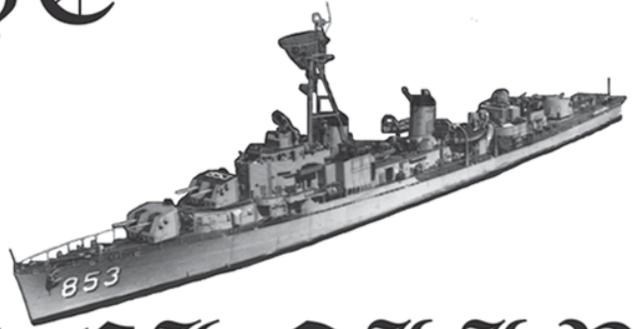


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*May We Never Forget Our Departed  
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully  
and Gallantly*

### Taps

Robert Bennett	RM2	66-68	1/11
John Byrne	XO/LCDR	66-68	3/11
Donald Fitzmaurice	BTC	62-64	3/11
Charles (Tiny) Herndon	SA	60-63	7/11
Wendelin S Jahner	TM2	48-52	8/10
Lorraine Souza, <i>wife of</i>			9/11
Richard Souza	SMC	58-66	

### Cover Photo

On the evening of 18 May 1972, ROAN was ordered on a search and rescue mission for a burning German freighter, SS CATHERINA WIARDAS, about 90 miles southwest of Reunion Island (located in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar.) Arriving at the scene at 0500 the next morning, ROAN closed the blazing vessel to scan the area for survivors and to determine whether or not the fire could be controlled. Suddenly the number one cargo hold erupted in a billow of smoky flames, whereupon all firefighting attempts were ruled out. ROAN remained in the vicinity, along with four merchant vessels and the Soviet research ship IZUMRUD, to render assistance to survivors, if necessary. At 0900 ROAN sent her motor whale boat to IZUMRUD to pick up the freighter's master and seven crewmen for transfer to Mauritius. All personnel were accounted for. CATHERINA WIARDAS' number three hold exploded at about 1030, after which ROAN departed the area.

## 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



Sadly, I must report that I lost my wife Lorraine on September 9, 2011. Lorraine and I have been married 55+ years and had been together 63 years (we were childhood sweethearts.) It was such a shock to me. I was in the hospital at her bedside that evening expecting her to come home, and while

talking to her she went into cardiac arrest. Within 15 minutes she was gone. Although she had many nurses and doctors at her bedside, they could not save her. My son and I could not believe what had transpired.

I would like to thank the Association for the beautiful flower arrangement that she received. Many of you sent Mass cards and cards of condolences as well as flowers to her viewing. She had over 40 arrangements. I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of condolences. Lorraine always thought of all of you as her extended family. I call you my shipmates, Lorraine called you her sisters and brothers. She personally knew many of you and cherished your friendship. I miss her deeply. She was my right hand with Association matters.

I have taken some steps to keep our Association on the right path, the path that has made our Association second to none, an achievement made possible by our Board of Directors. I am thankful for their honesty, their expertise, and their advice on what's best for the USS Charles H. Roan Association. **I COULD NOT DO THIS ON MY OWN.** Also it is with your (**YOU THE SHIPMATE**) direct financial support that we have kept a no dues policy for over 20 years. I know of no other Association that can make that claim.

I am appointing and changing some titles of our Board so that these men will continue to insure the correct path we shall undertake for our future. There will be 3 Vice Presidents and a newly appointed Secretary.

**Ed Semcheski** - who started the Association with me, will become a **Vice President**. Ed has held many positions in several Veterans Organizations.

**Bob Willet** - who knows most of my Association routines including ordering and stowing small store related items, will become a **Vice President**

**Carlton Wishart** - will become a **Vice President**. Carl also started the Association with me and has directed me through financial matters with his professional advice. Carl owns and operates his own accounting firm.

**Joe Lambert** - will take over the title of **Secretary** and will continue as Newsletter Editor. Joe has helped me through many administrative matters and publishes by far the **FINEST** newsletter of any Association

I would ask these 4 individuals to be a crucial part of a nominating committee to find a successor if I have to step down for any reason. They may also include one of their own for President. I hope to continue to serve you as President as long as my health will allow.

Again, please except my deepest appreciation for all the kindness and thoughtfulness, that you afforded my family and I.

*Richard F Souza*

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## Financial Report

Last Financial report March 17 2011

Balance of Checking Account 10,276.02  
Reserve Fund - Separate Account 700.00

### Expenditures

Post office	357.13
Office supplies	525.95
Small stores	197.43
Newsletter/printing	1,491.17
Telephone/internet 6 months	750.00
Storage locker 6 months	406.35
Bereavement	128.40
Roan locator (stamps, etc)	125.00
Navy memorial	1,000.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-4,981.43</b>

### Deposites

Donations, small store sale etc	6,625.99
Checking Account	10,276.02
Deposits	6,625.99
Expenses	-4,981.43
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>11,980.58</b>
Reserve Fund	700.00
<b>Total Assets including Reseve Fund</b>	<b>12,620.58</b>

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# Loved Ones



Richard,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. The day was filled with so much love and caring that I can not express it. The service at the church was beautiful, people said they never been to one so beautiful. Our son did a tribute to his dad. I have to tell you one part that he said, " my dad loved Navy reunions and high school reunions and any reunion he could get to, and if he was stuck in traffic he would get out and have a reunion with perfect strangers." Charles had a crowd from his high school there and it was so great. Attached is a picture of the flowers from the ship and the flag presented to me at the cemetery. The hat is Charles's original navy hat. Thank you sounds so little but we all mean it from the bottom of my heart. I was weeping some but when they played taps I lost it. On the side of the hearse was the Navy emblem. Thinking about you and Lorraine and praying for her quick recovery.

Love, Ann wife of  
Charles "Tiny" Herndon  
SA 60-63

Dear Richard,

I want to write this to you and the crew of the Charles H Roan whom Charles loved so much. He looked forward to the reunions. He so enjoyed the one we hosted in St. Augustine, FL in 1999.

He wore his Roan hat with so much pride. Going through his hats to which he had many we found several, I mean several Roan hats. We were able to give our grandsons and great grandsons each one. They received them with such happiness. I know Charles (Tiny) would want it that way.

Thank you for making the love of my life so happy.

Please, I would enjoy receiving "The Jolly Cholly." We would both grab for it in the mail to see who would read it first.

Love,

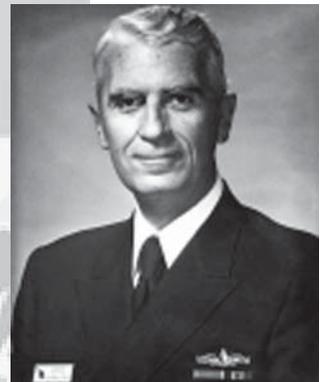
Ann Herndon & Family, wife of  
Charles Herndon, SA 60-63

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"Dad was the greatest and will be missed so much...he lost his battle with Leukemia but lived a very full and happy life up until he passed away. His Dr. and care team at Scripps helped make this possible, and our family will be forever thankful."

Grace McGovern, daughter of  
John A Byrne XO/LCDR 66-68

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The following is an e-mail received from Richard Souza  
on September 9, 2011 9:52:17 PM CDT

Lorraine passed away today at 4 P.M. It was sudden and I was by her side. She went in to the hospital with difficulty breathing at 8 A.M. We thought she was going to be fine as we were by her bedside throughout the day. I made several calls to the fact she was going to be ok. At about 3:30 P.M. she had difficulty breathing again. We had all the right people at the right time but she went into cardiac arrest. Doctors and nurses worked to save her. I am so saddened to lose my soul mate. She really loved you all. Please have her in your special thoughts/prayers. Richard

# **“Within my heart the song still plays in memory of those better days”**

## **Flags and Signals**

Richard,

Another great “Jolly Cholly.” I was at NPGS with Max Slankard in 63-64. He was one smart officer. Not many of our group received a Masters Degree. He was one who did. I also served under Captain Derickson at Bainbridge in 53-54 while he was the center commander. Small check enclosed.

Warm regards,

L. P. Treadwell, Capt., USN (ret)

XO/CO/XO/LCDR 61-63

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for the complimentary article you did on me. I wondered if I had ever met that guy when I read it. The recent issue on CO/CDR Max Slankard was appreciated. I had lost all track of him. A little stipend for the kitty.

Warmest regards,

Robert Reimann, RADM, USN, (ret)

XO/LCDR 68-70

Dear Richard,

This is for the cause. Keep on sailing the course.

Best regards,

Bill Varner

SN 46-48 Plankowner

Rich,

Appreciate all you do for the Association. It's been a while since I sent money for the kitty. Split this \$100 between the plaque and the Association. I hope to see everyone at the next reunion.

Ray Howe

FTG3 66-68

Dear Souz,

Take this money and split it between the kitty and the memorial plaque. I saw Paul Perry's name in “The jolly Cholly” and I could picture him as plain as day and the last place I talked to him. It's funny how some people stick with you.

The last time I saw the Roan she was flying a Turkish flag and had just Harpooned these Greek ships. She cut through our battle group on her way to take on some more Greek destroyers to the south of us. I'd say she was running flat out 33 knots. You say how did I know she was the Roan? – besides a gut feeling – I asked the signal bridge because they were talking to her.

Yours truly,

Perry Woodman

RD1 65-68

Richard,

Here's my check for the ball cap and the extra money for the kitty.

Roger LeBlanc

TM3 65-67

Dear Chief,

WOW!! Did the picture of the Roan's crew in the spring issue of “The Jolly Cholly” bring back all sorts of memories.

I reported aboard in mid April 1954 and my roommate Jerry DeBona and I are standing in the center behind the capstan. I'm the huskier one. Seated to the left of the capstan is the CO, CDR Henry Curran, then Lt Sam Doak and Paul Troutman. To the right seated are LCDR Clyde Laswell, XO, Gene Wilkins and Amos Staff. Because of shadows on faces, I'm not sure of the officers and chiefs standing on either side of us.

This picture was taken in late June or early July 1954 in the Brooklyn Navy Yard while we were having a propeller replaced. I also seem to remember that while there, CDR Curran was relieved as skipper by CDR Charles Hart.

Once seaworthy, we were ordered to sail over to the Hudson River and go alongside the Iowa who was sitting in deep silt and couldn't take on water. We were to supply water and electricity.

We had the Squadron Commander, ComDesRon 10, Capt. Scott on board who was a few signal numbers senior to the skipper of the Iowa. So they had to render us honors. It was impressive to go alongside such a huge ship and see so many sailors and Marine guard manning the rail, more than the whole crew we had on board, I think.

I was on the bridge while we were mooring and I remember Commodore Scott, who was a big man physically, shouting over to their skipper, “How are you fixed for ice cream.” I think this was the fourth of July weekend and the sailors would bring their ladies across the main deck of the Iowa to look down at the “captains gig” moored alongside.

On Sunday night of that weekend, the Ed Sullivan variety show took place live on the fantail of the Iowa. The Commodore was an invited guest.

I was the OD at the gangway when Capt Scott returned. He was furious. I later learned that Ed Sullivan had acknowledged the Iowa skipper on national TV but ignored the Commodore.

My other roommate was Brewster Sturtevant whom I will see in a few weeks. We live only 20 miles or so apart and get together or talk on the phone occasionally. Maybe we can sort out some others in this photo.

Enclosed is a little something to keep “The Jolly Cholly” coming. You do a great job.

Sincerely,

Jim Smeallie

LTjg 54-56

Dear Richard,

Enclosed find \$20 toward the Roan memorial plaque. We are looking forward to our next reunion. Best regards to you and Lorraine.

Maryann & Sal Genova

QM3 52-53

# Flags and Signals

Dear Rich,

I hope this finds you and Lorraine in good health and happy. Use this as you feel appropriate.  
Stacy Clardy, Capt USN (ret)  
LT 62-63

Dear Richard,

Here is some money for the Association. I enjoy getting "The Jolly Cholly". I got a call from Shorty LaBlanc after 46 years. We will get together at the next reunion.  
Mike Hanley  
TM3 65-67

Chief Richard,

Business first. Enclosed are two checks, one for small stores purchases and the other is to be divided as you see fit for the plaque and the Association. I salute you for your dedication and hard work for the crew.  
Almost sixty years has gone by, and I heard the name Charles H Roan mentioned. My wife and I were on a senior bus tour to Myrtle Beach for a New Year Eve celebration. It was Al Fortunato's sister whom spoke the name. Al and I got together at Harrah's Casino, SC. He gave me a copy of "The Jolly Cholly". I read it over a few times that evening and saved a lot of money. Al and I talked about the old days and the girls talked about the new days things such as arthritis, diabetes and long term pains (us guys.)

I enjoyed "The Jolly Cholly's" stories of its history and the news of the crew members. Please say hello to Sal Genova, our board member for me.

Mr. Souza, I being of Chinese decent, I kowtow to you not once, not twice but three times.

"I feel young again"

Herbert Leong  
DMSN 51-53

Hi Richard,

Enclosed is a donation for the Association. Please pass on my best to Joe Lambert, former member of the Chicago FD.  
Best wishes,  
John Griggs  
TMSN 51-52  
Newark FD

Richard,

Here is \$25 for the memorial plaque and \$25 for the Association. I enjoy reading "The Jolly Cholly."  
Jim Skolny  
BT2 60-64

Richard,

Here's a check for "The Jolly Cholly." I recognize a couple of new members and I heard from Chuck Wunderly who worked with me in the shipfitter shop in 66-68.  
Thanks again for the memories,  
Tom E Parker  
DC2 66-70

Richard,

This is for the kitty.  
Dr. Richard Ashcroft  
MM2 63-64

Richard,

Henry Rossi contacted me and it was great talking to him. I worked for John Klecker in the after engine room. The newsletter brings back a lot of memories. Keep up the good work. Use this check as you see fit.  
Thanks,  
Richard Browns  
MM3 59-62

Richard,

Here is my contribution, \$25 for the Association and \$25 for the plaque.  
Thomas Nichols  
HM2 70-72

Dear Richard,

Sorry to be so late with my dues. I've been having a lot of health problems.  
God bless you all,  
Charles E Stevens  
MMFN 52-53

Richard,

Just a note of thanks to you and your staff. Enclosed is a donation to the Association. I enjoy getting the newsletter. I have attended a few reunions but due to my wife's illness I have been unable to attend lately. Never-the-less, keep up the good work. If you have any info on Oscar Carter I would appreciate hearing it. We served together.  
Respectfully,  
Tom Mehlman  
TM1 50-52

Dear Sigs,

Just a quick note to thank you for all you do for the Roan crew. Here's a check in memory of Harry Griffin, RD1 and Tony Bonosso, CWO2 who served gallantly on the Charles H Roan and throughout their careers.  
All the best to you and Lorraine,  
Bob Lee, CDR, USN (ret)  
RD1, WO1 64-67

Richard,

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Thanks again for the memories,  
Tom E Parker  
DC2 66-70

# Flags and Signals

Richard,

Here is some money to keep the ship afloat. Thanks for keeping the Association going.

Paul J Dupont  
QMSN 51-53

Richard,

Please use this donation as you see fit. I do enjoy reading "The Jolly Cholly."

Hayden Oiler  
TM3 56-57

Richard,

Enclosed is a donation in support of the Association. Also, thanks for all the time you put into helping things run smoothly.

Allen Lambert  
ENFN 56-58

Richard,

Enclosed is a donation to be used as needed. Thanks again to you and the Association crew for all the fine work. I hope to see you again at the next reunion.

Steve (Flea) Hartz  
STG3 70-72

Richard,

Enclosed is my check for \$50. Please split it between the memorial plaque and the Association. Thank you and the others for all the work you do.

Wayne Butaud  
MM2 59-60

Hi Souz,

It's been awhile since we talked. I'm sorry I missed the last reunion but I was unable to attend. Enclosed is a donation for the Roan plaque. I hope it helps a little. I often think of the Charles H Roan and the men who served in her. It was truly a wonderful time of my life, then and now. I hope all goes well with the plaque. Keep up the wonderful work you and the others are doing. You make us old guys feel young again. Thanks for that! BT AR

Your shipmate,  
Bill Lodi  
RM3 58-61

Dear Richard,

Out of the blue, Henry Rossi was able to get hold of me. It's been 50 years since my service aboard the Charles H. Roan. We did thr time go.

Enclosed is my check for \$100 to be used towards the Naval memorial plaque. I look forward to making one of the events in the future, and thank you for your service to this Association.

Regards,  
Arthur Kaufman  
SN 60-61

Dear Richard,

Hard to believe, but it's so. Every issue of "The Jolly Cholly" tops the last one. Must be full time assignment for you folks.

Especially enjoyed your back and forth correspondence with Serdar Yurdakul. His reference to Mustafa Kemal, reminded me of a history of WW1, that I've read, of which he was a huge figure. Of course, I hoped that Serdar would mention the new black shoes, freshly factory made in Spain, discovered under a bunk in forward officer's country. Yes, left by me accidentally on purpose when I was detached in 1953 .... but I told that story before.

Great story, great issue, as always.

Clint Vail  
LTjg 51-53

Hi Richard,

Enclosed is a check for \$25 for the Association. I am also sending an extra \$24 for a sweatshirt. Later this summer I plan to order a wind breaker to give to my grandson who will be graduating from UNC. It was a great article in "The Jolly Cholly" in memory of Captain Derickson.

Regards shipmate,  
Bill Burgess  
SO3 47-49

Henry,

Thank you very much. We lived a dream come true when we went to the Roan reunion in Warwick, RI in Aug. at the insistence of Wally Tressler. We had just sold our cows in Jan and were able to get away from the farm. Rich renewed acquaintances with Alan Lambert and have had a grand time with Alan and his wife Janet since the reunion. It surely was a direction from God. Rich had not seen Wally or Alan for over 50 years. It was such heartbreak that we received the news last fall from Jean, Wally's wife that Wally had left for Heaven. They were about to come here for a visit. That reunion was one wonderful time. The "wonder" is that both Wally and Alan and their wives are born-again Christians and we will be at that, "Big reunion" in Heaven some day. Again, thank you for all the work you do to reunite these sailors. It is amazing to find these shipmates 50 plus years later. All the work Richard Souza and crew did to make the reunion a grand time is greatly appreciated. We hope to be at the next reunion in 2012.

Rich and Dawn Bowers  
MM3 56-59

(Richard's brother Meredith MM3 56-58, also served in the Roan and died as the result of an auto accident in 1958.)

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is a check to cover my order from the ships store. Please put the rest in the kitty. I enjoy "The Jolly Cholly."

Jon Starr  
BM3 63-65

# Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Summer 1950

### Task Force 86

#### Big Mo' Heads U.S. Task Force

The City of Halifax, steeped in Navy tradition, is host this week to approximately 5,000 officers and ratings of the United States Navy who are paying a four day formal visit to the port as part of their six weeks training cruise with Task Force 86.

Led by the famous 45,000 ton Battleship Missouri the task force, which includes two destroyer divisions, steamed into Halifax Harbor out of fog banks Saturday afternoon.

Thousands of Halifax citizens lined the seawall, the breakwater at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, and other vantage points, to greet the warships and their personnel. Many small pleasure craft ventured into choppy waters to extend a first-hand welcome.

The task force, under Rear Admiral John H. Carson, U.S.N., was scheduled to arrive at the port Saturday morning but heavy fog off the coast delayed arrival until 3 p.m. "Big Mo" steamed around Georges Island and with the aid of several tugs, was nosed into Piers 20 and 21, her stern pointed to sea.

The destroyers, consisting of the Brownson, McCard, S. B. Roberts, C. H. Roan, J. P. Kennedy, Jr., W.R. Rush, Johnston and Fiske, were berthed at H.M.C. Dockyard.

By late afternoon, Halifax again took on a wartime appearance. Streets, restaurants, theaters and other places of amusements were thronged with the visiting officers, midshipmen and normal complement.

This is the first port of call for the Task Force. The warships will remain here until Wednesday and then head for New York. After a brief visit there, they will head for southern waters and call at Guamtanamo, Cuba. Halifax was chosen as the first port of call because of close naval associations between this city and the United States Navy in two world wars and in peace years.

The U.S.S. Missouri, largest United States Navy ship afloat, with a brief but action packed war record, was launched in the New York Naval Shipyard in January of 1944 and was commissioned in June of the same year. During her period of service in the Pacific, she participated in actions supporting the seizure of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and carrier raids on Tokyo, Okinawa, Kyushu, Inland Sea area and various bombardments and anti-aircraft actions.

The Missouri figured prominently in the news on two occasions. As the Flagship of Admiral W F. Halsey, U.S.N., the battleship was the scene of the signing of formal Instrument of Surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay, Sept. 2, 1945.

This brief but historic ceremony is commemorated by a brass plaque set in the surrender deck. Early this year, "Big Mo" ran aground on a mud bank in Norfolk but escaped without damage.

Her present commander, Capt. I. T. Duke, U.S.N, has been commanding officer since April of this year, while Rear Admiral Carson assumed command of Task Force 36 earlier this month.

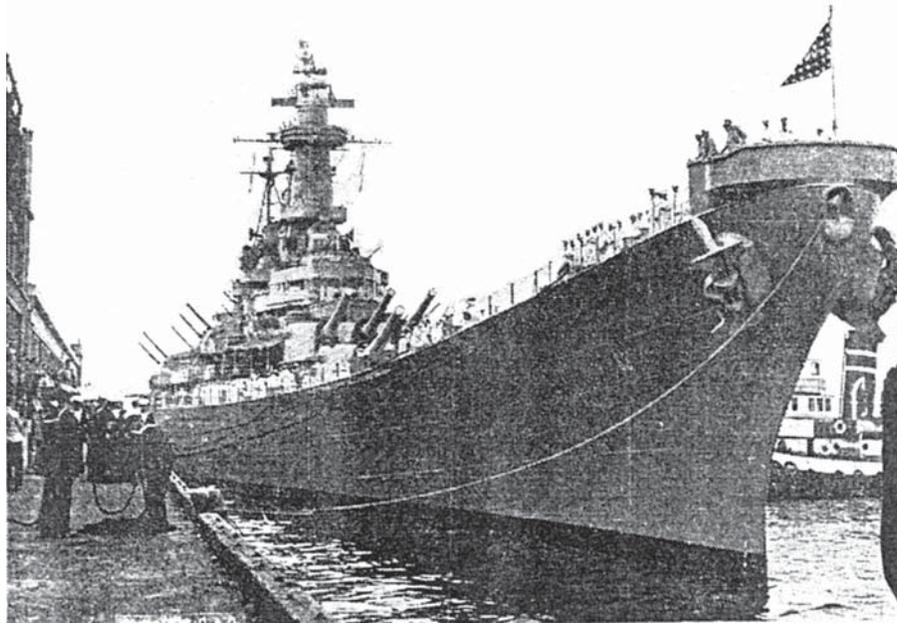
Trainees with the task force include 639 midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy, 690 from 19 universities and 50 cadets from the United States Military Academy, at West Point. The Missouri has a normal complement of 1,300 officers and enlisted men.

There are many interesting facts about the 45,000-ton battlewagon. For instance:

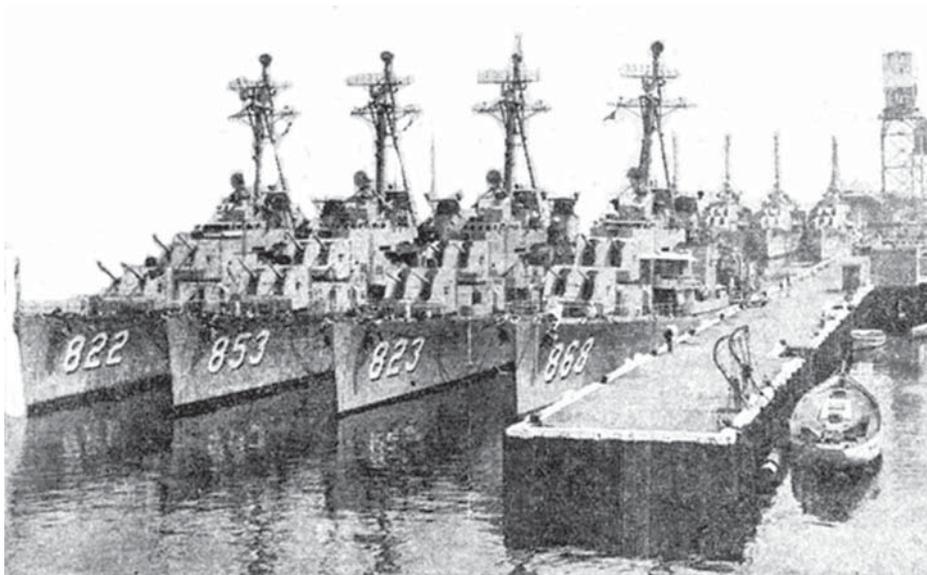
She can make 80,000 gallons of water dally, more than 35,000 meals are served each week, 430,000 man days went into the plan design and 3,300,000 man days went into her construction, She has a complete hospital and dental facilities, a uniform shop, tailor shop, barber shops, cobbler shop, bakery, laundry, soda fountain, post office, library, print shop, machine shop, electrical shop welding shop, carpenter shop and a plumbing shop.

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**“Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction’ - ‘I served in the United States Navy’ “. John F. Kennedy**



**THEY DON'T COME ANY BIGGER** than the 45,000-ton battleship U.S.S. Missouri (above), biggest battlewagon afloat and pride of the United States Navy. The "Big Mo" steamed into the Port of Halifax out of the coastal fog Saturday afternoon, heading Task Force 86, which includes two destroyer divisions. The Missouri berthed at Piers 20 and 21, and the eight destroyers of the force tied up at H.M.C. Dockyard. The warships were scheduled to arrive in port Saturday morning, but heavy fog off the coast delayed their arrival until three o'clock in the afternoon.



**POWER-PACKED SPEED MERCHANTS**—Dwarfed by the battleship Missouri as Task Force 86 of the United States Navy steamed into port from offshore fog banks Saturday afternoon, two divisions, eight ships in all, of American destroyers, scouts and flank guards for the biggest battleship afloat. Several of the lethal little ships are shown above at their berths in H.M.C. Dockyard. Destroyers in the task force include the USS Brownson DD-868, USS Robert H. McCard DD-822, USS Samuel B. Roberts DD-823, USS Charles H. Roan DD-853, USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. DD-850, USS William R. Rush DD-714, USS Johnston DD-821 and USS Fiske DD-842.

# Deceased Shipmates

This list was compiled by Henry Rossi since the last newsletter. These are shipmates who were not members of the Association. Deceased Association members are listed on page 2.

Frank Lopes S1 47-48 9/62	Arthur W Merritt RD3 56-58 9/08	John Bigilen SA 59-60 11/92	Reginald C Baum ETCA 60-61 9/97
Clarence C Zirkle SN 48 1/83	Joseph E Mozdy RD3 57-60 6/98	Lawrence E Cooper DK2 59-60 5/91	George W Bosket BT2 60-61 2/92
Paul P Kissinger DC2 50-54 2/06	Warren E Baker BM1 56-61 12/95	Frank L Mize CSC 59-60 6/86	Harold J Conlon HMC 60-61 5/93
George C Ayers GM3 51-53 8/04	James P Comerford BM1 56-61 5/94	Richard A Ratte YN3 59-60 5/07	Aenol Johnson Jr XO/LCDR 60-61 10/95
Elvis R Armour SN 51-54 1/86	Richard R Dowdy BT1 57-61 9/10	William J Schwocho MM3 59-60 3/93	Michael J Meagher BM2 60-61 1/83
Joseph A Bourassa CSC 51-54 2/84	Raymond C Evans SM2 58-59 7/81	Emmit Buchanan CS3 59-61 3/06	Kevin D Murphy RDSN 60-61 9/08
James A Bowden SN 51-55 2/09	Michael A Paproski GMSN 58-59 7/97	Leon C Dumas SN 59-61 12/80	Curtis W Stevenson FTG2 60-61 5/96
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Bobby L Armour SN 52-55 11/88	Hiram L Golden BT1 58-61 6/91	James J Riordan SN 59-61 1962	Jack Byrne XO /LCDR 66-68 3/11
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# Flags and Signals

Hello Chief,

Sorry for not keeping in touch. I'm receiving the newsletter. I have tried to phone but always get a machine. I have the last letter on my desk intending to mail a check but time flies when you are having fun. Finally got connected to Herb Hare, after many years. I love the newsletter and see old friends there, but we are thinning out. I see Sal Genova who was on the bridge when I arrived. I'm still in Mexico so its difficult to go to reunions. I will get a check in the mail today and many thanks to you and all the shipmates who keep this going so well.

Your Shipmate,  
Paul J Dupont  
QMSN 51-53

Paul,

Thanks for updating me. I have not heard from you in years. Wondered if you were still in Mexico. With all that is going on there it surprises me that we still have American communities still active there. How long does it take you to get our Newsletters? We send you our best wishes and prayers. Your shipmate  
Souza

Hi Shipmate,

Been in Mexico 15 yrs now. No problems. There are drugs everywhere but most of the problems are with the drug dealers. Most of the serious crime is north Mexico. I feel safer here then in most cities up north or Miami or Baltimore where I grew up. Of course I love the USA but this is economical with ideal weather. The people are great neighbors. We have about 75,000 foreigners mostly US and Canadians. I go to Ft. Worth every 3 months to the VA for medical checkups and meds and stay with my daughter there. Go to YOU TUBE to Chapala Central Market Tour and see me being interviewed. I need a new keyboard. I get the newsletter in less then a week. Thanks again for your leadership and hard work on "The Jolly Cholly".

Paul J Dupont  
QMSN 51-53

Dear Suze,

I hope this finds you and Lorraine and family and all Roan Sailors well. Enclosed is a check for you to do what you see fit.

I especially want to say thanks to Henry Rossi for all his hard work finding lost shipmates. I saw one to my amazement that lives only about 30 miles from me. His name is Larry Dickhaut, IC2 and he served on the ship at the same time as me although I can't seem to place him. Maybe we can get together some time. Also I see Richard F. Kelly QM3 that I remember very well as I'm sure you do too. We were strikers at the same time. (Hello Richard Kelly.) I'm looking forward to the next reunion and meeting some of the new members. Several of the names seem familiar although my old memory is not what it what it was.

Also a big shout out to Joe Lambert. You guys are doing a remarkable job.

May GOD bless our departed shipmates. Some died so young.

Till next time,  
Dallas Rees  
QM2 59-64

Richard,

Here are a few dollars to put in the kitty for the Roan. We are having the Waldron reunion in 2012. I am not working on it now. Paul Weekly who lives in Pace, Fl and the planners are doing it. The cruise looks good but due to timing I'm sorry I will miss out.

Take care,  
Tom Hayden  
SN 47-49

Dear Chief,

When I got "The Jolly Cholly", I remembered that I needed to send you a check for the Roan plaque at the Navy Memorial. Enclosed is a check for \$100.

Thanks,  
Tom VanPetten  
LTJg 58-61

Dear Richard,

This is what I think about when I think about the Roan, which I do a lot. Coming off the mid-watch during a NATO cruise in the middle of terrible weather, possibly a hurricane. On the way to my forward cabin I passed sailor after sailor moaning and heaving his guts up.

Trying to sleep, I was holding on to the sides of the rack as we heaved and yawed, thinking, "When you get out you'll probably think back and remember what a great time you had going all over the Atlantic and the Med, visiting countries you'd only heard of, and being with a great bunch of guys. But never, ever forget how miserable you are right now."

Well, I do remember that night. But I mainly remember the great bunch of guys I served with. Wish I'd kept up with them.

You're all doing a great job with the alumni organization. Thanks a lot.

My wife who had dinner on the Roan with Captain Fischer and others in Newport would like the Ball Cap (before 1961). Please use the rest of check for the plaque or the newsletter.

Peter Nord  
LTJg 51-55

Dear Richard,

Enclosed please find my check to help with the plaque and for the kitty, 50-50 split is fine with me.

The latest newsletter brought back many memories. As it turns out, Bache was part of DESRON 36, and I was the staff communicator at the time she was lost. We had 3, 2100 tonners, Bache, Beale and Waller, the rest of the squadron was FRAM I and II. From DESRON staff I went to Destroyer school and thence to the Charles H Roan as weapons officer, serving under both Captain Slankard and Captain Wilson.

Much later while commanding USS Merrimack (AO-179) we were in Golcuk, Turkey for a tender availability (the Turks did great work!). You guessed it, CAKMAK nee' ROAN was there also. I got to visit our old ship!!

We'll have to miss the cruise, as we already are locked in elsewhere,

All the best,  
Steve Mondul, Capt. USN, (ret)  
Lt 68-70

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Be sure to visit our web page at:

<http://www.usscharleshroan.org/>

Ron Lucchesi, FTG3, 66-68, has put a lot of hard work into it.

# New Shipmates

These shipmates were mostly found through the efforts of Henry Rossi. Also the majority of these shipmates most likely would not have been found without your donations. So thank you Henry Rossi and thank you Association members.

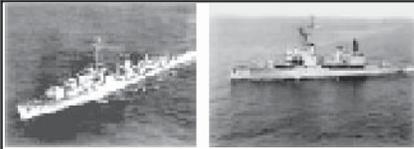
Herbert Leong SN 51-53 New Hyde Park, NY	Richard R DiPonzio SN 59-61 Rochester, NY	Bobby L Hussey MM3 59-62 Buna, TX	Norman W. Herb YNSN 65-67 Highspire, PA
Raymond N Robear YNT3 52-53 Winooski, VT	Maurice A Gregoire SN 59-61 Leverett, MA	John Lisbon TN 59-63 New Bedford, MA	Michael Miller EM3 65-67 Tuscaloosa, AL
Harry A McDaniel SF1 56-61 & 63-65 Zanesville, OH	Robert A Laxson ET2 59-61 Santa Cruz, CA	Arthur J. Kaufman SN 60-61 Warwick, RI	David P Prieto BMSN 65-67 Oxford, MI
Frank Contratti RD3 57-60 Fishkill, NY	James D Morgan TM2 59-61 Colorado Springs, CO	James L Mangrum SN 60-61 Pinebulff, NC	Len Rathbun IC3 66-68 Attleboro, MA
Thomas E Lovitt BTFN 57-60 Newnan, GA	Donel Moss SM3 59-61 Perkasie, PA	Clifford F Podgorski MMFN 60-62 Elgin, IL	Charles S Wunderly SFP2 66-68 Nazareth, PA
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Robert L Stimis YN3 57-61 Hurlock, MD	Douglas R Rawlings SN 59-61 Cerritos, CA	Edward E Bennett BT3 63-64 Barberton, OH	William J Gibbs YN2 66-69. North Port, FL
John Petryshin FN 58-60 Strongsville, OH	Robert Pearsall SN 59-61 North Haven, CT	Robert Aschenbrenner BM3 63-65 Startford, WI	Robert E Brower DC2 67-69 Brick, NJ
Albert J St Pierre Jr. SN 58-60 New Ipswich, NH	Robert Smith EN3 59-61 Huntley, IL	John R Frie SN 63-65 Williamstown, NJ	Norman Place SN 68 Fort Myers, FL
Roman R Lubinski MMCA 59-60 Winona, MN	Gary W Trotter GM3 59-61 Dunedin, FL	Harry L Coltharp ADJ2 63-66 Franklin, TN	Thomas W Henry SK3 69-70 Essex, MD
Yancy B Odom BT3 59-60 Moultrie, GA	Roger A. West MM3 59-61 Scott Township, PA	Gerald E Banet II SN 64 Princeton, IN	Robert W Wilson CO/CDR 69-71 Yorktown, VA
Roger A West MM3 59-60 Scott Township, PA	William J Allen Jr. MM2 59-62 Englewood, OH	Edsel G Thomas RMSN 64 Cleveland, GA.	Blaine O'Connell Lt 70-72 Maineville, OH
Fred A. Baird BTFN 59-61 Conneaut, OH	Richard Browns MM3 59-62 Omaha, NE	Thomas D Butler BT3 64-65 Pennsville, NJ	Rick McKinnon HT3 72-73 Brownstown Twp, MI
			Walter Nordquist TM3 72-73 Brooklyn, NY



**Item #1**  
**Embroidered Golf Type shirts**  
 (with pocket)

**Ships Name only**  
 White - Tan - Puddy - Navy - Light Blue  
 SM to 3X - \$30.00

**Ships Crest and Name**  
 White - Tan - Puddy - Navy - Light Blue  
 SM to 1X - \$32.00  
 2X and 3X - \$33.00



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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  
 \$12.00



**Item #3**  
**Tote Bag**  
 Royal Blue/Ash  
 Ships Logo  
 Pocket 14X17X5  
 \$10.00



**Item #15**  
**Golf Towel**  
 Dark blue  
 Ships Logo  
 \$10.00



**Item #6**  
**Ball Cap**  
 Blue hat with gold ship and lettering  
 with either

Before 1961 silhouette  
 or  
 After 1961 silhouette  
 both  
 \$18.00  
 (please indicate silhouette preference)



**Item #16**  
**Glass Beer Mug**  
 with  
 Ships name and anchor  
 \$12.00



**Item #4**  
**Cup**  
 Ships Name  
 Black & Blue - w/ spoon  
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 Mostly by Priority Mail

Except for item #7, Winter Jacket, the  
 shipping charge on that item is

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**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



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



Item #2  
**Wind Breaker Jacket**  
 Navy Blue Embroidered with  
 Ships crest on front,  
 ship silhouette and ships name on back  
 in Gold lettering  
 \$65.00

NOTE: These jackets run SMALL so order accordingly.



(Back of jacket)



Item #7  
**Winter Jacket**

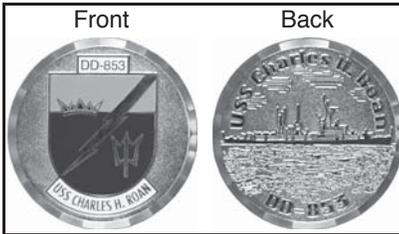
The same ones that the Blue Angels wear. Very sharp looking with the back Embroidered. A Patch/Crest (or both) and your name can be added to the front for additional cost (see add on items.) Call before ordering.

Jackets are fitted at the waist so order accordingly.

SM to 1X - \$75.00 2X to 4X - \$80.00 5X to 7X - \$85.00



Item #12  
**USS C. H. Roan License Plate - Fram**  
 In full color  
 Got to see it to believe it. Just outstanding.  
 \$28.00



Item # 14  
**USS C.H. Roan Challenge Coin**  
 2 inches diameter.  
 Polished copper & steel alloy.  
 Enameled ship's plaque on front.  
 Really Sharp!  
 \$20.00

Item # 11  
**Embroidered Sweat Shirt**  
 Birch color  
 Blue Embroidery  
**Ships Name only**  
 SM to 3X - \$20.00  
**Crest and Name**  
 SM to 3X - \$24.00



Item #9  
**License Plate Holder**  
 with ships name  
 USS Charles H. Roan DD-853  
 \$25.00



Item #5  
**Patches**  
 Right/Left Arm U.S. Ensign  
 a. Right \$7.00  
 b. Left \$7.00  
 c. U.S Navy Eblem \$7.00  
 d. Ships Crest \$7.00  
 e. Octopus Patch \$12.00  
 (To sew on any of the above)



Item #13  
**Roan Cruise books - Spiral bound facsimiles**  
 1952 European Cruise - Operation Success  
 1959 Operation Inland Seas -  
 (devotes 1 page to each ship in Task Force 47)  
 1960 Mediterranean Cruise  
 1964 Mediterranean Cruise  
 1966 Mediterranean Cruise  
 1967 Mediterranean Cruise  
 1968 Mediterranean Cruise  
 1972 Around the World Cruise  
 or  
 Item #13A  
 Any of the above books on DVD with era music.  
 either one - \$25.00

**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.)

To sew on each Patch/Crest  
 Each Patch/Crest (as priced in item #5)

# Roan Sailors Community Involvement

The town of Hingham, MA memorial day ceremony was very special and rewarding to the town veterans and members of the Hingham, MA National Guard's 1058<sup>th</sup> Transportation unit. The unit had returned late in the day on Dec. 24, 2010 from a tour in Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day the speaker for the town ceremony was none other than United States Army Chief of Staff General George W. Casey Jr.

General Casey speaking at Hingham's memorial day celebration was arranged by Deacon John McHugh, the same John McHugh who served as a radarman in USS Charles H Roan in 1958 – 1959.

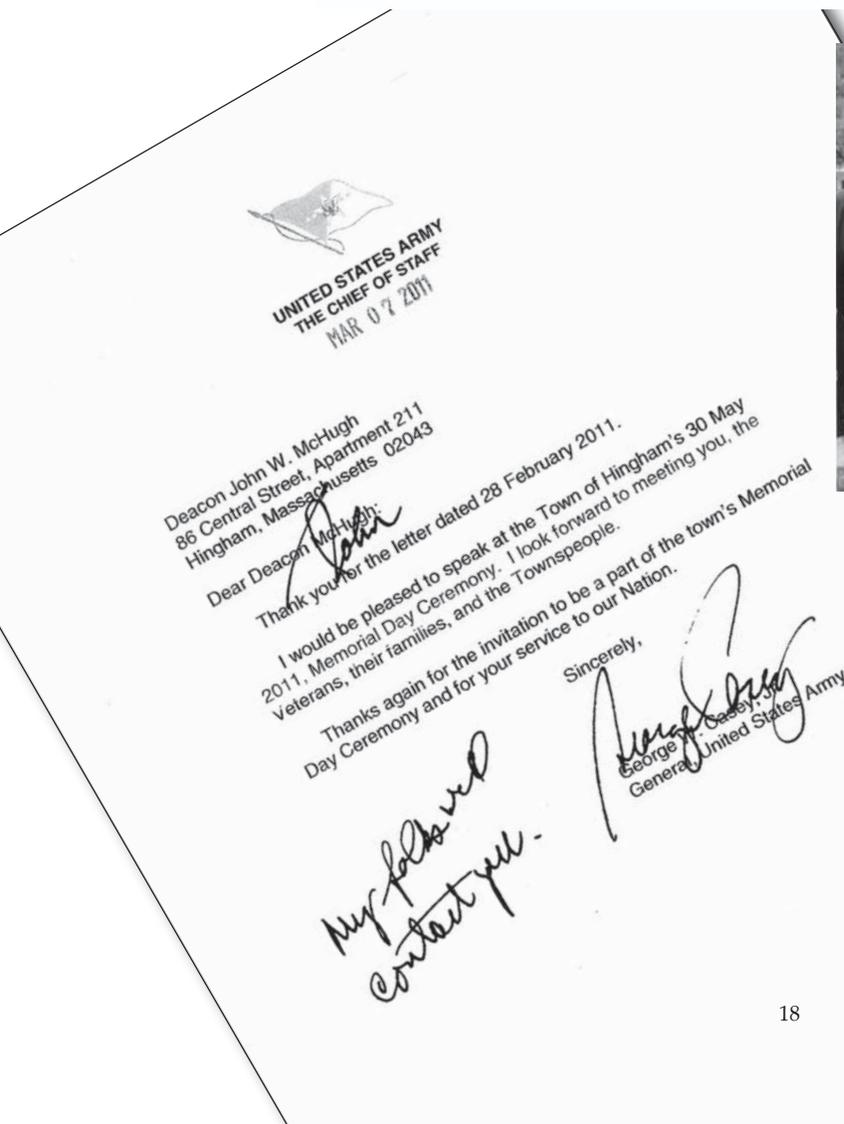
General Casey explained how the Army's Chief of Staff came to the small town of Hingham to give a speech on this Memorial Day. The 4 star General who usually spent this day in the Nations Capital said he recently learned his presence was requested in Hingham MA.

"It's really great to be here. Some of you may know I'm from down the road in Scituate where I am enjoying the weekend. Although I'm from Scituate there is a connection with John McHugh here in Hingham. I got a call one day and was told John McHugh would like me to speak at a Memorial Day ceremony in Hingham and I said absolutely. What some of you may not know is that my boss, The Secretary of the Army's name is John McHugh. I was wondering and puzzled because he's from upstate New York and I was wondering what he had to do with Hingham. But I found this is a different John McHugh. I found that this John McHugh's mom played the organ at my dad's memorial service in Scituate in 1970. So this is the least I can do."

Deacon John McHugh represents the Charles H Roan Association in an outstanding way in all of his activities in Hingham and elsewhere.



Left to Right:  
Deacon John McHugh - SN 58-59  
Major General George Casey  
Don Lincoln - FT2 57-60



# FROM AFTER DIESEL

The time between the last newsletter and this has been bad for me, because I have lost three friends. I realize that at my age you lose friends more frequently, but nonetheless it is disturbing. In March I was notified of the passing of Jack Bryne. Jack was the XO of the Roan between 1966 and 1968 and finished his naval career as a captain. My first contact with Jack was when I had asked for personal stories from shipmates about their tour in Roan.

Jack contacted me and said one of the things he enjoyed doing was writing, in fact he had taken some classes in writing. He had written a number of stories for his writing class and would be happy to share them with the Association. Jack and I communicated back and forth over the last few years both by phone and e-mail. I enjoyed his stories and hope you did too. I have one left, which will be in a future newsletter.

In July I was told about the passing of Tiny Herndon. Tiny and I served in Roan at the same time, Tiny on the deck force and I in repairs. Tiny and I were not friends but everyone knew Tiny. Tiny left the ship in 1963 and I didn't see him until 1993 at the first reunion I attended. I knew who Tiny was immediately when I saw him at the reunion, even after 30 years. Tiny and his wife Ann have made every reunion and have been the first to volunteer if help were needed at any time. Tiny and Ann hosted the 1999 reunion in St. Augustine and were in the process of gathering information on hosting the 2012 reunion. Tiny will be missed.

The passing of Lorraine Souza was the biggest shock of all. The eulogy for Lorraine was written by the number of flower arrangements (40), cards and mass cards she received. Richard reported a very large turn out for her viewing. That response to her passing speaks to how much she was respected and loved. The warmth that Lorraine provided at our reunions will be greatly missed.

Because of the loss of Lorraine and Tiny and to some extent Richard's health we have had a little set back in our 2012 reunion plans. We were leaning to Tiny's Savannah, Georgia proposal when he passed, which caused a set back. Then Souza tried to pick up the ball when he developed a health problem. Another set back. Then the loss of Lorraine created a big set back. I recently talked to Souza and he said he will begin to work again on reunion plans and we will keep the membership notified by mail on our progress.

We recently received a request from the daughter of one of our shipmates. The following is from Jeni Blaubach, daughter of William Schwocho, MM3, 01/59 to 10/60. "I'm looking for info on my dad, William Schocho. I know that he was a MM3 on the Charles H Roan DD853 from 01/59 - 10/60. Looking to talk to anyone who knew him and can tell me a little about his history. Thank you for the contact. Jeni"  
If you think you can help her please let us know.

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