

USS CONCORD NEWS LETTER SPRING 2020



Dave's tattoo



Ahoy

By Vice President \ Web Dude \ HT1 82-86,

Shipmates \ Families, the reunion brochure is complete and the hotel is standing by to take your order. This is going to be a jam-packed week so if you haven't already, start planning now. Also, we intend on restructuring our ships store and plan on not restocking clothing with exception of ships hats and patches. With that in mind we plan on moving all our remaining clothing stock at the reunion event. Be sure and see Bob in the Hospitality room if you want to get in on this deal and enjoy deep discounts on our Concord apparel. Lastly, our "Spotlighted member" this quarter might be the only human being to proudly wear our ships crest on his body (literally). I was first aware of David Stascak's unique tattoo at our 2010 reunion. After quite a few conversations with Dave he agreed to share his tattoo and time on board our ship.

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Article one: *From the Secretary,*

Association membership remains strong. As of this letter we currently have 140 active members on our muster. 23 shipmates' memberships expired at year end 2019. In looking back historically to 2012, there are over 100 folks who were once members that have let their membership lapse. We must do a better job of reaching out to them to rejoin us!

Please take a look at our active member page on our site

<http://www.ussconcord.org/id16.html> if your name does not appear there, your dues are not current.

Please consider re-enlisting/joining us for the first time. Also, while you are checking the list for your name, think of your shipmates from your era. Are you still in contact with any of them? Are they on our membership muster? If not, please consider reaching out to them to join us. You know, none of us are getting any younger and without the support of our shipmates, the Association cannot survive. As you may already know, all funds received by the Association are used to maintain our website, pay for our domain rights, and help with our reunion expenses. All officers in the Association are elected/appointed and perform their duties as Volunteers! No one receives any money from your dues payments. Our reunion is just six months from now and membership is the sole qualification for attending the reunion! Your \$20 dues payment will put you in good standing until January 1st, 2022! Any question can be sent to me at garrysea@gmail.com. Welcome aboard to the following shipmates who either renewed or signed up for the first time in our club since our Winter Newsletter release: *Silas Dalrymple (ET2 83-86), Mike Blank (BMSN 74-75), Larry Trotter (QM2 69-72), Patrick Marley (RM3 79-81), Wayne Hostilo (FTG1 73-77), John Califano (SK3 68-70), Charles Fletcher (SM3 69-70), Michael Bozek (BM2 66-70), Arnold Ed Thurman (MM3 74-77), Tim Sellitti (E4 85-89), Charles Fletcher (SM3 69-70), Bob Martin (DP3 68-70), John Regina (OS3 73-75), Tom Cote (IC2 74-77), (Fred Keith (LT 71-74), Micheal Phillips (EM3 82-86), Jerry Hafner (ETN3 68-70), Richard Mueller (YN3 66-70), John Oconnor (MM3 74-78), Wesley Linscott (RM1 83-83), Richard Pinckney (E-4 74-76), David Houdlette (E-5 69-74), Ron Gammell (SK3 68-70), Chris Ebert (LTjg 74-76), Michael Moulder (BM3 72-74), Donald Luth (PNI 81-83).* You can join or renew online here: <http://www.ussconcord.org/id29.html>

GARRY COLLINS (LTjg 81-84)

Article Two: *From the Treasurer,*

As of March 26, 2020, Concord's bank balance is \$5005.29. Since last quarter sales in Ships Store were \$86.00. Only expenses were for website \$29.85. PayPal balance is zero all funds were transferred to the bank account.

STEVE LARSEN (DP2 68-70)

Article Three: Reunion 2020 has been set for September 22nd-27th at the Hotel Preston in Nashville Tennessee. Our party pamphlet is now available from our planners (A Complete Reunion) and you can access the brochure at their site www.acompletereunion.com/uss-concord or at our site www.ussconcord.org. We have so much planned for this week and I'm sure there's something for everyone. This will be our 6th reunion and if you have never attended one of these events I highly recommend this one as your first. This is going to be a hotel sell-out so we recommend you book your room and get your request / checks in the mail as soon as possible. See you at the Grand Ole Opry.

Article Four: The “Hatch” page at our website provides pertinent information for our members in good standing. The “Hatch” is a “members only” benefit and as such must be controlled in accordance with our active member annual data base. Keeping with “Hatch” security the password has been changed for 2020. Active members were emailed the new password. If you need assistance contact our association with your request.

Article Five: Our association identifies various members throughout the year and shares their memories while they served aboard. I'm pleased to announce our *Spring 2020 "Spotlighted member"*.

David Stascak, SN 69-70.



I reached out to David a couple years back and suggested we do a story about his unique tattoo. He was totally on board but went through some major challenges i.e. lost his house to fire. Dave recovered from the fire, salvaged what memorabilia he could and has moved on with his life. Thanks for your story Dave and I'm pleased you've shared some of your memories with us. You can enjoy his story at our ussconcord.org website.

Article Six: Taps The following shipmates have been reported as loss during this newsletter period: SK3 Eddie Pettipaw 72-75, SK1 Charles Ken Keyser (Plank owner).

If you have news of a member who has passed and has not been recognized as eternally departed at our website, please contact the webmaster at ussconcord.org.

Chaplain's thoughts:

Hello Mates, I hope all is well. We read in 3 John 1:2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. We also read in 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

My friends, God would have you to be in health and not to be in fear!

Heavenly Father, I pray your blessings to be on friends and families represented here. May they have your favor in health, blessings and prosperity. Amen

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