jackson Central School in the class of 1933.

Charles S. Hart was born in Richmond, IN, on 2 February 1915 to Stanley S. and Nelle P Hart. Captain Hart graduated from Jackson Township School, OH, in 1933 and entered the Academy as a member of the Class of 1938. He was in the Fourth Company and an avid tennis player.

Upon graduation Captain Hart reported to USS NEVADA BB-36, for a year before a tour in USS RUSSELL DD-414, during which she participated in the famous battles of Midway, Santa Cruz, Coral Sea, Kiska, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Kwajalein, the Marshalls, and the Gilbert Islands. In 1945, he assumed command of USS WATTS DD-567, assigned to dangerous picket duty off Okinawa. He was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star for his outstanding performance in this costly, but victorious campaign.

Captain Hart's first shore duty was at the Naval Academy, where he taught physics for two years before attending the Naval War College's logistics course. He then served as logistics officer on the Seventh Fleet Staff during preparations for the amphibious landings at Inchon, South Korea, and subsequently in the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the East Coast of Korea. For this duty, Captain Hart received a second Bronze Star and a Legion of Merit.

From 1951 to 1954, Captain Hart was a member of the faculty at the Naval War College, after which he commanded USS CHARLES S. ROAN DD-853, which made one of the last circumnavigations of the globe after a tour off Korea. During this cruise the Roan made 21 ports of call some of them more than once. She also transited the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal and crossed the Equator. From 1956 to 1958, he was a member of the U.S. Naval Advisory Group to the Argentine Navy. Then followed a three year tour on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College. His final tour at sea was in command of USS GENERAL W. A. MANN TAP-112. It was Captain Hart's privilege to have Licutenant Charlene I. Suneson onboard as the first female line officer to serve at sea. From 1962 to 1965, Captain Hart commanded the Reserve Fleet in San Diego, and until his retirement in June 1968, was on the staff of Commander Western Sea Frontier.



Pacific Raids  
1942



Coral Sea



Midway



Buin, Fasi,  
Tonolai Raid



Santa Cruz



Guadalcanal  
Third Salvo



Rennell Is.



Southern  
Solomons



**Decorations and Awards**

Silver Star Medal; Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and Gold Star; American Defense Service Medal with "A"; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic - Pacific Campaign Medal with 12 stars; World War II Victory Medal; Naval Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp; China Service Medal (extended); National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service with 4 stars; United Nations Service Medal; Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Captain Hart and the former Beverley Carson, whom he married in 1943, set up their retirement home in Lafayette, CA. They continued world travel as they had done in the Navy.

Captain Hart is survived by his wife; children, Stanley and Grahame, and their families.

USS Nevada BB-36		Deck & Engineering Officer	1938 - 39
USS Russell DD-414	Atlantic	First Lieutenant	1939 - 41
	Pacific	Chief Engineer	1941 - 42
	Pacific	Executive Officer & Navigator	1942 - 44
(Participated in carrier battles - Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal - during which the following US carriers were lost; Lexington, Yorktown, Wasp, Hornet.)			
USS Watts DD-567	W. Pacific	Commanding Officer	1945 - 46
(Served on the picket line off Okinawa) Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V".			
U. S. Naval Academy		Instructor	1946 - 48
Staff Commander Seventh Fleet	W. Pacific	Fleet Logistics Officer	1949 - 51
(Participated in the assault and capture of Inchon, the Wonson landings, and later the Hungnam withdrawal.)			
Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and Gold Star			
Naval War College		Staff	1951 - 54
USS C.H. Roan DD-853		Commanding Officer	1954 - 55
U. S. Naval Advisory Group to Argentina	S. America	Logistics Advisor	1956 - 58
Armed Forces Staff College		Faculty	1958 - 61
USS General W.A. Mann TAP 112		Commanding Officer	1961 - 62
Pacific Reserve Fleet			
Rough and Ready Island, Stockton, CA		Commanding Officer	1962 - 63
Pacific Reserve Fleet			
San Diego Group (USS Aegir AS 23)		Commanding Officer	1963 - 65
Western Sea Frontier, Treasure Island		Staff of Commander	1965 - 68
Retired from active duty - June 1968			



Gilbert Is.



Marshall Is.



Hollandia



Okinawa

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Inchon Landing



1st U.N. Counter Offensive



Comm. China Spr. Offensive



U.N. Sum/Fall Offensive

# I AM AN AMERICAN SAILOR

Hear my voice, America! Though I speak through the mist of 200 years, my shout for freedom will echo through liberty's halls for many centuries to come. Hear me speak, for my words are of truth and justice, and the rights of man. For those ideals I have spilled my blood upon the world's troubled waters. Listen well, for my time is eternal - yours is but a moment. I am the spirit of heroes past and future.

I am the American Sailor. I was born upon the icy shores at Plymouth, rocked upon the waves of the Atlantic, and nursed in the wilderness of Virginia. I cut my teeth on New England codfish, and I was clothed in southern cotton. I built muscle at the halyards of New Bedford whalers, and I gained my sea legs high atop mizzen of yankee clipper ships.

Yes, I am the American Sailor, one of the greatest seamen the world has ever known. The sea is my home and my words are tempered by the sound of paddle wheels on the Mississippi and the song of whales off Greenland's barren shore. My eyes have grown dim from the glare of sunshine on blue water, and my heart is full of star-strewn nights under the Southern Cross. My hands are raw from winter storms while sailing down round the Horn, and they are blistered from the heat of cannon broadside while defending our nation. I am the American Sailor, and I have seen the sunset of a thousand distant, lonely lands.

I am the American Sailor. It was I who stood tall beside John Paul Jones as he shouted, "I have not yet begun to fight!" I fought upon the Lake Erie with Perry, and I rode with Stephen Decatur into Tripoli harbor to burn Philadelphia. I met Guerriere aboard Constitution, and I was lashed to the mast with Admiral Farragut at Mobile Bay. I have heard the clang of Confederate shot against the sides of Monitor. I have suffered the cold with Peary at the North Pole, and I responded when Dewey said, "You may fire when ready Gridley," at Manila Bay. It was I who transported supplies through submarine infested waters when our soldier's were called "over there." I was there as Admiral Byrd crossed the South Pole. It was I who went down with the Arizona at Pearl Harbor, who supported our troops at Inchon, and patrolled dark deadly waters of the Mekong Delta.

I am the American Sailor and I wear many faces. I am a pilot soaring across God's blue canopy and I am a Seabee atop a dusty bulldozer in the South Pacific. I am a corpsman nursing the wounded in the jungle, and I am a torpedoman in the Nautilus deep beneath the North Pole. I am hard and I am strong. But it was my eyes that filled with tears when my brother went down with the Thresher, and it was my heart that rejoiced when Commander Shepherd rocketed into orbit above the earth. It was I who languished in a Viet Cong prison camp, and it was I who walked upon the moon. It was I who saved the Stark and the Samuel B. Roberts in the mine infested waters of the Persian Gulf. It was I who pulled my brothers from the smoke filled compartments of the Bonefish and wept when my shipmates died on the Iowa and White Plains. When called again, I was there, on the tip of the spear for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

I am the American Sailor. I am woman, I am man, I am white and black, yellow, red and brown. I am Jew, Muslim, Christian, and Buddhist. I am Irish, Filipino, African, French, Chinese, and Indian. And my standard is the outstretched hand of Liberty. Today, I serve around the world; on land, in air, on and under the sea. I serve proudly, at peace once again, but with the fervent prayer that I need not be called again. Tell your children of me. Tell them of my sacrifice, and how my spirit soars above their country. I have spread the mantle of my nation over the ocean, and I will guard her forever. I am her heritage and yours.

**I am the American Sailor.**

MUCM J. Wallace, USN

# Navy Remaking Boot Camp For Recruits

Associated Press - November 12, 2003

CHICAGO - Generations of recruits at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center have marched from barracks to classroom, classroom to barracks, barracks to mess hall - more than a mile and a half a day for their nine weeks of basic training.

"Two years ago, we did more marching than even the Marine Corps or the Army," said Rear Adm. Ann Rondeau, commander of the center in North Chicago.

But the nation's only boot camp for Navy enlistees is undergoing a major change - and less marching for the roughly 45,000 recruits who pass through every year is only a part of it.

Instead of wasting training time by making recruits adapt to the aging base, the base is adapting to them. The result, Rondeau and others say, should be better-trained, healthier sailors who are prepared to serve from the day they graduate.

Two years ago, recruits were allotted six and a half hours of sleep. Today, they get eight hours, a reflection that most people need that much shut-eye to be healthy and to learn effectively.

Recruits no longer spend a week of their training on kitchen duty. Meals are handled by a private company, leaving more time for training in fighting, survival and counter terrorism techniques.

The two giant dining halls are disappearing, to be replaced by galleys in the barracks.

Fifteen new barracks are being built containing classroom and training areas; each will be named after a famous ship from Navy history in an attempt to imbue Navy lore in sailors from the start.

They will replace barracks with antiquated ventilation systems in which, Rondeau said, when one recruit gets sick, 70 or 80 more quickly follow.

Also slated for the wrecking ball are the base's drill halls, which were put up more than 60 years ago as temporary structures. They will be replaced by three new training halls with air conditioning, offices and classrooms and modern amenities.

The cost of all the new construction is projected to be \$798 million over nine years, said Cmdr. Tony Edmonds.

Navy officials are quick to say the new approach is intended to be more focused, not any less rigorous than the old way of doing things.

"I think the recruits are going to get a training that's more tailored to the needs of the Navy," Lt. Dan Cook said.

"Always being tired all the time and always being sick and coughing really affects your ability to effectively learn," Rondeau said. "We want people to be able to focus on making critical decisions."



# What Are They Doing Now

Bob Cronan FT2 59-60

## Enjoy the Ride

I know a number of us have been to France while we served on "The Jolly Charley". I chose to return to France again in 2004 to bicycle in several stages of "The Tour de France." You may ask, how did this come about?

My wife died in April, 2003. My daughter suggested that I go on a tour. I had no intentions of going on a tour until one day I opened a catalog and found a bicycle tour to France which included several stages of "The Tour de France." Who knows, maybe I can rub shoulders with Lance Armstrong.

I went out and purchased a bicycle and support equipment then started to ride. I rode several weekends, nothing serious, just enough to learn how not to fall off a bicycle. Upon arriving in the French Alps, there was no way that I could have trained for the climbs that I experienced. I think

Lance said it correctly; "just do it".

We rode part of "stage 17" which included biking up to the top of the Col de Madeliene, altitude 2000m (approx 6500ft) before the actual tour came up and

over the summit. The ride up included many steep grades along with the proverbial "switch-backs". As I said earlier, there aren't any "switch-backs" in N.H. to train on. We grabbed a beer or two(2) and watched the "The Tour" cycle past. Then we chased after them on our way down. What a ride and life time experience.

The next day we rode up the Cormet de Roseland, altitude 1968m and onto Albertville, Megeve. This stage took us past Mount Blanc which we could see from several high points on the stage.

The following day we rode the train from Zurich, Switzerland to Paris, France. On the last day of "The Tour de France", they ride around this circle which includes The Arc de Triomphe, Palace de Concord and past The Louvre. We were able to ride the cobblestones before they asked us to leave, they had to sweep the street.



All work and no play would make for a dull and boring tour, so I included some pictures of our night-life. Eat your heart out Andy Anderson.

While in France, I took a side trip to Normandy, France to pay my respects to my fellow comrades on the USS Glennon, DD-620. My intentions were to locate the coordinates where she sunk and drop a bouquet of flowers to honor their resting place. Unfortunately, time did not permit to do so. If you haven't been there, you should make the trip it's worth every Euro spent.

What a tour and experience to have lived. I could go on for hours.

This year, I went to Italy to ride several stages of "The Giro d'Italia." It's the same type of race as "The Tour de France". Also, this year I have rode in several century rides some of which were for charities. I rode "The Tour de Cure for Diabetes" in Portsmouth, N.H. in a blinding cold rain storm, the Multiple Sclerosis(MS 150) Great Mass Getaway which is a weekend event riding from Quincy, MA. to Provincetown, MA.(I said Hello to "Abe" Lincoln, FT2 as I rode thru his town), and the Lake Tahoe Century ride. I plan to ride the Tucson Century ride in November, 2005 if all goes well.

As time permits, I plan to ride more



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charities because this is an excellent way to raise funds but more than anything else, it gives me an opportunity to meet new and interesting people along the way and I certainly have. Don't let the fact that you could be "the Grand-Father" of the crowd because there are beaucoup of us "Grey Hounds" out there riding and enjoying life.

Don't Forget Your Helmet!

(continued from page 5 - We Have All Been There)

Dear Rich,

This morning I received from my son, C.C. Penrod, a copy of the email response you sent him. I was unaware that he had written to you. I sincerely thank you for the good advice and words of encouragement you offered him. He's a good son and I love him dearly.

As a senior Petty Officer, you always conducted and presented yourself in a manner that set the proper example for younger sailors to follow. I'm confident that is why, today, so many of your former shipmates continue to look upon you with the highest degree of admiration and respect. I'm as equally confident that if he follows your suggestions he will one day look back on this time as being not only a benchmark in his life, but the time in his life that he truly became a man.

As an item of interest, as a part of his civilian clothing, C.C. has a black leather jacket on which is sewn and proudly displayed the Roan patch of the squid wearing a sonar headset and clutching a submarine. I guess that's his personal tribute to the memory of the Roan and its crews.

Again, my most sincere thanks for your time, effort and interest to respond to C.C., particularly in a manner that is truly in his best interests.

Your shipmate,  
Chuck Penrod  
STG-3 64 -66

# Financial Report

September 18, 2005

Last Financial Report February 28, 2005

Balance of Check Book 14,357.87

## Expenditures

Post Office 292.37

Office Supplies 215.48

Small Stores 1,263.83

Newsletter 1,437.58

Telephone/Interne 416.05

Stowage Locker 232.20

Refund 4.55

Total Expenses -3,862.06

## Checking Account - Feb. 28, 2005

(minus reserve fund) 14,357.87

Expenses -3,862.06

Total 10,495.81

Deposits 4,945.00

(Deposits include donations, ship store)

Total Balance Checking Account 15,440.81

September 18, 2005

Reserve Fund (separate account) 700.00

Total Assets including reserve fund \$16,140.81

September 18, 2005

# NEW SHIPMATES

Don H. Arnold  
Spartanburg, SC  
BMSN 63 - 65

Charles Hund  
Shoreham, NY  
SO1 54 - 56

Mathew A. McNally Jr.  
Tequesta, FL  
Ensign 46 - 57

Donald W. Rexroad  
Whaleyville, MD  
MM3 57 - 60

Charles D. Eveland  
Robinson, IL  
MM2 62 - 68

Bobby Jolly  
Dayton, OH  
GM3 66 - 70

William H. Morrison  
Fairton, NJ  
MM3 62 - 65

Roy Romer  
Clyde, NY  
MM3 61 - 66

Michael I. Fivecoat  
Venice, FL.  
MM2 63 - 67

Donald J. Kacher  
Riverview, MI  
ETSN 52 - 53

Kenneth H. Murphy  
Bond, AR  
MM2 65 - 69

Richard J. Therrien  
Newton, IL  
MM1 63 - 67

Clifford Hughes  
Christiansburg, VA  
ET3 54 - 55

Robert L. Makely  
Farmingdale, NY  
GMSN 47 - 50

Tom Nichols  
Waterloo, NY  
HM2 70 - 72

Thomas L. Vanderham  
Park Ridge, IL  
SN 58 - 59

# Flags and Signals

Richard,

I believe your publication of "The Jolly Cholly" gets better all the time.

I reported aboard ship the spring of "49". We spent the summer in the Med. returning to Newport that fall. This I can remember as I got married in Fall River in the spring of "50". I am now 86 and it's hard to remember so many years back accurately.

My first ship was the McDougal DD-358 so you see the same numbers as the Roan DD-853 but arranged differently. They both were good ships.

I see from your report the kitty is running low. I hope this check helps.

I see most of Nashville has moved over to Branson. I have never been there but I believe it to be a good place for a reunion and much pleasure for all. My traveling days are over but I am thankful to be able to get around accompanied by a cane.

A shipmate,  
Oscar Carter  
TM1 49-54

Rich,

I know this is not much, but every little bit helps. Thanks for doing a good job.

An old shipmate,  
Ray Boggi  
SN 50-54

Richard,

I enjoyed reading "The Jolly Cholly" as usual. We are looking forward to Branson. Give our regards to Lorraine. Enclosed is a check for the Association.

Tony DeNiro  
SN 58-60

Dear Richard,

Sorry we couldn't make it to R.I. but we will try to make Branson. Here's a check for a license plate holder. I would like to donate the rest "In Memory of Homer Graham BM1 (49-52)" a good friend and "Captain Curran CO/CDR (52-54)" who I just learned from the newsletter passed away in "03". I doubt he knew what a good influence he was for us young kids. My heart goes out to Mrs. Curran who we met at the Buffalo reunion, she's a fine lady.

So Richard, here's hoping I'll see you in Branson.

Sincerely,  
Charlie and Rose Bowen  
BM2 48-54

Richard,

The 2004 reunion was my first because Dallas Rees told me about the 2002 reunion in Norfolk. My friend and I had a great time in R.I. and I don't plan to miss anymore. Here is a little something to help out.

Frankie Hopkins  
GMGSN 60-63

Dear Richard,

Enclosed find a check for 2 shirts and a license plate holder, and a little extra for a donation. Keep up the good work.

John V. Serna  
BM3 49-53

Hi Richard,

Enclosing a check for the Association.

John Griggs  
TMSN 51-52

Hi Richard,

I made the Norfolk reunion but not the one in Rhode Island. I enjoy "The Jolly Cholly" and read it from cover to cover.

I see in volume 8 #1, spring 2005 edition that a good buddy John Betchie's wife is having a rough time. If you correspond with him tell him I'll be praying for her.

Enjoyed meeting all of you, but there wasn't another one at the Norfolk reunion I knew. Keep up the good work.

A shipmate,  
Joe Angione  
MM3 46-47

Richard,

Here is a little extra for "The Jolly Cholly" expenses. Keep up the good work you old skivvie waver.

Ed Wieder  
ETR 2 61-64

Hi Richard,

BZ to you, your staff and the contributors for the memorial to Bill Fitzgerald in the spring 2005 edition of "The Jolly Cholly." It was one of the nicest ones I have seen recently. It doesn't seem possible that he made the supreme sacrifice 37 years ago.

Richard I hope your area has recovered from the 04 hurricane damage. Enclosed is a little something for the kitty. Best regards to all.

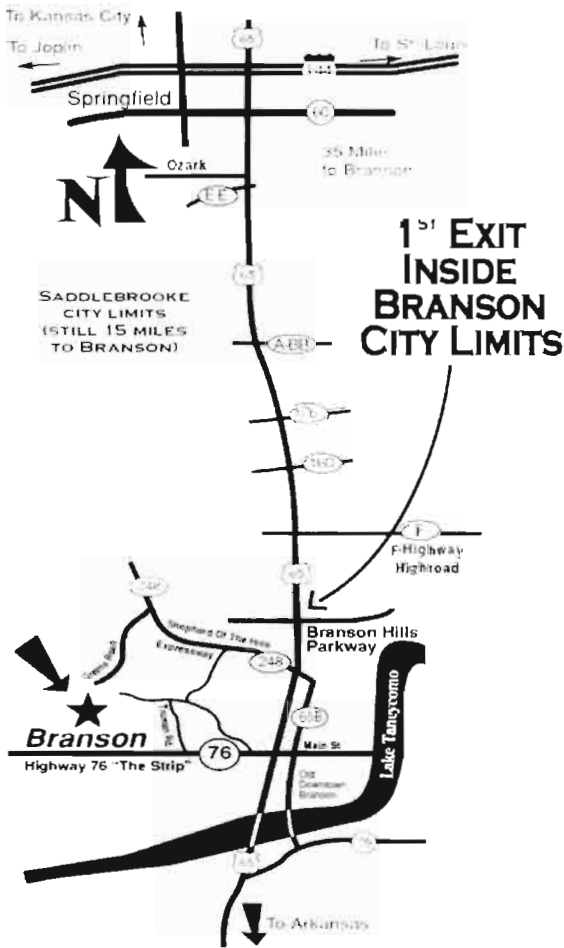
Frank Thelen  
LTJg 65-67

Richard,

Everytime I receive "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter it's like a Christmas present. I look in my 1968 Roan yearbook to see if there are faces I remember from the letters to you. I remember Richard Calabro and I send my condolences to him and his family. I also remember Brad York, his picture was missing from that yearbook but I remember him and hope he's doing better. I'm also proud I served in the Roan, it was a learning experience and I saw a lot of countries around the Med.

Thanks for the memories.

Tom E. Parker  
DC2 66-70



A message from  
**Dallas Rees**  
 on the  
 Ninth Reunion  
 in  
**Branson, MO.**  
**Radisson Hotel**  
**August 8-9-10,**

The Radisson Hotel, where we will be staying, has a "Wall of Heroes" that is a must see for everyone that has served in the military. Some of the photo's you will recognize, such as Eisenhower, McArthur, Nimitz, Halsey and some will bring tears to your eyes, such as kids who died in battle and it was later discovered that they were under age with some as young as 14 years old. All will make you proud to have served. I'm certain you'll all want to see this display and who knows; if you look really hard you just might find yourself along side these other hero's.

**Branson, MO - See you there.**



The hotel accommodations are terrific and just look at that pool!



Item #1  
**Embroidered Golf Type shirts**  
 (with pocket)  
 Blue/Gold Lettering  
 White/Blue Lettering  
 Tan/Brown Lettering  
 USS Charles H. Roan  
 DD-853

M/L/XL—\$26.50



Item #9  
**License Plate Holder**  
 with ships name  
 USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
 \$20.00



Item #6  
**Ball Cap**  
 White hat with grey ship and gold lettering  
 or  
 Blue hat with gold ship and lettering  
 with either  
**Before** 1961 silhouette  
 or  
**After** 1961 silhouette  
 both  
**\$15.00**  
 (please indicate hat color and silhouette preference)



Item #3  
**Tote Bag**  
 Royal Blue/Ash  
 Ships Logo  
 Pocket 14X17X5  
 \$12.00

# SHIP'S

Send all orders to:

Richard F. Souza  
 6396 Manassas Ct.  
 Pensacola, FL 32503-7530

\*ALL PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE -  
 Mostly by Priority Mail

\*except for item #7, Winter Jacket, the  
 shipping charge on that item is \$10.50



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Item #8  
**Ships Photos**  
 Approximately 8X10 Black and White  
 Pre-Fram before 1961 - 8a  
 After Fram 1961 - 8b  
 only a limited amount in stock Not Framed \$10.00

Qty	Item #	Description	Size	Color	Price/Each	Total
<b>Total of Order</b>						



Item #2

**Wind Breaker Jacket**

Navy Blue Embroidered with ship silhouette and ships name on back in Gold lettering

M/L/XL — \$48.50  
XXI/XXXL — \$50.50

NOTE: These jackets run **SMALL** so order accordingly.



(Back of jacket)



Item #7

**NEW ITEM - Winter Jacket.**

The same ones that the Blue Angels wear. Very sharp looking with the back Embroidered. A Patch/Crest (or both) and your name can be added to the front for additional cost (see add on items.)  
**Jackets are fitted at the waist so order accordingly.**

NOTE: Add \$10.50 to below prices for shipping.

M-L-XL	\$52.00
XXL	\$55.00
3X	\$58.00
4X	\$62.00
5x	\$66.00
6X	\$70.00
7X	\$74.00

# STORE



Item #4

**Golf Towel**

Dark Blue - Ships logo (limited amount left)  
\$12.00



Item #11

**Embroidered Sweat Shirt**

Birch color  
Blue Embroidery  
S-M-L-XL - \$20.00  
XXL - \$22.00  
XXXL - \$24.00



Item #10

**Flag Pin**

U.S. Flag with USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
Black Lettering- Gold Trim approximately 1" x 1"  
Great quality good looking pin with our ships name on it. **\$6.00**

ADD ON ITEMS for	
Item 2 - Wind Breaker Jacket or Item 7 - Winter Jacket	
Sew on your name 1 line (Specify how you want it.)	\$5.00
To sew on each Patch/Crest	\$3.00
Each Patch/Crest (item 4 or 5)	\$6.00



Item #5  
**Patches**

Right/Left Arm U.S. Ensign

- a. Right \$5.00
- b. Left \$4.50

c. U.S Navy Eblem - \$6.00

d. Ships Crest - \$6.50

e. Octopus Patch - \$6.50

(To sew on any of the above - \$5.00)

# “NOW HEAR THIS” ALL MEMBERS

As asked by Souza in “From The Signal Bridge” please take the time to fill out this roster update and mail it in the standard envelope provide. This is very important to the Association so we can update our roster. Many members have moved or have had their zip code or telephone number changed or changed e-mail addresses. This is for ALL MEMBERS, whether you think we have all your information or not.

Please print or write as clearly as possible. If you have seasonal homes include that information so that we can mail “The Jolly Cholly” to the proper address. Also include the time of year you’re in each location. Your zip + 4 is always a good idea to further help in our mailings. If you have a post office box, and want your mail sent there, let us know and include the post office box number.

We have also included a section for comments. We would like to hear from you.

**THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION SHIPMATE**

## Roster Update

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country / Territory \_\_\_\_\_

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(Most information that is missing from our records is from this area – Please help us update our files)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Rate and/or Rank while aboard the Roan \_\_\_\_\_

Years served aboard — From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Fiancée’s name \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:



# From After Diesel

There are a couple of things in this issue I would like to call your attention to. I'll start with Souza's "From the Signal Bridge." His suggestion about the prayer wheel is quite heartening. We're surely not getting any younger and a word of encouragement or a prayer when you or your spouse are ill or in a bad situation would most certainly help. He mentions three of our members who were affected by hurricane Katrina and I have added eight more from hurricane Rita (please forgive us if we left anybody out.) I'm sure they could use at the least, a prayer or word of encouragement. You may also want to include Richard and his wife Lorraine. Living in Pensacola they have repeatedly been battered by hurricane after hurricane.

This leads me to the following e-mail:

From: Richard Souza <souza6@cox.net>  
To: Joe Lambert <chief9bullie@earthlink.net>  
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2005  
Subject: Fw: Hospital

Our shipmate Raymond B. Larson MM3 61-65 needs your special thoughts and prayers. Your Shipmate Souza

— Original Message —

Friends

Please hold all mail, going in for a lung operation on the 14th Sept. They found some cancer in one lung and are going to try to remove it. I hope to be back soon, if not my life has been a great ride, having friends like you. So do what we do best keep me in your prayers.

Bruce

It would be nice if we offered a little prayer or gave a little thought to Ray (Bruce), especially those of us who served with Ray.

While gathering information on Captain Hart I contacted a Dr. Barry Friedman; M.D. Dr Friedman was the medical officer on the USS Russell in WWII and served with Captain Hart. I wanted to include what he said about Captain Hart. I believe this quote should not be for my eyes only.

"Dear Mr. Lambert,

Charlie Hart was exec on Russell during the time I served as medical officer. He was a bright, capable officer. If there is one word to describe Charlie it is "gentleman."

What a great eulogy, from a peer. To remember you from sixty years ago as being, "bright, capable and most of all a gentleman."

Two things, "Down Memory Lane" and "What Are They Doing Now." I'd like to keep these sections going, but I need your help. We were the Charles H. Roan. We made it come alive. And this is our Association. This newsletter should be about you. I need pieces for these two parts of the newsletter from YOU. We want to remember along with you but you have to supply the memory. Also "WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW." Share with your shipmates. They want to know how and what you're doing. We said good-bye such a long time ago, lets catch up. I want to thank Bob Cronin for sharing his cycling adventure's with us. How about you? What are you doing? Send along photo's, they go great with a piece. But please don't send a copy you made on a copy machine. They're almost impossible to reproduce in print. Either send the original (which I will return) or make a copy on a photo copy machine.

Last but not least, please help us with our roster update. See page 22.

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P.S. As of this printing Ray Larson is home and doing well.

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