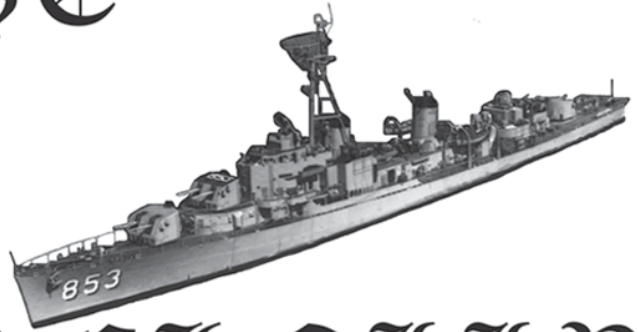


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*May We Never Forget Our Departed  
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully  
and Gallantly*

### Taps

Lester L Bates	IC1	52-53	08/08
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Richard J Koziuk	SM3	62-64	10/01
Jeffery P Shortell	SM2	64-65	12/10
William Sinko	SH3	53-56	05/11
Marlon Timberlake	GM2	48-55	01/12
Thomas L VanDerham	SN	58-59	11/06
Jeffery B Weast	BT2	61-66	12/11

### Cover Photo

Returning to Pearl Harbor after a brief occupation duty in Tokyo Bay after WWII, USS Nevada BB-36 was surveyed and assigned as a target ship for the Bikini atomic experiments. The tough old veteran survived the atom-bomb test of July 1946, returned to Pearl Harbor to decommission 29 August, and was sunk by gunfire and aerial torpedoes off Hawaii 31 July 1948. Our featured Captain, Commander Willis Fisher was a member of Nevada's crew at this time.

## 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



Shipmates I can't thank you all enough for the outpouring of condolences and donations to the Association in memory of Loraine. The outpouring of cards, mass cards, flowers, telephone calls and e-mails were overwhelming. My family and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts

for your kindness.

We have selected Jacksonville, Florida for our next reunion for reasons explained in our reunion registration letter sent to all of you. Hopefully, we can get a record turnout as the years are creeping up on us. Please consider attending our reunion in Jacksonville, FL. We don't want **ANY** shipmate to attend the reunion **WITHOUT** meeting a shipmate he served with.

Shipmate Henry Rossi has been looking for our shipmates and he has spent countless hours on this task. He has found literally hundreds of our shipmates. Some alive and sadly some deceased. He also takes special requests. If you have a shipmate that you would like to find and he is **NOT** on our roster either drop Rossi a line or e-mail with any information you may have on your shipmate. rockportrossi@gmail.com, Henry Rossi, 177 Thatcher Road, Rockport, MA 01966-2230

I have a curiosity about how the Charles H. Roan has stayed in the memories of our shipmates. The numbers **853** can be found in zip codes, telephone numbers, addresses, and even some license plates. Without having Joe our Secretary/Editor, stick pins in my picture, I would like to know how many of our shipmates relate to or have the numbers **853** in their lives?

Remember that we do **NOT** have dues and we rely on your contributions for our support. Your generous contributions, no matter how small or large are truly appreciated to **KEEP US AFLOAT**. Our financial statement is published in every newsletter.

**IT is extremely important that you DO NOT WAIT** to make your room reservations at the Crowne Plaza in Jacksonville, FL. as we have a limited block of rooms at **our special rate**. As time passes, the hotel removes rooms that are **NOT** taken and opens them up to the general public. Please don't be left out and make your **ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW**. We have a 72 hour cancellation policy so you are protected if you need to cancel. **SEE YOU IN JACKSONVILLE** on **OCTOBER 2-7, 2012**. Select your dates, and tours **EARLY**. Any questions please call my cell 850-261-1360 **CENTRAL TIME**.

## Financial Report

Last Financial report September, 30, 2011

Balance of Checking Account 11,920.58  
Reserve Fund - Separate Account 700.00

### Expenditures

Post office	405.05
Office supplies	290.12
Small stores	163.59
Newsletter/printing	1,895.03
Telephone/internet 6 months	625.00
Bereavement	293.84
Roan Reunion 2012	2,046.15
Website	261.79
Bad Check	55.00
Cruise Books	125.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-6,160.57</b>

### Deposites

Donations, small store sale etc	5,075.05
Checking Account	11,920.58
Deposits	5,075.05
Expenses	6,160.57
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>10,835.06</b>
Reserve Fund	700.00
<b>Total Assets including Reseve Fund</b>	<b>11,535.06</b>

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04 - 08 Steaming as before. 0355 c/c 060. 0431 c/s to 12 kts, c/c to 062. 0459 rendezvoused with U.S.S. THREADFIN (SS-410) in N.W. corner of KEY WEST OP area 17 Placed THREADFIN on base <sup>use</sup> course 220, speed 5 kts. Manuevering at various courses at various speeds while taking station 6000 yds astern of THREADFIN for sonar test 2 run 24. 0514 directed THREADFIN to submerge to periscope depth. 0521 THREADFIN is at periscope depth and operating normally. 0614 on station commenced sonar test 2 run 24. Steering various courses at various speeds while maintaining station. 0710 THREADFIN reported sighting small boat in water ahead of formation. 0733 terminated test #2 run #24. 0734 manuevering at various courses and speeds to investigate small boat possibly in distress. 0750 mustered the crew on station, absentees: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
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Copy of the Charles H. Roan deck log.

*W. A. Eford*  
W. A. EFIRD  
LTJG USNR

## Sunday, 2 February, 1964

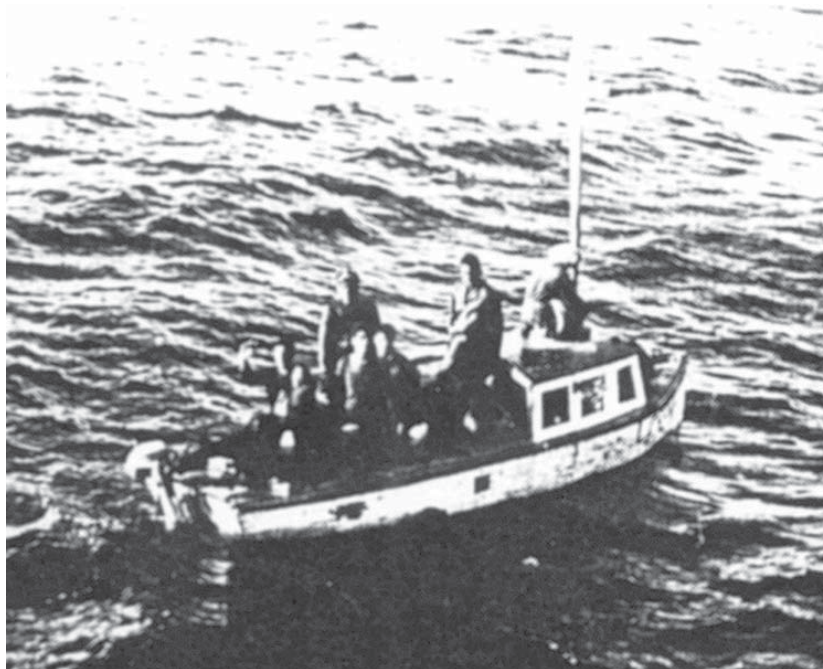
Off the southern coast of the United States, in the Key West OPs area.  
So begins another incident in the life of the

# USS Charles H. Roan DD-853

08 - 12 Manuevering as before. 0805 small boat alongside to port. Boat has 19 passengers on board apparently in distress with out gas and inoperative engine. 0810 took boat under tow. 0824 set course 040, speed 5 kts. 0905 made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples conditions: normal. 0925 lying to, to heisted boat to starboard. 1019 Boat heisted, set course 040 speed 5 kts. 1024 c/s to 10 kts. 1030 c/s to 15 kts. 1032 c/s to 20 kts. 1044 c/c to 042. 1135 c/c to 070. 1141 c/c to 030. 1142 manuevering to receive Coast Guard boat alongside to starboard. 1148 Coast Guard boat alongside. Commenced disembarking 19 passengers.

Copy of the Charles H. Roan deck log.

*L. D. Thomas*  
L. D. THOMAS  
LTJG USN



Because he spoke Spanish Carlos Carballo (Tito) was used as an interpreter during this incident. - ed



Joe,

It was such a long time ago, that all I could tell you is that during the night some of the lookouts stated that they had heard some shouts or voices. The next day is when we spotted the boat full of Cubans. Their were about 19 people in a small boat. We sent the whale boat out to investigate, before getting near them. Their boat seemed to be sinking from the weight and all of the water that it was taking. I started talking to them from afar to let them know that we were a U.S. Navy ship and for them not to do anything crazy or we would have to open fire on them. When we pulled them along side, I had to talk to them and instruct them as to how to come onboard.

I remember telling them to sit on the deck and Doc Segal and Griffin started to check them out. We gave them blankets, hot coffee and something to eat. I think it was Capt. Riggs who was the skipper at the time and Lt. Thomas, had me asking them questions as to where they came from (what area of Cuba they set off from). We separated the men from the women and children by taking the females and children below decks to the mess hall, however the men were left topside. I remember that we tied their small boat to the rear of the ship, however the ropes they had were not long enough and it started to sink their boat, so we tied their boat using our ropes so that we could tow it farther away from the wave that our props were making. I remember that they

had asked me if we could save their boat because it had saved their lives. I told the skipper and he gave the orders to tie their boat up that way.

I think we contacted the U.S. Coast Guard telling them that we had found some Cubans and gave them certain details. It was Lt. Thomas who later sat with me as we questioned them about Cuban Intelligence. We asked them for names of Cubans that were in the U.S. and worked for their Intell. as Agents. They told us about how the Cuban military had missiles and where they were located. We wrote it all up in the Intell reports that Lt. Thomas had to do. They spoke of the poor conditions in Cuba and how the Communist (Russians) where everywhere.

I remember that several of the men were fishermen. They mentioned that they had lost some fellow boat people and I think we looked for some other survivors however never found anyone. They kept saying how gratefull they were that we found them and would not return them to Cuba.

Joe I would think that you have access to some type of reports that were made on this incident. Remember that several of the guys took pictures and I seem to remember seeing some of them, however I don't remember who took them.

Carlos Carballo  
YN3 63-66

12 - 16 Steaming as before. 1202 completed personnel transfer. 1206 set course 185, speed 20 kts, to rejoin U.S.S. THREADFIN (SS-410) in NE corner area 17. Lit superhegt under #1 Boiler. 1243 Joined U.S.S. THREADFIN, base course 230, base speed 5 kts. Submarine designated guide. Maneuvering to take station 1000 yds ahead to conduct run #25 test 2. 1246 c/b/c to 5kts. 1307 run delayed. Maneuvering to take station on port beam of guide. C/b/s to 3 kts. 1512 Commex run #25 test 2. Manguvering to cross the guide's bow from port to starboard; then from starboard to port, continuing until completion of run. 1542 Finnex run #25, test 2. Maneuvering to take station 335 R from guide. 2400 yds, for next run.

Copy of the Charles H. Roan deck log.

  
R. L. FARNAN  
LTJG USN

*I had contacted Larry Thomas one of the OOD's during this incident. As you will see Larry could not recall what had happened, but after 46 years who could blame him. Larry explains how he came up with the following. - ed*

Hi Joe,

I read Carlos' recollections, and they somewhat refresh my memory. I think Carlos is right about the refugees' boat leaking. That would account for our initial towing speed of 5 Knots and then eventually hoisting it on board. While I was technically OOD during most of the event, Carlos' info makes me believe that Captain Riggs may have either held the previous OOD, Bill Efird, over or had another officer fill in for me, and sent me to supervise security, while the refugees were on board. As Weapons Officer, I was also the ship's Nuclear Weapons Security Officer, since we were a nuclear capable ship with our ASROC. I'm sure we called out the Nuclear Weapons Security Response Team, to keep an eye on our guests. This may account for my surprise, when I saw I was OOD in the deck logs. I also now have some vague recollection of interrogating the

refugees, but after leaving ROAN, I served three tours with Naval Intelligence, with the last two as a Counter-intelligence Officer. So, I've interrogated a lot of possible spies and saboteurs and may well have my interrogations confused. Carlos may have me confused with John Slaven, who was the Ops Officer. Regarding their info that they had lost some fellow boat people, I believe that was a reference to other boat people, who had tried to escape from Cuba. As far as I recall, all personnel in their particular boat were accounted for, and there was no reference, in the deck logs, about any search.

I'll be interested in any recollections Bill Efird may have, as they may jar my memory, even more.

Larry Thomas  
LT 63-65

*In the following Larry was gracious enough to interpret the deck logs from that morning. As you saw there was not a lot of apparent information in them. - ed*

Hi Joe,

I got your package of ROAN logs and photos of the Cuban refugees event. I've reviewed the logs and photos, and neither has improved my recollection of the Cuban refugees event. I was rather shocked to see that I was actually the OOD during most of the event. I must be getting senile in my old age.

While my reviewing the logs and photos of the Cuban refugees event hasn't improved my recollection of same, I have put together a likely scenario of what happened, based on the logs and photos.

We were doing sonar testing with the USS THREADFIN (SS-410) off of Key West during the morning of Sunday, 2 February 1964. Bill Efird was OOD on the 04-08 Watch, and we were maneuvering at various courses and speeds as part of the test. At 0710, THREADFIN reported sighting a small boat ahead of our formation. At 0733, we terminated the exercise, and at 0734, proceeded to investigate the small boat, apparently in distress. I suspect that Bill had called the Captain, who probably ordered the sub to further check out the small boat, and based on a further report from the sub that the small boat appeared to be in distress, the Captain terminated the exercise and told Bill to set a course for the small boat. This would account for the 23 minutes between the initial sighting and our Captain's actions. I relieved Bill as OOD for the 08-12 Watch, and at 0805, we had the small boat along side to port. The log shows that the boat had 19 passengers, apparently in distress without gas and

with an inoperable engine. At 0810, we took the small boat under tow, and at 0824, set a course of 040, speed 5 knots. At 0925, we were lying to, to hoist the boat to starboard. At 1019, the boat was hoisted, and we set a course of 040, speed 5 knots. Between 1019 and 1032, we incrementally increased speed to 20 knots. At 1148, we rendezvoused with a Coast Guard boat, took her alongside to starboard, and commenced disembarking the 19 passengers. At 1202, we completed the transfer and set course to rejoin the THREADFIN.

While the log shows that we disembarked the 19 passengers onto a Coast Guard boat, it doesn't show when we actually embarked them. The photos show a fairly calm sea state, but with a mild chop. My guess is that we tried towing the small boat and passengers, hence the 5-knot speed. At 0925, we decided to hoist the small boat, and if the 19 passengers weren't already embarked, we would have certainly embarked them before hoisting their boat. I suspect that our decision to hoist the refugees' boat was based on the need to increase our speed from 5 knots to 20 knots, in order to shorten the time it would take to rendezvous with the nearest Coast Guard boat. While not clear from the log, I assume we also lowered their boat, and the Coast Guard took it in tow.

I've stayed in close touch with Charlie Wingo over the years. I think he was still on board at the time of the event, so I'm going to forward this to him, and if he was onboard and has anything to add, I send it to you.

Larry Thomas  
LT 63-65

## New Members

William E Widick S2 46-47 Portland, OR	Edmond C Ecker MML3 57-58 Bullhead City, AZ	Doug McGrath TM2 61-65 North Providence, RI	Murrel L Dunlap CS1 63-65 Milton, FL	Carl E Lowe Jr SA 64-66 Avon Lake, OH
Everett J Woolum FN 51-52 Seabrook, TX	Harold E Schumacher MM3 57-58 Port Charlotte, FL	Albert E Siter BT3 61-65 Portland, TN	Robert L Nicklas FTG2 63-65 Eatonton, GA	Lavin R Ragin SR 64-66 Berlin, NJ
Dante P Zublena SK3 51-52 Youngstown, OH	Robert S Wurst SN 57-59 North Fort Myers, FL	Vincent P Estes BT2 61-66 Virginia Beach, VA	Louis R Nowak BT3 63-65 Roscommon, MI	David J Yarusso BM3 64-66 Shakopee, MN
Henry J Wisniewski SN 52-53 Las Vegas, NV	Harry J Jansen FN 58-59 Stone Ridge, NY	Jeffrey B Weast BT2 61-66 San Gabriel, CA	Bobbie J Ryon CS3 63-65 Telford, TN	Larry L Young STG2 64-66 Colfax, WA
Arturo M Fernandez DKSN 54-58 Lemoore, CA	Dennis L Cantwell FN 58-60 Schoolcraft, MI	Paul R Elsey BM2 62-64 Erie, CO	Gilbert D Haus FTG3 63-66 Starkweather, ND	Richard L Lawrence RD3 64-67 Livonia, MI
Robert E Branton SN 55-59 Shelby, NC	Larry D Clausen FN 58-60 Sioux City, IA	Edwin B Kiley SK3 62-64 Spring Hill, FL	Willie F Okelley MM3 63-66 West Lake, LA	Wayne A VanderMeer SN 64-67 Hammond, IN
Richard J Huefner BT2 55-59 Spartanburg, SC	Frank J Peters SN 58-60 Sioux City, IA	Ralph W Landry SOG2 62-64 Exeter, NH	Bruce M Hunt RM2 64 Manchester, MI	Stan Dulski BT3 66-68 Columbia, MD
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Earl K. Beeler SH1 56-58 Powell, TN	Gerald C Brey SK3 60-62 Shoemakersville, PA	John C. Potteiger SA 63-64 Umatilla, FL	Thomas W Prater CS2 64-65 Montgomery, AL	Richard B. Whitson SA 72 Dora, AL
Wayne W. Gadd SN 56-58 Forest Hill, WV	Adolph W Mackner SN 60-64 Long Beach, CA	Adrian W Spicer LTjg 63-64 Sun City West, AZ	Richard A Winslow GMG3 64-65 Ganesvoot, NY	Willard J Winterstein LTJG 72-73 Roysersford, Pa
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# “Within my heart the song still plays in memory of those better days”

## Flags and Signals

Dear Mr. Souza,

I have been unable to bring myself to write this or send a donation because it is another acknowledgment that my dad is no longer here. He passed away Jan. 17, 2009.

The night before he passed away, some of our last conversations were of his Navy service. It meant a lot to him and would always make him happy to share those memories with me. Thank you for the newsletter and please use this contribution in any way needed.

Respetfully,

Barth Cotner, son of

Bill Cotner

ET3 51-53

Dear Richard,

My warmest sympathy to you on the loss of your wife. I lost my wife in 03 and it was quite a blow.

I have enclosed a check for you to use as you desire. Keep up the great work you are doing for the Roan.

Best regards,

Thomas Connell, CDR, USN ret.

CO/CDR 59-61

Dear Richard,

Sending my deepest sympathy to you on your wife's passing. Also seeing your name on the Binnacle list, causes me to say "Get Well."

Enclosed is a small check for the fall issue of "The Jolly Cholly", another winner. Having served on Missouri for 2 years, I enjoyed the write up re' Halifax, 50.

All the best.

Larry Treadwell, Capt. USN ret.

XO/CO/XO 61-63

Richard,

I was sorry to read about your wife's passing. I lost my best friend, my wife in 2009 after 57 years of marriage. We came from the same neighborhood, and went to school together. I know the feeling. I'm writing this to you, and crying at the same time. You will miss her every day.

I'm enclosing a donation. Thank you for all your great work keeping the Association running.

John Griggs

TMSN 51-52

Richard,

Alice and I were shocked to hear about Lorraine passing. We have been married for 50 years. I am sure it has been hard.

As usual we both enjoyed "The Jolly Cholly." The board has done a wonderful job with the Association. We have a lot planned for next summer. I hope the 2012 reunion will take place. Enclosed is a little something for the Association.

Tony DeNiro

SN 58-60

Richard,

My wife passed away in 1999. It will be tough at the beginning but your feeling of loss will diminish. Just keep your chin up with the memory of the good life you had with her.

The best to you,

Don Kacher

SA 52-53

Dear Chief,

Please accept my most sincere condolences. I know your loss is grievous but with loved ones and time, healing will come. Your memories will always be there.

I have enclosed a check for the Association. I can still see you and your "gang" on the signal bridge.

Most sincerely,

Jim Hubbard

LTjg 64-66

Dear Richard,

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your wife. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Enclosed is a check for \$50 to help continue your admirable work concerning the Roan Association, (also that of the Board of Directors.)

This fall through the efforts of Henry Rossi, I was able to contact Frank Contratti, ETSN, one of our shipmates and met him for lunch.

Continued success with the Association,

Richard Jones

RD3 58-60

Richard,

I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your soul mate of 63 years.

Enclosed please find a contribution to help keep "The Jolly Cholly" afloat. My wife, Caroline and I enjoy reading each issue.

Tom Grayson, Capt. USN ret.

LTjg 64-65

Richard,

I am so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Here is a little to keep the ship afloat. Thank you and others for all the work you do. I enjoy "The Jolly Cholly."

O. L. Huffman

SN 52-53

Chief Souza,

I am very sorry to here of the passing of Lorraine. She will be very much missed. God be with you, at this very sad time.

Please accept this donation.

William Morrison

MM3 62-65



# Flags and Signals

Chief,

I am so sorry for your loss. The extra money from the ship store order can be put into the kitty.

Tom Hayden  
SN 47-49

Rich,

As much as I look forward to my Roan newsletter twice a year, I was saddened to read that you lost your wife. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. In her memory I've enclosed a check for \$100 for you to do what you think is best for our great Association. Keep up the good work in all you do for us. I'm sure everyone in the Association feels your pain.

In sympathy,  
Brad York,  
SHSN 66-68

Richard,

I am sorry to hear about Lorraine. She was a great lady. I know she has been at your side every step of the way. She will be greatly missed. I haven't been to the last few reunions, due to minor health issues, but I wanted to send a \$ 500.00 donation to the fund in honor of Lorraine. She will be remembered in our hearts. Please take care of yourself, and I hope you get back to full strength very soon. I hope to see you and the others in the near future. May God bless you!

Al Arena  
DCFN 62-64

Richard,

My sincere condolences on you loss. I can't begin to imagine it after 42 years with my wife Vickie.

I wish you all the best,

Ken Jennings  
STG3 67-68

Dear Richard:

First and foremost, please accept my condolences for the recent passing of your dear wife Lorraine. The picture of you both together shows how happy you were together.

I am also saddened by the thought that you may step down as our President. This association is what it is because of your efforts and devotion to The USS Charles H. Roan, our ship.

Another shock in this Fall Issue is the "Deceased Shipmates".

Although I haven't had any contact with James Bowden, Robert Slocum, Roger Sams, or Davis Simms, I still have a mental picture of each of them. We never forget our shipmates and the enclosed check for the kitty is in memory of them.

Thanks for all that you do.

Bob Hedrick  
MM3 54-55

Dear Richard:

Thank you for the Fall 2011 Jolly Cholly newsletter. I am just learning about the USS C.H. Roan Association and found the newsletter to be very interesting. Reading the letters in the newsletter from former Roan crewmembers reminded me of why my time aboard the Roan has stuck with me all of these years. I had the privilege of serving with a lot of great guys, most of whom I haven't seen or heard of since leaving the ship in January 1964. I am glad to see that Dallas Reese (QM2 59-64) is involved in the Association. Although he probably doesn't remember me, he was a great help to me when I moved from the deck force to the bridge and was eventually recommended to go to Class A Quartermaster School on the base in Newport

Please accept my condolences for your losing Lorraine. Although I never had the pleasure of knowing her I can tell from your letter that she was a very special person.

I am enclosing a check to cover the cost of a ball cap and a flag pin. Please use the remaining money for the Association as you see fit.

Regards  
Bob Shannon  
QM3 62-64

Dear Richard,

I was sorry to hear about your wife. I can truly say that I know how you feel. I lost my wire Debbie last year. I'm sending you this check in her memory. Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,  
Tom Frowert  
STG3 66-68

P.S. I've been trying to find Bill and Jerry Gibbs. I noticed that they have shown up as new shipmates, but I can't seem to locate either of them, although I've done extensive searching. If you have a street address or phone number I would really appreciate it if you could send it to my email address, [tom@shcllporl.colll](mailto:tom@shcllporl.colll). Thanks.

Dear Richard:

First, let me say how saddened my wife and I are upon hearing of your wife's passing. We send our sympathies and wish your family well.

It was nice to see the letter from Captain Charles P. Poreda in the fall newsletter. I worked out of the "oil shack" at the time and can picture every port he spoke of and remember every event during that cruise. It was as cruise to remember in more ways than one. Looking back, how many people can say they went around the world!

I want to thank Capt. Poreda for his letter and leading the last crew of the Charles H. Roan on a cruise of a lifetime.

Enclosed is a donation and an order for the ship's store.

Sincerely,  
Ken Doxsey  
BT3 71-73

# Commander Willis Henry Fisher

## 4th Commanding Officer

### USS Charles H. Roan

4 JAN 1951 - 26 MAY 1952

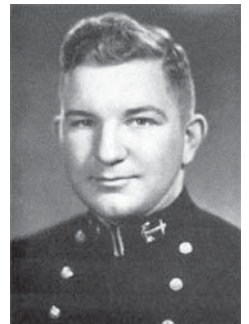


Willis Henry Fisher was born in April, 1918 in Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Youngstown South High School in 1937 and attended Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio for one year before being appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The Naval Academy yearbook "The Lucky Bag" says about Willis Fisher, "A jolly Dutchman from Ohio describes him perfectly... Lucky will be those who are his future shipmates for his good humor, smiling face, and personality make him the friend of all."

Midshipman Fisher graduated from the Naval Academy and received his commission as an Ensign in February, 1941. His first assignment was with the USS New Mexico BB-40. The New Mexico was home ported at Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands. In May of 1941 the New Mexico was sent to the Atlantic to meet the menace presented by German successes in Europe. New Mexico returned to the Pacific in early 1942 to help reinforce a Pacific Fleet that had been badly crippled by the Japanese. During most of 1942 she operated off the U.S. west coast and in Hawaiian waters. While assigned to New Mexico Ensign Fisher was promoted to LTjg and then Lt.

In April, 1943 Lieutenant Fisher was transferred to the USS Cowpens CVL-25 (the Mighty MOO.) Being a member of her commissioning crew in May, 1943, made him a Plankowner.



The Cowpens arrived at Pearl Harbor in September, 1943 and in October sailed with TF 14 for the strike on Wake Island. In November she participated in strikes on the Gilbert Islands (Mille and Makin atolls) and in December strikes on the Marshall Islands (Kwajalien and Wotje.)

Joining TF 58 the Cowpens participated in the invasion of the Marshals again hitting Kwajalein and also Eniwetok in January, 1944. In February she joined in the attack on Truk and later in the attack on the Mariana Islands. During this period the USS Cowpens received the Navy Unit Commendation.

In May 1944 Lieutenant Fisher was transferred to the USS Flint CL-97. He was a member of her commissioning crew in August, 1944 and therefore a Plankowner. In January, 1945, Flint served with the fast carriers as they struck targets in support of the invasion of Luzon. She continued in this role during the Iwo Jima landing and attacks against the Japanese home islands. Flint also was involved with the prolonged fight for Okinawa, screening fleet units and providing shore bombardment.

In July and August, 1945 Flint joined the Third Fleet in strikes against targets in Japan and briefly remained in the area to support initial occupation efforts. In October, Flint left the area to participate in Operation "Magic Carpet", to bring home war veterans from the Pacific. While with the USS Flint Lieutenant Fisher was promoted to LCDR.

May of 1946 found LCDR Fisher joining USS Nevada BB-36 as Navigator. Nevada was too old for retention in the post war fleet and was assigned in July to serve as a target during the atomic bomb tests at Bikini in the Marshall Islands. After two bomb test failed to sink the USS Nevada she was towed to sea in August and sunk by gun fire and torpedos.

LCDR Fisher was then assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in September, 1946, as an Electrical Engineering Instructor. After a three-year assignment at the Naval Academy, LCDR Fisher received orders to report to USS Charles H. Roan DD-853 as her Executive Officer.

LCDR Fisher, reported to Commander Deragon, Captain of the Charles H. Roan at that time. Commander Deragon was relieved by Commander Martineau in November, 1949. In November of 1950 Roan was involved in a collision with the USS Brownson while operating in fleet maneuvers under black out conditions 200 miles off the coast of Bermuda. Five crew members were killed and 3 injured. Roan was towed to Bermuda for temporary

repairs and then to Boston for repairs at the Charlestown Navy shipyards.

In January, 1951 Commander Martineau left the Charles H. Roan and LCDR Fisher assumed command. In July 1951 LCDR Fisher was promoted to Commander. After repairs Roan underwent refresher training at Gitmo and then resumed normal operations along the east coast.

In May, 1952 Commander Fisher left the Roan to assume duties at BuPers in Washington, DC until November, 1955 at which time Commander Fisher was transferred to ComPhibPac in the Hawaiian Islands where he was the Force CIC Officer.

Commander Fishers next assignment kept him in the Pacific, this time in Korea. In April, 1958 he was assigned to the Naval Advisory Group, Chinhae Detachment as OinC. The responsibilities of the Naval Advisory Group at this instillation were primarily logistics.

Returning to the United States in June of 1959, Commander Fisher assumed duties as the Executive Officer at the Naval Ordnance Plant in Louisville, KY also serving for a time as Acting Commanding Officer until his retirement in July 1963.

W i l l i s Fisher went on to pursue a career with the Jefferson County board of Education until his retirement there. Willis Fisher passed away in Louisville, KY in April, 2003 at the age of 85. He left behind his wife of 60 years, June Davis Fisher, a son and daughter and five grandchildren.



Commander Fisher served in the United States Navy for 22 years, with 12 of those years being sea and foreign duty. Commander Fisher was authorized to wear the Navy Unit Citation, American Defense Medal, WW2 Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 8 battle stars and the China Service Medal.

# Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

I always look forward to receiving my issue of the "Jolly Cholly" but must admit that the Fall 2011 issue left me quite depressed. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss of Lorraine, a wonderful partner of more than 55 years of marriage. I know that she will be sorely missed and I can only send prayers your way. The next item that left me even more depressed was to read Henry Rossi's list of deceased shipmates. I served on Roan from 1960 to 1962 and knew so many of these men that are no longer with us. I'm sure that it took Henry a long time and a lot of effort to track down our shipmates and, to Henry, thank you. Going on a couple of more pages and Henry has gathered more shipmates into the Association. Again, many familiar names that served back in the early '60's and another good job by Henry.

I am attaching a photo of the brass RPM indicator that used to be attached to the engine order telegraph of the Roan prior to her entering the FRAM program. Do we have a museum I could donate it to? I wonder how many of the folks reading this today polished it with good old Brasso? I know I did.

I am enclosing a check for \$50.00 and ask that you send me a license plate holder and put the rest in the fund. As always, thanks to all of you who make this newsletter, the web site, and the organization in itself the success that it is. '

Tom Powell,  
FTG3 60-62  
(see page 18)

Dear Richard,

I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your wife Lorraine. I hope your own health is well. I am enclosing a check for the Roan Association. Use it as you see fit for the general fund and/or the memorial plaque.

Ralph Eccleston  
MM2 54-57

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is \$25 for "The Jolly Cholly." Keep her going!  
Don Clifton  
BTFN 72-73

Dear Richard,

Here is a little cash for the kitty. At the last reunion you gave out a gold medallion with a likeness of the Roan on it. I would if I can buy another one? I can't wait for the next reunion.

Jack Damonte  
SN 53-56

Dear Richard:

Jean and I had a wonderful cruise aboard the Emerald Princess with you and other past shipmates and their wives and guests. We enjoyed the ports of call. Some we visited previously on past cruises. Enclosed, please find my \$ 50.00 check for the Roan Association. Use it as you see fit. We are looking forward to the next reunion and seeing our other shipmates that we haven't seen in a while.

Best regards,  
Jay Dalton  
IC3 57-60

Rich,

I read the news of your wife passing away in "The Jolly Cholly." My heart goes out to you.

Sincerely,  
Al Timchak  
MM3 59-62

Richard,

We received "The Jolly Cholly" and read the news of your loss. We are so, so sorry. We know you will miss her greatly. We can only hope times will get easier for you with the help of family and friends. I'm sure it will.

Our thoughts are with you.

Herb & Carol Hare  
TMSN 52-55

Hi Joe,

Give my deepest sympathy to Richard on the loss of his wife.

I really enjoy "The Jolly Cholly." Here is something to keep it afloat.

Yours truly,  
Joe Angione - Plankowner  
MM3 46-47

Dear Rich,

Please accept our donation to the Roan Association, in fond memory of Lorraine. We hope to see you at the next reunion.

Sal & Maryann Genova  
QM3 52-55

Richard,

Many thanks for the Association newsletter.  
John Salop  
LCDR 53-54

Richard,

Thank you for all your hard work in keeping the Charles H. Roan memories alive. I was a radarman on board from 58-60 and I see where two of my shipmates passed away this year. I had forgotten their names until I saw them in the newsletter. Keep up the great work.

Bill Parker  
SN 58-60

Richard,

Enclosed is a check for the Association. Thank you for all the time you put into keeping the Association going. I enjoy reading "The Jolly Cholly."

Ken Jahns  
BT3 59-61

# Flags and Signals

Dear Souza,

Use this as you see fit.  
Perry Woodman  
RD1 65-67

Dear Richard,

The cruise was great. We had a great time, thanks. Here is a donation for the Association.  
Don & Elinor Burton  
MM3 49-51

Richard,

Please accept my donation to help out. I had a lot of fond memories aboard the Jolly Cholly.  
Don Kidney  
MM2 69-71

Richard,

Please use this for whatever the Association thinks is best.  
Rob MacDermid  
The Last Boot Ensign 72-73

Mr. Souza,

I am wondering if you would help me find my friend and shipmate, Charles Buffington from Jacksonville FL. He was a BTFN in the forward fireroom from 59-61. I have not been able to locate him. Also I would like to know if the ship plaque got to the VA Hospital in Texas.  
Many thanks and keep up the great work.  
Marlin Digby  
FN 59-61

Hi Richard,

Thanks for keeping our Association afloat. Here is \$100. Please use it as you deem necessary.  
Warm regards,  
Bill Bell, CDR. USN, ret.  
RM2 56-57

Dear Richard,

Here is some money for the kitty. I enjoy reading "The Jolly Cholly". It was nice to call some old friends and talk. It brings a lot of old memories back from forty years ago.  
Thank you,  
John R Frie  
SN 63-65

Richard,

Enclosed is a donation to be used as needed.  
Happy Holidays,  
William Allen  
MM2 59-62

Richard,

Enclosed is a check, use it as you see fit. I was on the ship for less than four months, but I enjoy reading the newsletter.  
T.A. Kauffman  
BMC 57

Dear Joe,

In a recent letter to Richard I said..."every issue of "The Jolly Cholly" tops the last one. Once again you have continued that fine tradition. "Bravo Zullo". Saddened of course by the list of members we have lost, but equally inspired by the number of new members. The bios of past CO's are really great. I'll always treasure the issue in which my CO, Capt Henry Curran was remembered. He was the shipper in 1953, when I was detached, with orders to CO, USS Waxbill AMS 39. Talk about a great experience....I was piped away from the Roan...."Waxbill departing"

Regards,

Clint Vail  
Ltjg 1952-53

Richard,

I read with sadness in the recent issue of the Jolly Cholly the passing of LCDR Byrne.

I was a Yeoman on ROAN from late 1966 through 1967. I did much of the correspondence for CDR Byrne when he dictated letters to DESLANT and other assorted places around the world. I'm sure my typing skills, and sentence construction were not the best. He corrected my copy moved forward, and never disparaged my work.

CDR Byrne also stood up for his crew. During a Med cruise in 1967 our ship's company was invited to a very dignified party for the 4th of July celebration. We enlisted thought it would be day of fun. It became apparent we were there for window dressing only. CDR Byrne discovered what had happened and immediately apologized to all of us. It's something he didn't have to do; I never forgot it.

When late in 1967 I was transferred to USS Warrington DD843, it was CDR Byrne that broke the news to me and said kind words prior my departure. We lost a good shipmate. Association contribution is in the mail. Take care,  
Ron NaSal  
YN3 66-68

Richard,

Thanks for the past editions of "The Jolly Cholly." Enclosed is a check for \$30, \$10 for the Association and \$20 for an auto plate.  
Thanks,  
John Lambert  
SN 64-66

Dear Richard,

Here's a little donation to help defray the cost of the newsletter. I fondly remember my time on the Roan, Dec. '72 to Dec. '73. Guantanamo Bay, South America, becoming a shellback, both coasts of Africa, safari in Kenya, Baharin. I would love to relive those days!

Keep up the good work and God speed,  
David Howard  
PN3 71-72

# Flags and Signals

Ahoy Souz,

Got my coat today, it's 4.0 and quick! I already wore it out shopping with my wife June. Enclosed is \$150, half for the coat and the rest for the kitty.

June sends her regards as do I. I'm looking forward to Tuesday which is the day we go to Castle Point Veterans Hospital and Nursing Home where we entertain the Vets weekly. You only think you have troubles until you see those guys. They're missing limbs and you name it. They never leave there alive.

Sincerely,  
Richard Kelly  
QM3 59-62

Dear Richard:

SOS! My copy of the Spring 2011 issue of the Jolly Cholly went AWOL before I had a chance to read it. It just disappeared - I have no idea where. Could you send a replacement? I enclose a check to cover retrieval, handling, and shipping costs. (Does not count against my regular contribution which usually gets sent in December.)

Incidentally the Fall 2011 issue arrived without incident and, except for the news of your tragic loss, is currently being enjoyed.

I was especially interested in the letter from Jim Smealie (Ltjg 1952-54) regarding the 1954 episode when the Roan supplied electricity and water to the USS Iowa in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. I would like to contact Smealie - could you include his address - ordinary mail and/or e-mail- with the back issue of the Jolly Cholly?

Best regards,  
Gene C. Wilken  
LTjg 52-55

Richard,

I was surprised and happy to hear from Henry Rossi informing me of the existence of the Roan Association. I was also happy to receive "The Jolly Cholly" newsletter and recognize your face.

I was on board Roan for the "60" Med cruise and on the detail to put the cruise book together. I was injured in a refueling accident and medavaced to the Coral Sea and later to the Naval Hospital in Newport, RI. I was then put out on a temporary medical discharge and returned to Colorado. In 1866 I was classified fit for duty and reenlisted and did two tours in Vietnam on board the USS Carpenter DD 825.

I've been a working cowboy most of my life and recently retired from Turkey Creek Ranch, on Fort Carson where I was a horsemanship instructor for the Department of Defense, (at age 70.)

I'm ordering the 1960 Med Cruise book from the ships store. Because of the conditions under which I left the ship I have never seen the finished product. Use the balance of the money as you see fit. Keep doing what your doing.

Best regards,  
J D Morgan  
TM2 59-61

Dear Richard,

I just received a copy of "The Jolly Cholly." Within it was the biography of Captain Poreda. In the article he related the Roan's tour in Gitmo. While I was stationed in Gitmo, I was an observer for Fleet Training Group. During that time I was honored to participate in the training in weapons and gunfire support for Roan.

Although I could do the training, I could not ethically participate in the final battle problem. I was, of course, aware of the final score. Captain Poreda graciously sent to my command a letter of appreciation for my assistance. To this day I do not know the outcome of the exercise on the GFCS range.

On another note, I well remember the issue concerning the reel of mooring line. It seems that Gitmo instills a certain amount of resourcefulness in all who were, for whatever reason there.

It brings to mind a situation involving the CPO's there. It came to our mind that the entrance of the CPO club dining room lacked an awning which we decided would be "just the right thing" to set off the club.

Such an item was found at the entrance to the officers mess at the now disused McCalla air strip. One Saturday four chiefs got together and commandeered a Seabee truck and started off toward McCalla Officers Club. During the process of disassembling the contraband, we were, approached by the Admiral's Chief of Staff; who addressed us all by name and congratulated us on the reuse of the awning.

To this day I do not know how he knew our names. All the people involved were members of a tenant command along with the local E.O.D. tech.

Also please add this to the Kitty.  
James Switzer  
FG1 66-68

Joe

Do you have the address of Grace McGovern, John Byrne's (LCDR, XO 66-68) daughter? XO Byrne had a very large impact on my navy career and I'd like to drop her a note of condolence on the passing of her Dad.

Bob Lee  
RD1- CWO1 64-66

Dear Richard,

Enclosed is a check for the memorial plaque. Thanks for all you do for the Association.

Don & Elinor Burton  
MM3 49-51

Hi Rich,

Enclosed is a check for the Association. Take care and I'll be talking to you.

Your shipmate,  
Bob Crisci  
RD2 60-62

## Deceased Shipmates

### (Deceased Association Members on page 2)

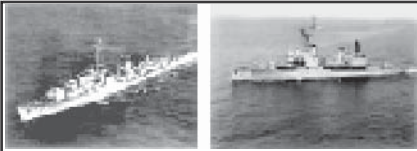
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**Embroidered Golf Type shirts**  
 (with pocket)

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

**Ships Crest and Name**  
 White - Tan - Puddy - Navy - Light Blue  
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 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  
 \$12.00

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Richard F. Souza  
 6396 Manassas Ct.  
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 Mostly by Priority Mail

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

**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**

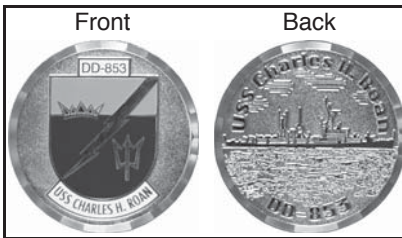
The same ones that the Blue Angels wear. Very sharp looking with the back Embroidered. A Patch/Crest (or both) and your name can be added to the front for additional cost (see add on items.) Call before ordering.

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 #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



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  
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 (To sew on any of the above)

**ADD ON ITEMS**  
 for  
 Item 2 - Wind Breaker Jacket  
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 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)

# USS Charles H. Roan (DD-853) Association 12th Reunion — October 2 – 7, 2012 Crowne Plaza Hotel – Jacksonville, FL



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.

A photograph of a brass RPM indicator scale. The scale is divided into two columns, each with four columns of numbers. The top row of numbers is "5 38 20 181", and the bottom row is "13 171 32 346". The numbers in between increase by 10 in the first column and 10 in the second column. The text "USS CHARLES H. ROAN" is visible at the top of the scale.

KNOTS	RPM	KNOTS	RPM
5	38	20	181
6	47	21	192
7	57	22	202
8	67	23	213
9	77	24	224
10	87	25	235
11	98	26	247
12	108	27	260
13	118	28	274
14	129	29	287
15	139	30	301
16	150	31	314
17	160	32	329
18	171		346

Brass RPM indicator that was to be attached to the engine order telegraph of the Roan prior to her entering the FRAM program.

Tom Powell,  
FTG3 60-62

**“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**

# FROM AFTER DIESEL

One of the things that gives me great pleasure, in doing my job, is helping family members looking for information on their loved ones. Every so often a family member will find our website, and contact us looking for information on a loved one.

Recently we received such a request from John Cybart the brother of Bob Cybart, EM2, "61" to "64". Bob had passed away in 1994. John said Bob was eleven years older than him, therefore they did not have the close brother relationship you have with a sibling closer in age. John was looking for anybody who knew Bob, especially Joe Lierer, a shipmate and close friend of Bobs'.

I knew both Bob and Joe because we had worked together. I passed on what I remembered of Bob and put John in contact with Joe Lierer who is an Association member. Hopefully this will help John with a little of the connection to his brother that he is seeking.

As a side note, in 1994 I was looking for Bob Cybert for the Association. I got in touch with his wife and found Bob had suffered a fatal heart attack three months earlier. Also in talking with John Cybart, I discovered he was a retired brother firefighter as I am. It's a small world.

Not to get to far from the subject matter, I just wanted to touch a little on being too late in renewing contact with an old friend. This from Henry Rossi:

*Reporting: Today I made a call looking for an Arthur J Watson. A women answered the phone and said she was his daughter. I asked if he was in the Navy and served on the Roan. She said yes he was. I asked if he was home, and she said he died yesterday of a heart attack. She also said that she, had recently found the Roan site for her father on the computer and he was looking forward to joining. I said I was sorry and that his name would be added to our memorial honor roll. Strange things can happen.*

To get back to the original thought. We just received this e-mail:

*Hello: I am the sister-in-law of Leland Eugene Smith who served on the USS Roan. While a family member was working on Ancestry.com, your website came up. Leland was called up from the naval reserves in 1950 and was one of the navy men killed during maneuvers between Norfolk and Bermuda. We did not know many details about his death and your article about the tragic accident was certainly interesting. Leland had been married only six weeks and was twenty-two years old when he was called to duty.*

*Sincerely, Marlene Buswell*

It's nice to know that because 3 shipmates got together 20 years ago and started this Association family members can maybe find some much needed closure.

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## Roster Update

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(Most information that is missing is from the following categories – Please help us update our files)

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