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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope and pray everyone had a great and safe holiday season. March is upon us and time is fleeting. Our 2007 reunion is only 7 months away.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I report the passing of CDR J. W. Foust, who was the Commanding Officer of the USS John R Pierce from 1962 to 1964. I was extremely fortunate to have served under his command. He and LCDR D. E. Osborne (Executive Officer) were a great team. While the subject of death is one that is very difficult to deal with, I would ask all members to please keep us informed of deaths, illnesses and hospitalizations. You can inform any board member, or Ed Millett, Chaplain.

Great progress has been made in updating our membership roles. As of this writing we have 216 members listed on the roster. Of these there are 76 life time members. I would like to point not all of these have been confirmed and the numbers are subject to change. We continue to try and contact members to confirm their data. We have a few members whose address, email and telephone numbers are incorrect thus making it next to impossible to locate. Example: I called a member, whose wife answered the phone, as soon as I mentioned I was associated with the John R Pierce Sailor's Organization; she immediately hung up the phone. I crossed his name off the list.

The news letter was published on the web site in word (.doc), text (.txt) and abode reader (.pdf) formats. After looking them over we selected abode reader (.pdf) as it provided the best copy. There is a link to the free abode reader program. Download and install this program and you should be able to open and read the news letter. The web site has a page devoted to the upcoming Norfolk reunion. Just go to www.ussjohnrpiercedd753.com and on the left click on reunion 2007. A schedule of events has been posted and the registration form will be shortly. Robert Wilno has ordered some items for the ships store and he hopes to open the store on the web site shortly. By the way if anyone happens to see Bob ask him how he managed to drop a very expensive UHF/VHF hand held radio into the dark blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. This occurred during inspection of the Lebanese-flagged freighter Marucla, the first ship to be stopped and inspected during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Over the past few months I have been in contact with a number of our members. There seems to be great deal of interest in the 2007 reunion. While it is early, it appears there will be a good turnout. I would like to extend my personal invitation to each and every member to attend and establish and/or renew friendships. Remember guests are invited as well. I recently had the opportunity to speak to my old communications officer LTJG Robert Schermer (after 43 years). He joined our group, but the real reason I mention this is he is in contact with several other former crew members and has indicated he will encourage them to attend as well. **Book your room early!!!!** The registration form and all other information will be avail in the June news letter. **If at all possible please have your form in by September 1st so final reunion arrangements can be made.**

In closing I would like to say thanks for the opportunity to serve as the President of this great organization. I am surrounded by a dedicated executive board and I thank them for their assistance. If I can ever be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

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USS JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 TREASURER REPORT

10/1/2006	Opening Balance			\$26,314.57
	Income	Annual Dues	\$1,105.00	
		XFR In	\$3,000.00	
		Ships Store	\$40.00	
		Interest	\$284.80	
	Sub Total		\$4,429.80	\$30,744.37
	Expenses	Reunion 07	\$800.00	
		Reunion 06	\$1,077.52	
		Mail	\$395.50	
		Web Master	\$150.00	
		Ships Store	\$1,711.05	
		SVC Chg	\$20.50	
		Checks	\$32.00	
		XFR Out	\$3,000.00	
	Sub Total		\$7,186.57	\$23,557.80
2/28/2007	Closing Balance			\$23,557.80

	Oct 01, 2006	Feb 28, 2007
	Open	Closing
MMI	\$10,195.38	\$7,220.48
CHK	\$1,192.24	\$1,150.67
1	\$2,143.75	\$2,176.97
2	\$7,760.43	\$7,873.01
3	\$5,022.77	\$5,136.67
Total	\$26,314.57	\$23,557.80

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Dues are \$15.00 dollars per year and \$150.00 for life time. Make checks payable to John R Pierce DD753 Sailors Organization. Email: dd753ocalavince@wildblue.net

John R. Pierce

John Reeves Pierce, born in Cristobal, Canal Zone, 3 November 1906, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1928. Following flight training and submarine instruction, he served in Submarine *S-29* and studied marine engineering at the University of California. After serving in *Nautilus* (SS-168) and *Narwhal* (SS-167), he assumed command of *S-23* (SS-128) 15 February 1941. Appointed Lieutenant Commander 2 January 1942, Pierce on 22 June took command of *Argonaut* (SM-1), a transport submarine, which participated with *Nautilus* in carrying out the famed, diversionary Makin Island Raid from 17 to 19 August. On her third war patrol in the Southwest Pacific, *Argonaut* sighted an enemy convoy protected by planes and destroyers. Built as our first large mine laying submarine, she lacked proper submerged maneuverability during combat operations. When detected, she came under a vicious enemy attack. The gallant *Argonaut* surfaced and pressed home an aggressive counter attack, severely damaging a Japanese destroyer before succumbing to heavy enemy fire 10 January 1943. For his demonstration of courageous leadership and unyielding devotion to duty Lt.Comdr.

Pierce was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross.

NEW MEMBERS

William H. Crumpler	BM/QMSN	62-64	Jerry Hoogerhyde	BMSN	61-64
Charles Everdale	IC3	61-63	Robert Schermer	LTJG	61-63
Wayne Switzer	LTJG	66-67	Donald Kuell	MM3	58-58

DECEASED MEMBERS

Jim Stoddard	LT	52-53	Jim Theiss	SH2	51-54
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PJ's CORNER Irish Soda Bread

4 C. all-purpose flour	¼ C. sugar
½ C. raisins	½ tsp. salt
6 T. shortening Cinnamon-Sugar	1 egg, slightly beaten
2 T. butter or margarine, melted	1 ¼ C. buttermilk
2 tsp. baking powder	1 ½ tsp. baking soda
	1 T. caraway seeds

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda & Salt. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in raisins & caraway. Combine buttermilk & egg; add to crumb mixture. Turn onto a lightly floured surface & knead gently 5-6 times. Divide dough in half; shape into two balls. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Pat each ball into a 6-inch round loaf. Using a sharp knife, cut a 4-inch cross about ¼" deep on top of each loaf. Brush with butter & sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar. Bake at 375°F., for 40-45 min. or until golden brown.

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