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## OLD SAILORS

OLD SAILORS SIT AND CHEW THE FAT ABOUT THINGS THAT USED TO BE, OF THE THINGS THEY'VE SEEN, THE PLACES THEY'VE BEEN, WHEN THEY VENTURED OUT TO SEA.

THEY REMEMBERED FRIENDS FROM LONG AGO, THE TIMES THEY HAD BACK THEN. THE MONEY THEY SPENT, THE BEER THEY DRANK, IN THEIR DAYS AS SAILING MEN.

THEIR LIVES ARE LIVED IN DAYS GONE BY, WITH THOUGHTS THAT FOREVER LAST, OF BELL BOTTOM BLUES, WINGED WHITE HATS, AND GOOD TIMES IN THEIR PAST.

THEY RECALL LONG NIGHTS WITH A MOON SO BRIGHT FAR OUT ON A LONELY SEA, THE THOUGHTS THEY HAD AS YOUTHFUL LADS, WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE WILD AND FREE.

THEY KNEW SO WELL HOW THEIR HEARTS WOULD SWELL WHEN OLD GLORY FLUTTERED PROUD AND FREE. THE UNDERWAY PENNANT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT AS THEY PLOWED THROUGH AN ANGRY SEA.

THEY TALKED OF THE CHOW OL' COOKIE WOULD MAKE AND THE SHRILL OF THE BOSUN'S PIPE. HOW SALT SPRAY WOULD FALL LIKE SPARKS FROM HELL WHEN A STORM STRUCK IN THE NIGHT.

THEY REMEMBER OLD SHIPMATES ALREADY GONE WHO FOREVER HOLD A SPOT IN THEIR HEART, WHEN SAILORS WERE BOLD, AND FRIENDSHIPS WOULD HOLD, UNTIL DEATH RIPPED THEM APART.

THEY SPEAK OF NIGHTS SPENT IN A LOCAL PUB ON MANY A FOREIGN SHORE, OF THE BEER THEY'D DOWN AS GATHERING AROUND, TELLING STORIES OF SEAFARING LORE.

THEIR SAILING DAYS ARE GONE AWAY, NEVER AGAIN WILL THEY CROSS THE BROW. THEY HAVE NO REGRETS, THEY KNOW THEY ARE BLESSED, FOR HONORING A SACRED VOW.

THEIR NUMBERS GROW LESS WITH EACH PASSING DAY AS THE FINAL MUSTER BEGINS, THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE, ALL HAVE PAID DUES, AND THEY'LL SAIL WITH SHIPMATES AGAIN.

I'VE HEARD THEM SAY BEFORE GETTING UNDERWAY THAT THERE'S STILL SOME SAILING TO DO, THEY'LL SAY WITH A GRIN THAT THEIR SHIP HAS COME IN AND THE LORD IS COMMANDING THE CREW.

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Please remember these shipmates in your  
thoughts and prayers

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Roger Allbright	ETR3	64-66
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*May We Never Forget Our Departed  
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully  
and Gallantly*

### Taps

T.P. Connell	CO/CDR	59-61	02/99
George Churpek		66-67	07/05
Glenn Deneen	MM3	52-56	03/06
Lowell Gray	ET 1	62-65	
Ed Murphy			12/03
Donald Walters			09/05
Donald Wenzel	SO3	46-50	03/04
James F. Williams	MM1	51-55	03/06

### Two New Board Members

Please take notice of our two new board members representing that 70 to 73 era:  
Paul Dabbs FTG2 70-72 and David Hawkins STGSN 72-73. Welcome aboard guys.

## 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 edition of "The Jolly Cholly" costs us about \$1,000 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 in the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

**Thank you**

## From the Signal Bridge



Our 9th reunion in Branson, Mo was a huge success. Pat and Dallas Rees worked many long hours to give us all a reunion that will go down as one of our best if not the best ever. We can't say enough to Pat and Dallas for all their hard work in making this reunion an unforgettable one. Remarkably, we had 27

first time reunion members show up in Branson. We had approximately 100 shipmates and 115 guests (215 total) at the reunion. Our next reunion is scheduled for Charleston, SC area. John Quick has volunteered to take the helm for this reunion. If any of you in the Charleston area would like to assist John in this endeavor please do so. There is a lot of work to put these reunions on and to make them a success. There is a lot of running, negotiating, and many hours of personal time devoted to host a reunion. If a host has help, then some of these areas can be divided to assist him. Please let John know if you genuinely care to assist him for our next reunion.

About 15% of our 750 plus members returned their update form. Sadly, we had hoped that our request to update our records would be better. Most of you get our mailings and therefore believe we have all of your required information in our roster. The fact is we don't. It's in the following areas that we find the most information missing: rate/rank while aboard, the years served aboard, telephone number, 9 digit zip code, spouse/mate's name and correct e-mail address (many change this). You would be surprised at the amount of errors we have found in our roster. Sometimes it's spelling or numbers/letters missing. To make our roster official it has to be up to date and correct. **ONLY YOU CAN CORRECT AND UPDATE OUR ROSTER.** We need all of your help to do so.

I think one of the best attributes paid to our membership is that there is not a division of shipmates. We have proven time and time again that we are a FAMILY of shipmates. I have heard so many comments from shipmates that all socially accept them whether they served together or not. This can be credited all of you. We are one crew who served on one ship the "USS Charles H. Roan DD-853."

Some seventeen years ago, three shipmates got an idea. Ed Semcheski, Carl Wishart and myself agreed to look for and find the past crew and our shipmates from the Roan. What started as a notion became an obsession. With our credit cards in our pockets, (but never used) our first reunion in Fall River was a huge success and we never looked back. We grew with a lot of hard work by many people. I want to thank all of you because what we are today is the direct result of the goodwill of all of you, the crew of the USS CHARLES H. ROAN DD-853.

*Richard F Souza*

## Financial Report September 15, 2006

Last Financial Report March 10, 2006

Balance of Checking Account	\$20,094.88
Reserve Fund-Separate Account	700.00

### Expenditures

Post Office	311.30
Office Supplies	984.59
Small Stores	3,866.25
Newsletter/Printing	2,256.65
Telephone/Internet	525.00
Refund	212.00
Reunion Expenses	2,920.40
Stowage	661.95

Total Expenses	-11,738.14
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### Deposits

Donations, small store sales, etc.	5,475.50
Reunion **	5,818.81

Total Deposits	11,294.31
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Checking Account	20,094.88
Expenses	-11,738.14
Balance	8356.74
Deposits	11,294.31

Total balance	\$19,651.05
Reserve Fund	700.00

Total Assets including reserve fund 3/10/06	\$20,351.05
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\*\* Reunion deposits do not take into account that expenses were paid and noted as a line item under expenses but additional expenses for reunion are also included in other expense line items.

**Total reunion cost**  
**\$38,000**

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# Letters From Loved Ones

Dear Joe,

Please accept the enclosed check to the USS Charles H. Roan Association in memory of my husband Captain John L. Nuttall Jr. USN Ret. He commanded the USS Charles H. Roan from August 1957 to May 1959.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Nuttall, wife of:

John L. Nuttall CO/CDR 57-59

Mr. Souza,

Louis was a plankowner (is this the correct wording?) on the Charles H. Roan. We came to the reunion in St. Augustine several years ago and really enjoyed the fellowship. Every year we talked about coming to another one, but just didn't get around to it.

Louis retired from the Fulton County Sheriff's Department. Know that he cherished his days in the Navy.

He died just as he wanted; went to sleep and did not wake.

Thanks for letting me say this to you.

Dee (married 46 years)

Mrs Delores Gilman, wife of:

James L. Gilman GMSN 46-47

Mr. Souza,

It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the passing of Jim Williams on March 4, 2006. He had bad lungs due to asbestos damage. He had a peaceful death.

He was looking forward to maybe going to Branson this year. He did go to one other reunion and enjoyed it very much. He served in the Roan from 1950 to 1954. He loved his country and received full military honors at his funeral. I'm enclosing a small check to use as you wish.

Eileen C. Williams, wife of:

James F. Williams MM1 50-54

Mr. Souza,

This is to inform you that Lowell Gray passed away in Mesa AZ. on Nov. 7 2005. I am his sister and was here in Mesa ten days to visit him in the hospital before he passed away.

LaVerne Jaeger, sister of:

Lowell Gray ET1 62 - 65



# In Memory of Francis "Haley" Fisk

*Mrs. Pat Fisk donated about 18 porcelain teddy bears with a nautical theme, to the Association in memory of her late husband "Haley" Fisk, SN 51-54. At the reunion, names were pulled for the winners of the teddies at the "welcome aboard party." Below is a little correspondance about the teddies, a picture of one of the teddies (they were all differant)*

Dear Pat,

On behalf of the USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association I would like to thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness for your support and gifts to our Association in memory of your husband Francis H. Fisk. Although some of our shipmates have departed us, we shall never forget them.

All of us are in gratitude for your donation of the gifts toward our reunion. We will cherish them always. Our prayers and special thoughts are with you and your family.

Richard F. Souza

President

USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 Association

Pat & Dallas,

Thank you for the picture. Even though it was dark, I recognize, Charles Bowen and Joe Carlson.

I talked to Richard Souza an Monday 8/21/06 and he was surprised about the "Teddies."

Thank you again,

Pat Fisk, wife of

Francis "Haley" Fisk SN 51-54



# A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Conrad & Diane Degen  
Bobby Drummond  
Mel Griffith  
John & Elinore Griggs  
Arthur & Linda Hammell  
Mrs Beverly Hart  
Charles & Ann Herndon

William Lodi  
Robert & Valerie Maier  
Steve & Margret Mondul  
William & Gisela Morrison  
Oscar & Shirley Squire  
Bill Varner  
David & Mareia Williams

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## JUST A LITTLE TEST

Do you think you can recognize somebody from 40+ years ago? Here's two photos of shipmates who served in the Roan from the early to mid 60's. Answer on page 22.

#1



#2



## Flags and Signals

Richard,

Will be unable to make Branson this year but keep me posted through the newsletter. I still have Joe Lambert's request for a profile of the past CO's. So I'll be working on that. However, there are so many much more deserving CO's due this honor. I look forward to reading about the past CO's, hopefully Charlie Poreda has submitted his, he was a super CO and so down to earth. Have a great reunion and I look forward to 2008.

Sincerely,

David Micalchuck CO/LCDR 72-73

Richard,

I will not attend the reunion. Thank you for the invitation. Best wishes for a "spirited" "Jolly Cholly" reunion.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Nuttall, wife of:

John L. Nuttall CO/CDR 57-59

Richard,

Thanks for the newsletter. I hope to see you all in Branson in August. I have enclosed a check for the kitty. Keep "The Jolly Cholly" coming,

Best to all,

Tom Hoffman RDC 62-64

Hello Dallas,

This is Albert "Choppy" Powers BMC, USN retired. It is with a sad heart that I must tell you I will not be able to attend the reunion, because my health is bad. I'll be eighty-five on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Also my wife of 53 years died Oct. 11, 2005. Dorothy L. Powers. I buried her next to her mother in Deltona, FL.

Say hello to all my friends and shipmates on the Charles H. Roan, DD-853 for me and have a happy reunion. I'm sending you \$100 for your operating funds.

Bless you all,

Albert "Choppy" Powers BMC 56-58

Richard,

Enclosed is a check for the Association's fund. I also want to thank you for the time and work you have given to the Association. I hope to see everyone at the reunion in Branson, that's if the back holds up.

Jesse Fugate SO2 52-55

Hello Richard,

Due to health issues I will not be able to attend the reunion this year. I was really looking forward to it, but I'm currently in dialysis for bad kidneys. I have dialysis three times per week. Maybe by the next reunion, I will have a kidney replacement.

Attached is a check for \$100 for the association. Keep up the good work. Say hello to Louie, Marty and others for me. Enjoy the reunion and toast one for me.

Your shipmate,

Ed Nunes RD2 63-66

Richard & Lorraine,

Enclosed please find two checks, \$100 for the Association and \$20 for a license plate holder. Thinking of you both. Thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Charles & Ann Herndon SN 60-63

"Tiny & Miss Tiny"

Richard,

Since I can't come to this reunion, here's a little something for "The Jolly Cholly". Thanks for the memories.

Tom Parker DC2 66-70

Hi Richard,

I enjoyed receiving "The Jolly Cholly". We can't make Branson this year because we are expecting our second great-grand child in August. A check is enclosed for "The Jolly Cholly".

Your shipmate,

Howard Haight SN 59-60

Hi Richard,

Here's a check to help out with mailing cost for "The Jolly Cholly". Also enclosing the ticket for a chance in the name of C. H. Roan. Hope the Association will win the big one. The odds are a little better than our Florida lottery. Hope we both miss out on the looming hurricane season.

Take care,

Frank Thurlow EM2 56-58

Dear Dallas,

Regretfully I've been forced to cancel my Branson reservations. Resurgence of the big "C" plus the accompanying chemo has put a lid on any travel. Best wishes for a great reunion. I've enclosed a donation for the Association.

Sincerely,

Dick Wright LT 51-53

Richard,

Thanks again for another great "Jolly Cholly." Here's my check to help keep the publication coming. We all have our own memories of serving aboard Roan. I will never forget the time during a Med cruise in 1967 when the evaps broke down. I believe we were on station near Egypt and Israel, and couldn't leave our position. We only had enough fresh water for cooking and drinking. That lasted 31 days. Today, I truly do appreciate my daily showers and laundered clothes. Captain Ward, remember? By the way another friend from Roan MMFN David Snobeck served aboard from 1965 to 1967. He volunteered to serve in Viet Nam in order to make fresh water on the Mekong Delta. He was handed a rifle and never saw the ship. David still lives in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Thanks again, and look forward to the next issue.

Ron NaSal YN3 66-67

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## Flags and Signals

Rich,

I can't make this reunion. I'm looking forward to the next time.

Regards,

John Wirdemann DK2 57-59

Richard,

As I told you earlier, I wish I had looked on the Internet for my fellow shipmates years earlier. I don't know why I didn't think of it sooner. But all is not lost since I have found the website.

I regret that I cannot make the reunion this year in Branson, MO. I have already made plans for vacation at that time. Hopefully I can attend the next one wherever that may be. I look forward to renewing old acquaintances. I will look and see if I have any old pictures that I can get recopied and forward them to you.

Enclosed please find my check for a shirt and a little extra to help out with "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter.

Thank you,

George Shea BMSN 63-65

Richard,

Here is my roster update and a small donation. See you at the reunion.

Frankie Hopkins GMGSN 60-63

Richard,

Enjoyed the new issue of "The Jolly Cholly". I'm sending a check to help with the expenses. I look forward to each issue. Thanks for the great job you do.

John Byrd MM3 66-69

Richard,

Here's a little something for the kitty.

Tony Hudalla LTjg 59-62

Dear Richard,

Thanks for the invitation. I am looking into the possibility of making rendezvous with the Roan alumni in August. Please forward to me — again — the info about dates/places, etc.

I appreciate all of the work you have done through the years to keep the Roan Association alive and well. Thank you!

I officially retired on May 1, 2006 and am now living in a parish in Youngstown, Ohio (St. Luke). I 'cover' for the pastor whenever he is away — like now: he is in Italy for 3 weeks.

I can hardly believe that I left the Roan 46 years ago! I saw Don Plapp in Feb. and noticed he is a bit grayer than when I last saw him. But then, aren't we all!!!

Hoping to hear from you soon — and see you in August.

Dick Brobst LTjg 57-60

Rich,

Here is something for the kitty. Keep up the good work.

Bob Taylor SFP2 57-59

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is my donation to the Roan reunion of 2006. I will not be able to attend, however I will be there in spirit with all my shipmates.

Respectfully,

Richard Calabro EN3 66-68

Richard,

Enclosed is a donation to help with the publication of the "The Jolly Cholly"

Looking forward to Branson, MO.

Bob Horak MR2 57-61

Richard,

Thank you for the newsletter. Here is my donation for the next one.

Donald R. Miller QMSN 47-48

Dear Richard,

Thanks again for all that you do. I just received the spring issue of "The Jolly Cholly" and enjoyed it very much as usual. It was especially interesting to read the letter from Hank Emmerling. The picture of him in the stocks at the equator crossing was my contribution and I even have some of the same pictures of the torpedo firing and the whaleboat retrievals.

Enclosed is my check for the Ships Store item and a donation to the "Cause". Also, my completed roster update in case I haven't done it before. I do intend to relocate from Long Island to the Hilton Head area of South Carolina sometime within the next few months so I will probably be sending you a new one at that time.

Thanks again,

Bob Hedrick MM3 54-55

Dear Richard,

I was hoping I could make the reunion this year, but this old body has other ideas. However, here are a few dollars for the printing.

Charles Stevens MMFN 52-53

Hi Rich,

I just got the newsletter today and it was great as usual. Keep up the great work you and the others do for us. Enclosed is my roster update and something for the kitty. I'm sending my check to Dallas Rees today for the reunion. I've already made my reservations. Take care and I'll see you in Branson.

Your shipmate,

Bob Crisci RD2 60-63

Hi Richard,

There have been lots of "Flags & Signals" from shipmates, with very good stories to check out. Enclosing a check to help out in keeping up with our Roan shipmates. Keep up the good work.

John Griggs TMSN 51-52



## Flags and Signals

Hi Richard,

Enclosed is a small amount for the association. I hate to say this but I may miss my first reunion due to schools starting the first week in August. I drive the school bus for something to do.

Charlie Zumbrun IC3 54-56

Dear Richard,

It is clean-out time in the basement, and to my surprise and delight, up popped Operation Success': A Picture Story of the U.S. Roan (DD-853~ On Her European cruise 1952.) The book, mostly a collection of photographs taken by various crewmembers during the Mediterranean cruise (August 1952 - February 1953), also includes little jewels such as Joe Carlson's "Ramblin' Roan" (enclosed). Since you seem eager to establish names and dates, I also enclose copies of the roster pages. These are the men and the times that contributed so much to the history (and in some cases the myth) of the Roan.

The Cruise Book brings up a question. They haven't made any more Roan sailors since 1973 (unless you expand the definition to include sailors who served on the MFezvi Qakmak (D-351). which is what the Roan was renamed after transfer to Turkey). Those who sailed the Roan are aging - every issue of "The Jolly Cholly" chronicles the passing of a few more - and eventually, the line will die out. The question is - what to do with the memorabilia that has been gathering dust in attics and basements for the last 30-50 years? There is a temptation to ship off things like the Cruise Book to the Roan Association (i.e., Richard Souza) who I am sure would take good care of it. But as one recent letter in "Mail Bag" points out, the Association itself has limited life expectancy. Sooner or later there simply won't be any Roan sailors left to treasure the mementos and stories. What should be done with them? Surely the few things I have, and what must be a substantial collection among the collective remaining crew have value. Is there any way we could establish a separate C. H. Roan collection in a permanent archives, perhaps, The National Association of Destroyer Veterans (Tin Can Sailors) or the Naval Institute? Any suggestions?

Gene C. Wilken LTjg 52-55

Richard,

Here's a little donation to keep our Association going. Thanks for renewing my good times on the Roan.

William Morrison MM3 62-65

Hi Richard,

Here's a contribution of \$100 to help fund the Association. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Ralph Annechino IC2 60-63

Hello Richard,

Enclosed is something for the Association. Sorry I have been so lax.

Walter Crawford SN 51-55

AHOY SIGS...

Just got the latest edition of the best newsletter published anywhere and thoroughly enjoyed reading it. Don't think I'll be able to get to the reunion since the school board here in Brunswick has decided to extend the school year by cutting the summer vacation short. We will probably be back in class by the first Monday in August.

Hope all is well with you and yours. Have a blast at the reunion. Maybe these people who run our schools will come to their senses by next reunion

Enclosing a check to help with expenses. Keep up the good work.

Bob Lee RDC 63-67

Dear Joe,

I wanted to let you know I served in the Roan from 1971 to 1973 as a CS2 "stew burner." We made a world cruise from April 1972 to October 1972 and hit about 20 ports. I went to a reunion in St. Augustine a while back, but there were no crewmembers from that time period attending. I would love to hear from some of my fellow shipmates that were aboard from "71" to "73."

Take care,

Ken Sherow CS2 71-73

Richard,

Enjoyed the newsletter, especially seeing the names of several shipmates like Bobby Drummond who I went through Boot Camp with (Do-Dr, get it) and were posted together on the Jolly Cholly.

Hope the enclosed helps.

Jack Doyle FN 51-54

Rich,

I have enclosed two checks. One is for merchandise and the other is a donation.

See you at the reunion.

Artie Hammell BT2 62-64

Dear Dallas,

I will have to decline this invitation to the reunion due to physical conditions, you see I am eighty-seven years young and my legs are not reliable. I am sure I would enjoy the reunion, as I have not been to Branson. I'm sure this reunion will be enjoyable by all, but I just do not travel anymore.

I came aboard the Roan in the spring of 1949 in time to make the Med. Cruise that year. I left the ship after five years. She was a good ship and a good bunch. If any are around now that served at that time, it was all with my pleasure.

Oscar Carter TM1 49-54

Dear Richard,

I really enjoy the newsletter. Enclosed is a check to help with expenses.

Regards,

Steve Montgomery LT 56-58

Dear Shipmates, Spouses and Guests,

Pat and Dallas Rees wish to express our sincere thanks to those that attended our 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Charles H. Roan reunion in Branson, Missouri.

Although we didn't have great numbers, we had good numbers, and on a positive note we had 27 new shipmates who were at their first reunion. Hopefully we did our job well enough to bring them back many, many more times, and maybe they will bring new shipmates with them at future reunions.

We hope everyone enjoyed the tours and shows that we offered, and especially the camaraderie at the hotel; and if we offended anyone we are truly sorry. We didn't mean to.

Thanks to David Hawkins for all his help. We would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Patricia Fisk for her very special gifts of "Teddies In The Navy," donated in memory of her husband, SHIPMATE PAT FISK. We also wish to thank Richard Souza and Joe Lambert (our two dear friends) without whose help we could not have pulled it all off.

God willing, we will see you all in two years at our 10th reunion; but if forever should end today, and there's no tomorrow for us, what a day yesterday was!

Pat and Dallas Rees



*Dear Pat and Dallas,*

*Thanks,*

*For The*

*Memories,*

# DATE LINE: BRANSON, MISSOURI 7 AUGUST 2006

by John Quick BM3 58-61

The arrival of 99 crewmembers of the USS C.H.ROAN and their families, at the Raddison Hotel, in beautiful downtown Branson, was flawless. Under the watchful eyes of Dallas and Pat Rees, the host coordinators of this Reunion, these early moments just set the standard for the entire event.

What a job they did.



With expert efficiency Dallas and Pat and the helpers manned the Hospitality Room and in no time we had name badges, tickets to shows, and the event schedule. A look around the room brought memories flooding back to this old deckhand. There was memorabilia and photo albums from our bygone times filled with faces of men who changed our lives. Many who are no longer with us but who will always be a part of our history and in our heart's.

I made arrangements to preview the golf accommodations for the next morning and explored the awesome Veterans Museum on the lower level of the hotel. We were all in for a surprise. The Jolly Cholly now has our own spot in the museum. We also discovered "The Tall Story Lounge." Just a cozy pub with a few tables and chairs tucked away across from the Cafe and the elevator lobby. The memories were warm and the stories were lofty. More than once during the reunion you needed waders to get to the elevators.

The evening of the 8th was the

"Welcome Aboard Dinner" and a gathering of some old buddies, some not seen in 50 years. The down home cooking was good, the conversations were better and the years melted away as the evening edged toward a new day.

The morning of the 9th and "The Ironmen" of the Roan assemble at the Thousand Hills Golf Course where the Biathlon commences. A few of us had played the day before and we already knew that you had to be part Billy goat to play "The Hills." A good time was had by all; and the photographer captured us hardy folks as we hit the ball, climbed a hill, drank some water, hit the ball, climbed mountain, and for 18 holes we did this!!! That's why they call us IRONMEN!!! After a long hot shower and recovery time from our ordeal we met with those less hardy who had been off at the Branson Military Museum, a fabulous tribute to our men and women of the Armed Forces past and present; the



Fish Hatchery (Kim was so absorbed in the film she almost missed the last bus) and a stop at the tasty Fruit and Nut Factory. Wow! and that was just the mornings activities!!!



A fun filled afternoon was up next and the Branson Queen was the place! Four buses took us all to the launching area where we held our memorial service, assisted by the "Branson Queen" herself. Once on board the Riverboat we were in for a fabulous dinner show and during the show a member of the crew showed his star power (AA-YUH!) on center stage. Just imagine from FT to actor. We didn't know you had it in you Linc. Song, dance and laughter with Todd Oliver and his talking dogs, plus more of that good cooking.

The return found more reminiscing, swimming and planning for the 10th. By the way Chief Souza has a traveling Jolly Cholly store. I understand he opens the trunk at the supermarket while Mrs. Sousa shops. You can also order on-line. Just go to the website ([www.charleshroan.org](http://www.charleshroan.org))



The morning of the 10th dawned with portents of another hot day. Our 4 buses were there early to again transport us to the day's events. The bus drivers kept us well informed about the local area and give us historical tidbits on the growth of this wonderful town. They were good-natured and found all the back ways to transport us around the traffic jam named Main

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Street. The morning show was Doug Gabriel, wife Cheryl, two talented sons and his brother. Entertainment and more laughter and we know why he has been Branson's entertainer of the year more than once! A walk to lunch at the Dutton Deli and then to the Dutton Theater where mega family (mom, dad, 7 siblings, 2 daughters-in-law, 16 grandchildren (plus 2 on the way) fiddled and sang and danced their way into our hearts. They ran the deli, the concessions, the theater plus the show was great entertainment. Many of us returned with recorded "bargains."



went hungry) music, dancing (some had to be prodded, some like "The Temptations" needed no coaxing) and entertainment. As many drifted away others stayed to extend the few precious moments with long lost amigos until it was time to sleep and finish packing.



The final evening was at hand and the omnipresent photographer was waiting to snap our "formal" photos for the Reunion Book. So we gussied up (we do clean up well) and set out for the final hours of this reunion. With the events of the week on board for all to see we pondered which photos to purchase so we could recall our days together. The finale was wonderful. Sumptuous amounts of food (no one



Friday was Fare and Following Seas Day. Checkout was painless and the hotel staff most accommodating with our last minute needs. We had all traveled to this place to share the life of the USS C. H. Roan and her crew's, some drove 1500 miles to be a part of the festivities. God Bless each and

every one. We left with new memories and hopefully a bit of incentive to locate more of the crew for the next Reunion in 2008. The event returns to the East Coast in 2008.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA WILL BE THE SITE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CREW OF THE JOLLY CHOLLY 1946 TO 1978. John and Kim Quick will be the "Host Coordinators". We met there 14 years ago and there have been many changes to the area. The 1929 bridge once meant for Model T Fords to cross the Cooper River had been replaced by the beautiful new Ravenel Bridge. There is a 3 mile walking/bike path from Charleston to Mount Pleasant. The area is booming but still has that Old Southern Charm and we hope to make the event a feast for your eyes (the beauty of the area), ears (the sweet music of the local entertainers) and your palette (the good Southern cuisine). The particulars will follow as soon as they become available. I do hope that Kim and I can do the planning and execution nearly as well as DALLAS AND PAT, but then I know that we can and will have a successful Reunion in 2008.

I'd like feedback on the photographer as we would like to book in advance before too long. Thank you. QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? SPECIAL INTERESTS? Let us know at JQUICK65@HOTMAIL.COM



# Dear Shipmates,

USS C. H Roan Reunion Branson 2006 WOW!!! What can I say; this was a great reunion. Dallas and Pat Rees have worked very hard to make this endeavor a huge success. Every event was outstanding. The show and dinner aboard the Branson Belle, was top shelf. Before boarding the Branson Belle, who was not moved when we gathered at the gazebo, Amazing Grace and God Bless America was sung and we said the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by our National Anthem, and then taps was sounded. The show aboard the Branson Belle was a high-energy fast moving event. This was followed by Todd Oliver the Ventriloquist and his Funny Dogs. I think we all were rolling in the aisle, as this was a very funny show. We saw the Dutton Family and I don't ever remember seeing a more talented family, they were just great.

I wish to thank Dallas and Pat Rees for a great reunion and must say you guys have set the bar quite high for the next reunion. Bravo Zulu.

Branson is a wonderful place to hold a reunion and the people are really glad to see you. I know we were spending money, so why shouldn't they be happy to see us. They went out of their way to make us feel welcome and the entire time we spent there I heard not one rude word. The traffic was bumper to bumper, but they would stop and let you in line or stop and let you turn in either direction. So much for that, now getting to the reunion.

If you have not attended a ship's reunion you are missing a wonderful part of your Navy life. A reunion is the extension of your career whether it is two years or twenty years. I was so fortunate this time as I was reunited with five shipmates for the first time in 42 years. The way things were for me the anticipation of seeing old shipmates had the adrenaline flowing. Then you see them for the first time and you go back in time. There's Marty O'Hara my first friend and shipmate,

RDC Tom Hoffman the best cumshaw artist in the Navy. Vic Lattanzio didn't get to know him too well, but nonetheless a memorable shipmate. Mike Muncy and John Molstad they tried to teach me bridge, but it didn't take. Sorry guys. It is a wonderful time when you get together and start telling the sea stories and the memories come back to you fast and furious, what a momentous time. This is not something I will ever forget nor will I ever forget the shipmates I've served with. They will always be part of my life.

The time comes that all good things must come to an end.

Emotionally you are very sad, but you look forward to the next time when we can all get together again. GOD willing.

I must mention that there were 27 first time attendees at this reunion; this is unprecedented. We must extend a "Job Well Done" to Sousa and all the Staff.

Another person who deserves a BZ is Joe Lambert, our editor of "The Jolly Cholly." Joe works hard and needs us to do a simple thing, which will help him out tremendously. Remember when you get your newsletter and inside there is a form so you can update your personal information. Some of

us are guilty of ignoring these. Please, even if you know the info is correct, fill it out and send it to Joe. I am the worst offender of this and I shall correct that situation soon. Remember, the more correct info Joe has, the better he is able to do his time-consuming job. If you change your address please let Joe know.

We have a great organization, but not by accident. It has taken a lot of hard tenacious work headed by our President Souza and his Staff.

Hoping for smooth sailing and following seas.

Your shipmate,

Ed "Louie" Loudenslager  
RD2 62-65



# REUNION 2006

## FLAGS AND SIGNALS

Pat & Dallas,

Everyone has commented at what a job you two have done. You both can be credited with securing our future by putting on an outstanding reunion. When we have these successes it makes our Association grow. So, don't think for one minute that all didn't appreciate it. BRAVO ZULU to you both. I know what work is involved. The worry, the countless checks and rechecks. From the bottom of my heart I truly appreciate the efforts of both of you. This will go down as one of the best, if not the best. You can be proud that this will be talked about for years to come.

Your shipmate,  
Souza



Richard,

My wife and I want to thank you for arranging the Reunion. We had a very nice time. Everything was great. There just was not enough time to see and do what we wanted, in addition to what was in your schedule, so it looks like there may be another trip for us in the future.

Your Shipmate,  
Dan Horniacek IC3 59-61

Dan,

Thank you, I will relay your comments to Dallas and Pat. Dallas tried to encourage everyone to set aside a few extra days for the purpose you mentioned. We always like to hear from our shipmates as it encourages us to continue to go on. Without the support of our shipmates we would not be able to continue. Thanks to all of you who make our reunions possible. Hopefully, we will see you at all our future reunions.

Your shipmate,  
Souza

Dear Joe,

I've just returned from my first reunion in Branson, Missouri and wanted to tell you what a great experience it was. Dallas and Pat Rees did an excellent job of organizing and executing what I believe was the longest reunion yet. It was a busy three days of shows, museums, golfing and plenty of time to sit around and reminisce with old friends and create new friendships with all of our shipmates. We had attendees from all over the country representing the Roan from 1946 to 1973, when it was decommissioned. There were twenty-seven new attendees, and we were all treated like old friends. By the end of the first day I felt like I had known these people my whole life. Paul Dabbs brought his scrapbook, as many others did, too. He and I looked at the photos and identified many of the Roan men from 1971-1973 and wished that they too had attended this reunion. There are so many stories that need to be told from the era and it's just a matter of getting the Roan men to come to the next reunion, which will be held in Charleston, South Carolina in 2008. The clock is ticking, and we need to get our shipmates to start planning ahead of time. I don't think they want to miss the next reunion. As Paul Dabbs and I went through his scrapbook, the memories came flooding back to me. I remember all the guys from the Sonar Gang; and A-S Div : Robert, (Injun) Cothran, Steve (Flea) Hartz, Vic Jurevis, Al Jordon, Dave Vrazel, Dave Sears, Chris Kenny, Abe Shapiro, Charles (Eddie) Edmondson, etc. I think of these guys often and wonder what they're doing now. We've all lived a lifetime since we left the Roan, and I'm curious as to what has become of these guys who were such a big part of my life at that time. The other day I was buying a new CD "Los Lobos" and I remembered Injun telling me about his grandmother's collection of Mexican music, which included Ruben La Starza, and his All Starz at the Nogales Pop Fiesta. It made me laugh as hard as I did the first time he told me that. I wonder if Flea Hartz can remember the rules to the card game of "hate" that we spent hundreds of hours playing. It's not just the enlisted men we need. I remember the officers and Chiefs, too. We all looked up to them for guidance and inspiration. How many of the Roan men went on to have a career in the Navy because of the encouragement and support given by them? Dabbs and I are dedicating ourselves to locating all the old shipmates, and we could use the help of the current members to pass along to us the name and information they may have of old shipmates. We will follow up and make contact. Please publish our email and snail mail addresses with this. It's time to go now. I'm writing a Thank You card to Dallas and Pat Rees to thank them for everything they did to make my first reunion a memorable experience.

Thanks again,  
David Hawkins STGSN 72-73

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Hi Rich,

We had a wonderful time at the reunion. Pat and Dallas did a fantastic job of putting it together. It was great to see you again. I wish Ray Ward and Tom Van Petten could have made it.

I'm putting together a new Web page on the reunion, and would like to include how many attended and how many first timers we had.

Can you e-mail me a soft copy of the roster that you handed out? I'm going to enhance the roster behind the scenes. However, only the name, rate, years, and e-mail address will still appear on Web site.

Also, will we be selling coffee mugs? If so, how much?

Your shipmate,

Ron Lucchesi FTG3 66-68

Dalles,

Just a note to say, thank you for doing such a great job on the reunion. I know that you must be glad it is over. It was a great feeling to see how well organized the both of you were. Whenever someone looked around, one of you were there to answer thier question. Betty and myself really thought that Pat was having the time of her life, she was so pleasant all the time (you were also.) I did not hear a bad comment from anyone. Again, you must be glad it is over, thanks for a job well done.

Bob and Betty Hansen TE3 56-59

Ron,

This is Ron (good name). Sandy and I enjoyed the reunion and plan on the 2008 one. Upon my arrival in Texas, John Kimberling RD3 (Drummer in band) sent me an email, then phone calls. He plans on attending 2008.

I really appreciate the hard work you have done on the Internet and was thrilled to see you and your wife. What a nice time. I did a people search for Roger (Shorty) Leblanc TM3 (Lead guitar in the Roan Band). I found him in Nashville, TN. He mailed me all kinds of pictures of shipmates and the Roan. I'm making a DVD slide show with the cruise books and pictures. Shorty plans on the 2008 Reunion. He asked me to search for Roger Smith. We located him. We are presently looking for Richard E Moore MM3 (Rhythm guitar). Stan Dolsky BTFN (singer)  
Thanks Guys for a job well done!

Ron and Sandra Glover IC3 65-67

Hi Dallas & Pat,

My wife and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" for everything you provided for us in Branson. We had a great time. I know we said thanks in the restaurant that throws the rolls, but I felt we needed to say it once more. See you both in Charleston.

Your shipmate,

Jay Dalton IC3 57 - 60

Dear Pat & Dallas,

This is just a quick note to thank the both of you. The amazing work (and the amount of it) you did to make the Roan reunion such a success was outstanding. It was our first reunion, but hopefully not the last. Your attention to the millions of details was amazing. You planned activities all could enjoy and things happened on time. It was great and we sincerely thank both of you all your efforts.

Good health to one and all,

Bill and Ginny Gish SM3 68



Hey Richard,

I believe a Navy "Well Done" should be extended to Dallas and Pat Rees for the time and effort they both put into making this reunion a success. My wife Jane was so impressed that she is already making plans for both of us to attend the upcoming 10th reunion at Charleston S.C. Have a great day.

Your friend and shipmate,

Frank Manasseri RM2 61-64



Dallas and Patty,

We appreciated the hard work and effort you folks put into the Branson Reunion. We were entertained thoroughly the entire three days. The hotel was excellent and the boat ride/dinner/show was our favorite. I attached a letter that I sent to Ron Lucchesi.

Ron and Sandra Glover IC3 65-67



Dear Pat & Dallas,

I just wanted to write and thank you again for a good time. Everything went off perfectly and everyone had a good time. We all could tell how much time and effort you put into the reunion and it really paid off. Hope to see you at the next one.

David Hawkins STGSN 72-73

Hi Dick & Dallas,

I know you guys had a great time at the reunion, and I'm sorry I couldn't attend. Let me know who was there and how it went. My lady friend Maureen is still in the hospital, but as of today is doing much better. We hope she's released sometime this week. I know that God willing, I'll be at the next reunion with bells on. I wasn't expecting a refund of my reunion fee, I hope that I didn't cause you any problems with that. Well, I got to go, and I'll be talking to you. Thanks again and take care.

Your shipmate,

Bob Crisci RD2 60-63



Dear Pat & Dallas,

Thank you for making our trip one of a lifetime joy. Thank you for all your hard work. We hope to see you in 2008. May the Lord keep you safe.

Prayers and best wishes,

Richard & Viola Hudson SH3 58-61

Pat & Dallas,

Because of the two of you our reunion was a "Great Success." What can we say except a very big "THANK YOU."

Your shipmate,

Vic & Flo Lattanzio RD2 62-63

Dear Pat & Dallas,

Thank you both so much for putting on an outstanding Roan reunion. You both did it with such ease. You both paid attention to each and everyone of the attendees to be sure their every need was met.

We've always wanted to go to Branson, so this was a great opportunity for us. We also got to socialize with so many wonderful people. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Art & Marilyn Marsh RD1 51-55

Pat & Dallas,

Thanks for all your hard work on the reunion. Had a great time.

Don Lincoln FT2 57-60



Hi Dallas,

We had a wonderful time at the reunion. You and Pat did an outstanding job. I especially liked the veteran's salute at the Showboat Branson Belle. I'm putting together a reunion follow-up page for our web site. I'm going to include attendance statistics and information on how to purchase a reunion booklet from Rainbow publishers.

Thanks again for a great reunion,

Ron Lucchesi FTG3 66-68

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Joe,

Rich gave this white hat to Dalles when he made chief. Dalles returned it at the reunion some forty years later. That's a long time to keep anything.

Bob Hansen TE3 56-59



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Dan Horniacek IC3 59-61

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Your shipmate,

Souza

Hi Dallas & Pat,

What a great job on the reunion. It was one of the better ones. I guess you both are happy that it's over, now you both can wind down. -BRAVO ZULU-

Dallas, it was so good to see you again, as I have said, I thought about you and wondered what happened to you. I'm so glad that you're OK. I have to think Pat is the one responsible for keeping you on the straight and narrow; good girl.

So anyway, Sally and I have decided to name our next baby after both of you, Dallas-Pat if it's a boy, Pat-Dallas if it's a girl. That's the least one shipmate can do for another. You both take care.

Your shipmate,

Ed Semcheski RM2 61-64

Joe:

The reunion was great and I believe enjoyed by all. If I can assist you in locating the members who get lost let me know.

Ray Howe FTG3 66-68

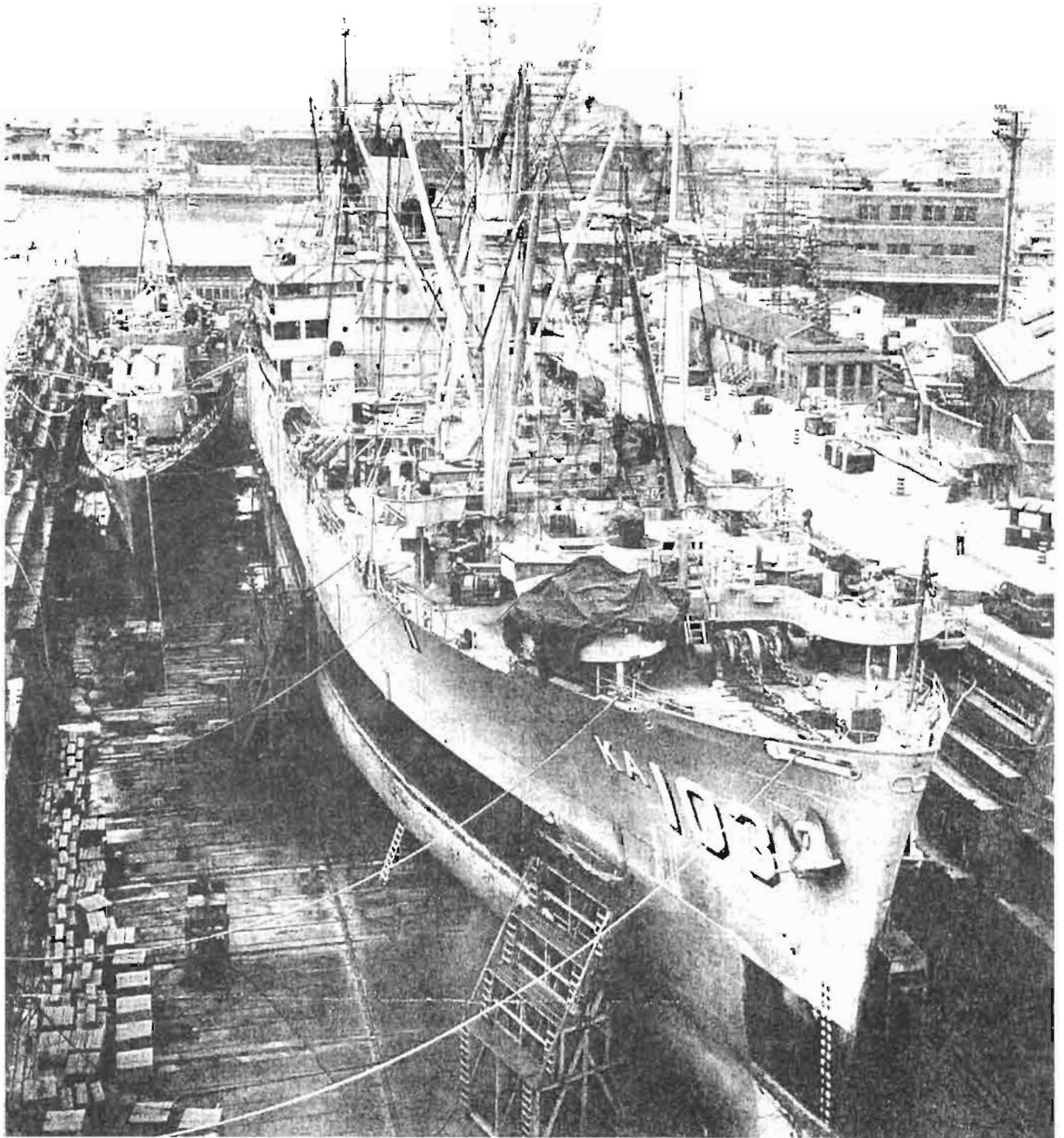
# Now onto Charleston, SC in "08"

# SO WHO DID YOU MISS BY NOT BEING AT THIS REUNION?

Gordon Anthony	YN3	62/64	Edward Loudenslarger	RD2	62/65
Raymond Boggi	SN	50/54	Joseph Lovas	EN2	58/61
Charles Bowen	BM2	48/54	Ron Lucchesi	FTG3	66/68
Billy Burgess	S03	47/79	Francis McColl	MM2	62/64
Donald Burton	MM3	48/50	James McCurley	EM3	63/66
Roy Byle	FT1	51/56	Frank Manasseri	RM2	61/64
Joe Carlson	S02	49/53	Peter Mariano	SN	65/68
Richard Cherry	SN	47/50	Arthur Marsh	RD1	51/55
Joe R. Conti	RD3	51/55	Robert Marshall	LT	59/61
John Cook Jr.	BT3	65/67	Charles Medlar	BM3	66/70
Robert Cronan	FT2	59/60	John Molstad	RDSN	63/64
Paul Dabbs	FTG2	70/72	George Morton	SH3	48/52
Jay Dalton	IC3	57/60	LaVern Mueller	BT2	60/63
Jack Damonte	CS3	52/56	Michael Muncy	RDSN	63/64
Bob Davis	TESN	48/52	Kenneth Murphy	MM3	65/69
Tony DeNiro	SN	58/60	Marty O'Hara	RD2	61/64
Winston Dowland	DC3	61/62	Larry Oppel	EM3	64/66
Bob Drummond	BM3	50/56	Douglas Pokorney	BT2	62/64
Ralph Eccleston	MM2	54/57	John Quick Jr.	BM3	58/61
Donald Etling	GM3	48/52	Ralph Rankin	FTGSN	65/67
Leonard Fanning Jr.	SN	67/71	Dallas Rees	QM2	59/64
Bill Fillinger	EM3	59/61	Ronald Robertson	MM3	64/66
Jesse Fugate	S02	52/55	Rene Savoie	SH3	59/64
Darrell Gardner	YN3	56/58	Kenneth Schmitt	RM3	64/66
William Gish	SMSN	68	Gerald Sears	GM3	62/65
Ron Glover	IC3	65/67	Edward Semcheski	RM2	61/64
Wilford Golding	IC3	58/60	Edwin Siebert	EM2	57
Roe Goldsmith	BMSN	51/54	William Sinko	SH3	53/56
Arthur Hammell	BT2	62/64	Robert Sipka	GMC	65/67
Robert Hansen	TE3	56/59	John Skaaland	FT3	62/65
David Hawkins	STGSN	72/73	Ken Sloan	BT3	61/64
Thomas Hoffman	RDC	62/64	Richard Souza	SMC	58/66
Frankie Hopkins	GMGSN	60/63	Paul Solis Jr.	SM3	57/59
Robert Horak	MR2	57/61	Morris Strickland	MM3	53/57
Daniel Horniacek	IC3	59/61	Howard Stulbaum	GMSN	59/60
Ersel Howe	FTG3	66/68	Walter Swanson	MR2	62/65
Richard Hudson	SH3	58/61	Walter Tressler	EM2	57/60
Frank Kent	BT2	61/64	Dennis Tumblison	EM3	53/55
Robert Klotz	QM3	51/53	Dario Ungania	CS3	55/59
Weber Koesema	SN	69/72	Bill Varner	SN	46/48
Paul Kopyscianski	BMSN	56/61	Paul Whittaker	BM2	51/55
Jerry Kramer	BM3	56/59	Murvin Wickham	SN	55/59
Allen Lambert	ENFN	56/58	Edwin Wieder	ETR2	61/64
Joe Lambert	EM2	62/64	Robert Willet	BTI	62/66
Victor Lattanzio	RD3	62/63	James Window	BTC	61/62
Donald Lincoln	FT2	57/60	Perry Woodman	RD1	65/67
Frank LoCastro	YN3	53/57	Ben Young	BT2	62/63

## DOWN MEMORY LANE BROOKLYN NAVAL YARD - 1956

**"Don't Crowd Me, Ya Big Lug"**



Cozy but comfortable are these two Navy vessels now sharing the dank confines of Drydock 4. The little one at the left is the USS Charles H. ROAN (DD-853), while its neighbor is the cargo vessel RANKIN (AKA-103). Both are here for extensive overhaul and are expected to share the drydock for about a month. It's a good thing ships don't suffer from claustrophobia.

## Flags and Signals

Hi Rich,

Here is my roster update and something for "The Jolly Cholly" fund. I would like to know if anybody knows where Bill Garvey is.

Thanks,  
Don Etling GM3 48-52

Richard,

I intend to come to Branson for the reunion this year. I have something that may be of interest to you. I have the Roan bronze nameplate. In Fram in 1961 while standing fire watch for yard cutters in officer country, a yard worker cut down a ventilation duct and out fell the ship nameplate. The worker gave it to me so I kept it. If you're interested I'll send a picture. I also have my 1960 Med cruise book.

I'm trying to find Charles Buffingham BTFN. Can anyone help?  
Sincerely,  
Marlin Digby BTFN 59-61

Rich,

I will not be attending the reunion. Please accept my check for newsletter expenses. Have a great time in Branson.  
Clint Clough LT 56-57

Rich,

Here is some support for "The Jolly Cholly" kitty. Your staff is doing fantastic with the history of the Charles H. Roan. Our last deployment around the world cruise with the William R. Rush, DD 714 was great. But I didn't know back in 1972 that the Rush had collided with the Roan. Keep the memories alive. Best wishes to all.  
Bill Clifton BTFN 72-73

Hi Richard,

Thanks for the newsletter. Enclosed is my check towards the Kitty.

Did you ever hear from LCDR Dranchek? He was the OPS boss in 71-72. I was an ET and we were in the ships band. In foreign ports they called us "The band from N.Y. City."

Thanks,  
Rick Bolt ETR3 71-72

Richard,

Thanks for "The Jolly Cholly."  
Matt McNally Ens 46-47

Dear Richard,

In the spring newsletter one of the new members is Jack Doyle. If you have his full address I would like to have it. Jack was best man at my wedding in August 1952. I lost track of him when I got out of the Navy in 1953. I'm also sending something for the association fund.

Thank you,  
Joe Carlson SO2 49-53

Richard,

I received "The Jolly Cholly" today and I did what I usually do when I get it - I go to my "68" Med Cruise book and try to place names and pictures. It saddens me to see a former shipmate under "Taps." Robert Denny SFP2 worked in the shipfitter shop in the late "60's." In this yearbook there's one picture of Bob, Walter Corwin ET3 and myself sitting on the fantail at sea. It brought back some more memories. Give my condolences to the Denny family.

Thank you,  
Tom Parker DC2 66-70

Richard,

Alice and I are looking forward to Branson. You guys are doing a great job. Enclosed is a little something to help the cause.

Regards,  
Tony DeNiro SN 58-60

Richard & Joe,

All of my Navy friends are green with envy. The reason? "The Jolly Cholly", ships store, fantastic reunions. My brother was on an aircraft carrier and they do not have anything like this! I enjoy the stories and keeping track of my "ole ship buds."

Thank you,  
Ron Glover IC3 65-67

Rich,

Thanks to all members and board members for keeping us informed. Enclosed is a check to help with expenses. Have you considered e-mailing "The Jolly Cholly" to those who have e-mail? One organization we belong to saves money that way. See you all in Branson.

Art Marsh RD1 51-55

Richard,

Thanks for all the information and I hope to see you in the future.

Bill Gish SMSN 68-69

Hi Richard,

I just wanted to thank you and your crew for doing a great job getting "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter out to all of us shipmates.

I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the Richard Hineman family. Ike was a good shipmate. It was good to talk to Mike Squire after 50 years. I owe you one Mike.

Here is a little something for the Kitty. Keep up the good work.

Bill Marshall EN3 48-52

Dear Richard,

I appreciate your efforts, your loyalty and your dedication. Well done!!!!

Maynard Aldridge LT 48-50

## Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

We, former shipmates of the Roan, appreciate the efforts you expend to keep this newsletter going. After a tour in Korea it was a pleasure to be assigned to the Roan. I served under Captain Henry Curran, an outstanding commanding officer and a real gentleman who was highly regarded by the entire ships company. I strongly recommend you publish an article on his career.

John Salop LCDR 53-54

Dear Richard,

Please accept this donation for "the cause". Wishing you the best of health.

Sincerely,

Andy Stitzer BT2 54-57

Richard,

Here is the roster update you requested. Keep up the good work you are doing with the Roan newsletter. I always enjoy it. Here is a little something for the kitty.

Best regards,

Richard Ashcroft MM2 62-64

Hi Richard,

I have enclosed a small check to help the association expenses and thank you guys for doing such a great job with the Association. My health is not that great any more. I really enjoy the newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Glendon Decker DCW2 50-52

Richard,

As an 18 yr. old shorty out of SK school in Great Lakes, I boarded the Roan in Gitmo near the end of the ships shakedown trials. Near the end of my 2 year enlistment, I was transferred to the DE Greenwood.

I am a retired U.S. Customs Inspector, having served 31 years in the port of New York.

I worked in the supply office with L. Whaley and W. Bozeman.

Wishing you the best,

Ed Gannon SK3 46-47

Richard,

I just wanted to compliment the Roan organization on the great job you are doing on the Reunion webpage. My job entails maintaining a website for our public library, so I spend some time looking at others, in an ongoing effort to upgrade ours. The Reunion webpage is well thought-out, clean, clear, and up-to-date.

I've visited a number of times, checking on details, and the information I seek is always there, and easy to find--the hallmark of a good webpage!

Good job!

Toni Robertson (wife of Ron Robertson) MM3 64-66

Toni,

Thank you, but all the credit goes to our web site manager Ron Luechesi. I hope you don't mind me sending your message to him with this reply to you. Ron has worked tirelessly for us. We (The Roan Association) are indebted to him for his expertise and his dedication to put out a product that we all can be proud of. Again, thank you for your kind words. People such as Ron make our Association a cut above the rest. We are truly a family of shipmates.

Richard

Joe,

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the article that John wrote on "The Ramming of the Roan" on Nov. 2 1948. I too, was aboard and on watch as a SO3 in CIC, at the time. My memory has failed me over the years, due to many health problems. However, this will be something I will always remember, just as John does. I have listed below the ones that I recall having been on watch at this same time. I hope I am correct with who was there at the time. Lt. Keith Gillitte, Oaft Strass RD1, Chuck Bannister RD2, Robert Smithson RD2, Jim Porsche SO1, Billy Burgess SO3, and Robert Schroeder SO2. We had two sonar stacks and I don't believe that we were doing ASW exercise at that time therefore, I can't be absolutely sure. When sonarman were not involved with ASW exercises, they were required to stand watch on the radar. The picture below shows some of the men that were on board at that time. I plan to send a donation to Richard to help keep the newsletter going. Also I have already made my reservation for Branson and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in August.

Regards,

Bill Burgess SO3 47-49

Hi Joe,

I am anticipating that you are at the reunion. I had planned to be there however this unusually hot weather with bad air and the dryness with the pollen have aggravated my asthma and allergies for the first time so I do not feel comfortable traveling. I am so disappointed. I looked forward to this. Please give my best to everyone. I enjoy the newsletters. I will plan to be at the next one.

Rosalie McClintock wife of

Michael McClintock XO/LCDR

Dear Richard,

Hope this note finds you well. I'm sending you \$20 for a flag pin and what's left over put in the kitty. Hope to see you in Branson. My son has just been appointed Command Master Chief of the US Coast Guard by Admiral Allen. I am very proud of him.

Sincerely,

Charlie Bowen BM2 48-54

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## Flags and Signals

Joe,

As usual the bulletin is great. I look forward to receiving it, especially the letters written by Roan Alumni. It's sad to read about our deceased shipmates but I am sure they are in a far better place than we are. God Bless them all.

On a sad note I unfortunately had to cancel my plans to attend our reunion in Branson. I emailed our president and informed him. My wife Pat and I were really looking forward to seeing our old and new friends. I send my best wishes to those in attendance. Being "ROAN PEOPLE" I am sure they will have a "jolly good time"

Best regards,

Jerry (Deeps) DePasquale BT3 49-52

Joe,

I hope email is ok for the roster update? I really appreciate all the work that you and Richard do for the Association. I worked for Richard those two years aboard the Roan and could not have had a greater leader.

I want to order some merchandise from the store so will send him a check for that and some money to help cover the cost of "The Jolly Cholly." Once again, nice work.

Thanks,

David S. Buck SM2 62-64

## ANSWERS TO TEST ON PAGE 6

*Photo #1 - If you guessed Carlos Carballo you're right. Here's a little e-mail from Tito. - editor*

Joe:

I'm in El Salvador and travel between here and Costa Rica working with the police in both countries. At times I don't get a chance to check my e-mails, so they overload. Like now, I have over 800 messages, so I came in to start canceling out most of them. Today I received an e-mail from Paul Nascarella (Nasty). I'll be leaving for Costa Rica in June. In July I'll be traveling to Trinidad/Tobago to do a study of crime. They've asked the U.S. for assistance, so I'm the assistance.

I was just in Orlando, Fl. for 2 weeks in April to do my taxes. All of that done, I returned to El Salvador because I had some lectures at the Police academy here.

When I was home in April, I was able to read one of the Jolly Cholly (Fall 2005 Vol.8 #2. I don't get much of a chance to read them, only when I'm back in the US. I sent an email to Doc Grif and he sent me a photo of himself with one of his grandsons.

Well, its late a night, so maybe we'll talk some other time. Joe you take care and God Bless!!

Carlos Carballo (Tito) YN3 63-65

P.S. This is a photo of my wife and I taken last year at Christmas in Costa Rica.

*Photo #2 - These are all snipe's. You can tell just by looking at them. Mothers don't let your daughters marry a snipe.*

Left to right: Chuck Eveland, MM2 62-68 Ray Larson, MM3 61-65 Roy Romer, MM3 61-66 Tom Rainey, MM3 64-67  
Mike Fivecoat, MM2 63-67 Bob Moore, BT3 64-66



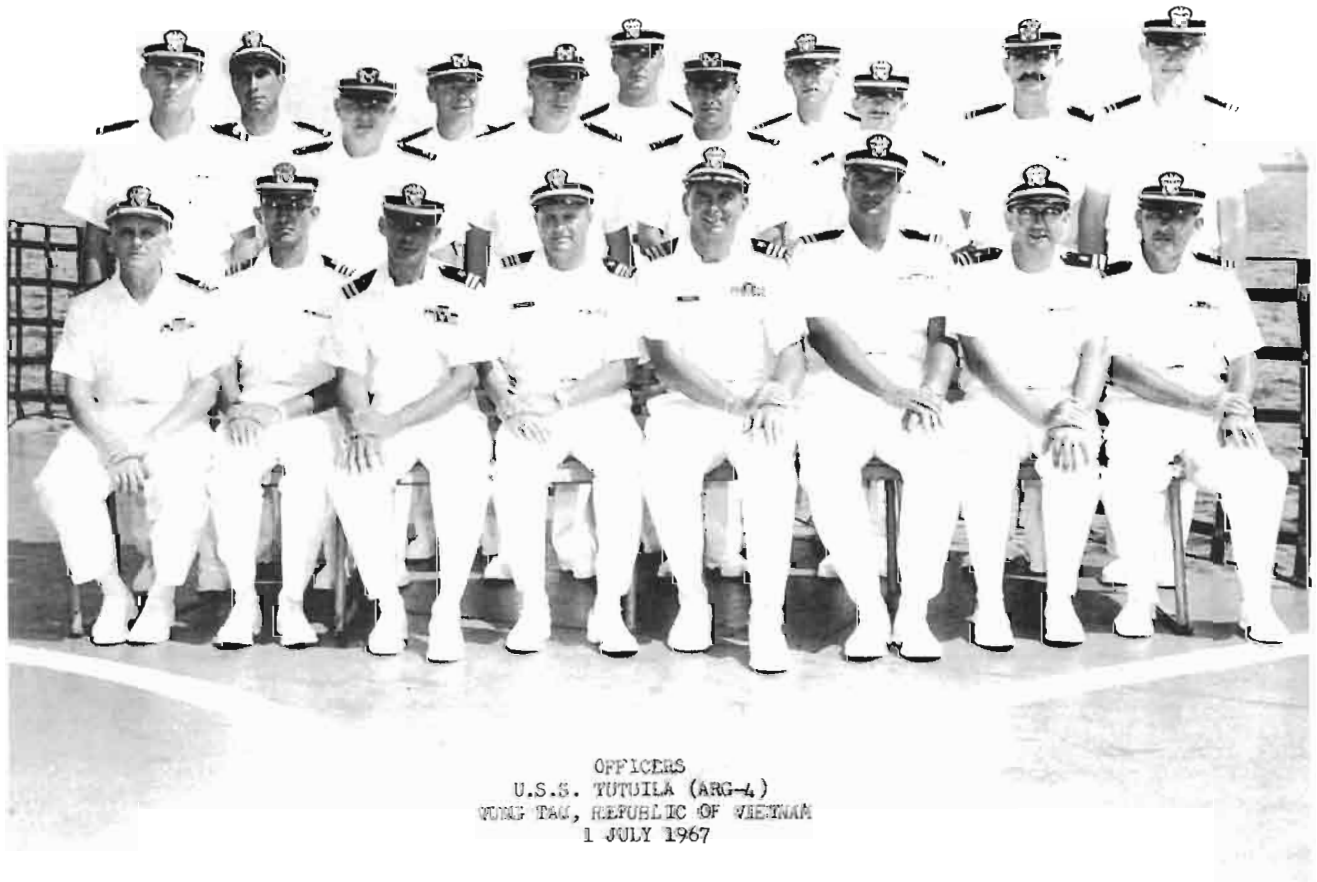
*In the last issue of "The Jolly Cholly" the featured Captain was Captain Treadwell XO/CO/XO/LCDR 61-63. I like to use as many photo's as I can in any of these article's ("a picture is worth a thousand words") but was having a difficult time finding any of Captain Treadwell. Then I contacted the USS Tutuila ARG 4 Association. Captain Treadwell was also the Captain of the USS Tutuila in Viet Nam. The result is the following e-mail and photo's from a member of the USS Tutuila Association. - The Editor*

Hey Joe,

Just finished reading my USS Tutuila Association's Newsletter and see where you are looking for a picture of Captain Treadwell. Attached is a scan from our Cruise Book of 1966 - 1967, he was our Commanding Officer then and a good C.O. he was.

Hope this helps,

Don Herr, Machinery Repairman,  
USS Tutuila ARG-4, 1966 -1967





Item #1  
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 (with pocket)

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 White/Blue Lettering  
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 DD-853

M/L/XL—\$26.50  
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 Lettering in gold  
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 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>						





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**Wind Breaker Jacket**

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

M/L/XL — \$48.50  
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NOTE: These jackets run SMALL so order accordingly.



(Back of jacket)



Item #7

**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.*

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XXL \$55.00  
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5x \$66.00  
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# STORE



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with ships name  
USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
\$20.00



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a

b



c



d



e

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e. Octopus Patch \$6.50

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

ADD ON ITEMS  
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Birch color

Blue Embroidery

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XXXL- \$24.00

# NEW MEMBERS

Stan Brazell	SN	66	Kingstree, SC
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James J. Terpstra	BT3	57-58	Rochester, NY
Allen Maynard	SN	70-72	Entiat, WA
William A. Gish	SM3	69	Evansville, IN
Howard L Piatt	MM2	63-66	Harveys Lake, Pa.
Keith A. LaBeef	MM3	63-65	Fulton, NY
George Shea	BMSN	63-65	Jacksonville, FL
Philip Vella	TM3	72-73	Summerville, SC
Roger LaBlanc	TM3	65-67	Antioch, TN
Linwood Gay	ETRSN	62	Onset, MA

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**YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS. IF YOU HAVE NOT FILLED ONE OUT YET, TAKE A MINUTE AND DO IT NOW. JUST PLACE IT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED AND MAIL IT. IT WOULD HELP ALOT SHIPMATE. THANKS**

## 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 ore files)

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

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

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

Years served aboard --- From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Fiancée's name \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM AFTER DIESEL

**BAM!!!** What a great reunion. What a terrific job Pat and Dallas Rees did. I've been to eight of the nine reunions and God willing I'll be at the next one. They all have been great. Our shipmates who have put so much time and effort into putting together a reunion all deserve a "BRAVO ZULU." Time and time again I have enjoyed myself at the various reunions and heard others say what a terrific time they have had. They all have been great, greater and greatest. We all have to doff our white hats to the shipmates and their MATES who have taken the time and energy to put together all of our reunions. I'd like to say to you Pat and Dallas Rees from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

I've had to rewrite this paragraph because my proofreader (my wife) said I was lecturing. You're to old to be lectured to, but for the life of me I can't understand why anyone would not try to make at least one reunion. As I read through the messages from shipmates, the one point that keeps re-occurring is the renewal of old friendships. I'm forever being asked if we have found some shipmate or another, or if they'll be at this reunion. These guys want to see old friends and reconnect just for a couple of days. Shipmate, "There is someone out there that wants to see you." They keep asking at every reunion.

New friends, that's another thing that happens at reunions. I've met a lot of new friends and their lovely wives. Some shipmates I had served with and never knew. We have such a good time that you look forward to your next meeting. What a great time those 3 or 4 short days can be. That last night, when the banquet is held, as the evening draws to a close it's like somebody let the air out of you. The next morning when you meet your friends and say good-bye, it's quite sad. You almost don't want to leave.

You know what shipmate, try it sometime. I swear you will not regret it. To those of you who just cannot make a reunion for whatever reason, we miss you and are sad that you can't make it, but you're in our hearts and on our minds.

There were statements made by two shipmates at the reunion that I would like to address. One statement came from Dallas Rees. Dallas thanked all career Navy men and their families for devoting their lives to the defense of our country. When I served we called them "lifers" and we enlistees and draftee's kind of made fun of them (most of the time not to their faces.) Now that I'm a lot older and I hope a little smarter I would like to join Dallas in thanking you career men and your families for the sacrifices you made for our country. The other statement came from Richard Souza. Richard said, "no matter what station a member had while serving in the Roan (rank, rate or position) now we are all shipmates." That is true at these reunions. We're all there together just to have a good time. The shipmate that you meet in the hospitality room may had held a very prestigious position in the Navy, but now at this reunion, although you may hold great respect for him he's just another shipmate.

As we sat around and talked I would hear shipmates telling "sea stories." These same sea stories are the "Oral History" of the USS Charles H. Roan. They live with every one of you and they'll also die with you if they're not recorded somewhere. What better place then the "The Jolly Cholly." Send me those stories and they'll be recorded into antiquity. Those stories are the USS Charles H. Roan. Please tell only first person stories and don't malign anybody.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION SHIPMATE.

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