



THE FIERCE PIERCE



DECEMBER 2009

The 2009 reunion celebrating the 65th anniversary of the commissioning of the ship has come and gone. I hope everyone had a great and fun time. My wife and I (even if she did dance on the tables) enjoyed ourselves. Each year we look forward to the reunions as a way to see old friends and shipmates.

The following members attended the 2009 reunion:

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Brauer	Mr. Frank Weiland and guest Ms. Peggy Robinson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Groth	Mr. William Jahnke
Mr. Ray Myland	Mr. Anthony Volpe
Mr. Jesse Bucky	Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Simon	Mr. Dennis Hovermale and guest Ms. Dorothy Benson
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Sigler	Mr. & Mrs. Bernard McSherry
Mr. Gary Bohnsack	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Olstad
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Foster	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Millet
Mr. Robert Wilno	Ms. Pam Pritchett
Ms. Kristine Wilno	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Tharp
Ms. Sue Alderman	Mr. & Mrs. Roderick Kent
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gallagher	Mr. Curtis Cronin and guest Timothy Cronin
Mr. & Mrs. David Cushion	Mr. Ed Carpenter and guest Robert Carpenter
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ferrell
Mr. Robert Wallace	Ms. Myrna Grady
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ryder, JR	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Piper and guest Kraig Piper
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Mills	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cleasby and guest Ms. Delores Cleasby
Mr. Robert Olsen	Mr. & Mrs. David Reed
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Slavin	Mr. & Mrs. Herb Yablonsky
Mr. Rufus Ornduff	Mr. Ben Bowden and guest Ms. Helen Amerson
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Davis	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Maturo and guest Mr. Dennis Maturo
Mr. & Mrs. Buzz Gralla	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Dempski	Mr. James O'Briant
Ms. Marcia Hoeksema	Mr. Larry Knippa
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Laubert	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schermer
Mr. Fred Bible	Mr. James Smith and guest Mr. Gus Tominello
Mr. Grady Pitts	Mr. & Mrs. Boyce Winecoff
Mr. Adrian Lorenston	Mr. & Mrs. James knight
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hall	Mr. Thomas Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Bissel	Mr. & Mrs. Rick Deppeler (Active duty)
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Radke (Active duty)	Ms. Rachel Cleasby (Active duty)
Mr. Nathan Ball (Active duty)	Ms. Jennifer Cleasby (Active duty)
Mr. Shawn Click (Active duty)	

THANK YOU

On behalf of the USS John R Pierce DD-753 Sailors Organization I would like to thank the reunion committee for a JOB WELL DONE! Committee members were Edward Millett, Dee Millett, Pam Pritchard, Robert and Kristina Wilno.

REUNION 2010

The 2010 reunion (as voted on by the CREW) will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This reunion will be hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Foster and Mr. & Mrs. Randy Tharp. More information will be forthcoming in the 1st quarter 2010 newsletter, scheduled to be published at the end of March 2010.

2010/2011 OFFICERS

The following folks were nominated for office and accepted after receiving unanimous crew approval:

President:	Cecil Thompson	Vice President:	Dennis Foster
Secretary:	Miriam Cox (None Voting)	Treasurer:	Carl Cox
Director:	Randy Tharp	Director:	Keith Brauer
Director:	Jimmy Sigler	Past President:	None

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Over the years and from time to time, the constitution and bylaws have been changed and or modified to meet current situations. As best as I can tell these changes were never incorporated into the constitution or bylaws. In an effort to get the USS JOHN R PIERCE DD 753 SAILORS ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS up-to-date Eugene (Gene) Slavin and Ralph (Jeff) Mills have agreed to review and recommend changes as necessary. It is our hope to have these completed, mailed to all members prior to the 2010 reunion, and voted on by the CREW at the General/Business meeting.

SHIPS STORE

At the 2009 reunion, the crew voted 100% to shut down the ships store. There are a few items still in the store such as hats, jackets, T-shirts, etc. These items will be for sale at the Kalamazoo reunion. At the end of the reunion, the store will cease to exist. Contact Ed Millett if you wish to purchase one of these items.

DUES

For those members who pay dues on an annual basis the October 2009-October 2010, dues are now due. Dues are still 15 dollars a year and are used to support the newsletter and website. There are a number of members who are delinquent in paying their dues. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, please contact Carl Cox at 937-969-8246 (home) or 937-631-2655 (cell), otherwise please mail your dues to Carl Cox, 4610 Hominy Ridge Road, Springfield, OH 45502. We will include a notice in the next newsletter (around late March or early April) for those members who are not up to date on dues.

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	RATE/RANK	YEARS ON BOARD
GRADY N PITTS	DC3	1949-1952
RICHARD SEAY	QM3	1962-1963

TAPS

NAME	RATE/RANK	YEARS ON BOARD	DATE
JOSEPH ZIEGLER	MM2	1965-1967	11/28/2009
NOAH E. BRINKER, JR	GM2	1945-1956	07/11/2006
ROGER RICE	BT1	1951-11955	12/07/2009

2009 JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 REUNION REPORT

Income	Pre-Registration	\$7,642.00	Expenses	Banquet	\$ 3,635.15
	Collected at the reunion	\$ 647.00		Tour	\$ 3,360.00
	Raffle	<u>\$ 542.00</u>		Hosp Room	\$ 852.47
				Entertainment	\$ 525.00
				Souvenirs	\$ 2,143.50
				Signs	\$ 60.00
				Refunds	<u>\$ 242.00</u>
Totals		\$8,831.00			\$10,818.12
Difference					(\$ 1,987.12)

Ships Store Sales: \$1,361.00

Note: This is a preliminary report. Final report will be issued in the next newsletter.

**USS JOHN R. PIERCE TREASURER REPORT SEP 30, 2009
(ISSUED AT THE 2009 REUNION)**

INCOME	Annual Dues	\$ 135.00	Expenses	Web Site	\$ 95.40
	Interest	\$ 35.67		09 Reunion	\$ 5,571.10
	Ships Store	\$ 39.00		Stamps	<u>\$ 44.00</u>
	09 Reunion	<u>\$7,003.00</u>			
	Sub-Total	\$7,212.67			\$ 5,710.50

	Jun 30, 2009 Closing	Sep 30, 2009 Closing
Checking (1)	\$ 1,329.64	\$ 5,072.64
Checking (2)	\$ 5,159.02	\$ 2,885.69
CD 1	\$ 2,413.25	\$ 2,418.37
CD 2	\$ 8,505.01	\$ 8,521.10
CD 3	\$ 5,453.55	\$ 5,458.56
SAV	<u>\$ 5,037.79</u>	<u>\$ 5,044.07</u>
Total	\$27,898.26	\$29,400.43

USS JOHN R. PIERCE TREASURER REPORT NOV 30, 2009

INCOME	Annual Dues	\$ 135.00	Expenses	Webmaster	\$ 200.00
	Interest	\$ 25.87		09 Reunion	\$ 3,568.15
	Ships Store	\$1,361.00		Tin Can Sailors	\$ 500.00
	09 Reunion	\$1,189.00		Refunds	\$ 227.00
Sub-Total		\$2,710.87			\$ 4,495.15

	Sep, 2009 Closing	Nov 30, 2009 Closing
Checking (1)	\$ 5,072.64	\$ 3,400.49
Checking (2)	\$ 2,885.69	\$ 2,749.04
CD 1	\$ 2,418.37	\$ 2,423.56
CD 2	\$ 8,521.10	\$ 8,531.79
CD 3	\$ 5,458.56	\$ 5,460.84
SAV	<u>\$ 5,044.07</u>	<u>\$ 5,050.43</u>
Total	\$29,400.43	\$27,616.15

USS JOHN R PIERCE DD735 SAILORS ORGANIZATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NORFOLK, VA – OCTOBER 3, 2010

THE ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CECIL THOMPSON AT 0945.

PRESENT:	CECIL THOMPSON, PRESIDENT	ALSO PRESENT:	ROBERT WILNO
	CARL COX, TREASURER		ROD KENT
	DOUG SIMON, SECRETARY		ED MILLETT
	ROBERT GROTH, DIRECTOR		RON PIPER
	RANDY THARP, DIRECTOR		
	DENNIS FOSTER, DIRECTOR		

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE AND APPROVED BY MOTION MADE AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT THOMPSON REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT PAID ANNUAL DUES IN SEVERAL YEARS AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, THEIR NAMES WOULD BE STRICKEN FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS. THIS MATTER WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

THE FUTURE OF THE "SHIPS STORE" WAS DISCUSSED RELATIVE TO MANAGEMENT AND THE NEED TO CONTINUE BEYOND THE PONG OF SALES OF ALL MERCHANDISE PRESENTLY ON HAND. MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED TO TERMINATE THE "STORE" AFTER ALL ITEMS HAS ESSENTIALLY BEEN SOLD. THIS DECISION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED TO PAY A \$200.00 GRATUITY TO THE WEB SITE MANAGER.

RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO HOLD THE NEXT REUNION IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT RUFUS ORNDUFF HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HOST THE 2011 REUNION IN CHARLESTON, SC.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

DENNIS FOSTER AGREED TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT IF ELECTED. KEITH BRAUER (WHO WAS NOT PRESENT) HAD INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SERVING AS A DIRECTOR.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND APPROVED TO DONATE \$500.00 TO THE TIN CAN SAILORS ORGANIZATION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1027.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

D. M. SIMON, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

CECIL THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

USS JOHN R PIERCE DD753 SAILORS ORGANIZATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NORFOLK, VA – OCTOBER 3, 2009

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF THE JOHN R. PIERCE SAILORS ORGANIZATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CECIL THOMPSON AT 1040.

PRESIDENT THOMPSON CALLED FOR ALL TO RISE AND RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALLING OF THE ROLE WAS WAVED AS A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

THERE WERE NO PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES TO BE READ.

PRESIDENT THOMPSON ANNOUNCED THAT RANDY THARP HAD ACCEPTED HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD AS A DIRECTOR.

THE TREASURER GAVE HIS REPORT. ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 WERE \$29,400.43. FINAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION ASSETS WILL BE MADE AFTER ALL INCOME AND EXPENSES OF THE 2009 REUNION HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. CURRENT REPORT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

VICE PRESIDENT: DENNIS FORSTER WAS NOMINATED. MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ED MILLETT AND SECONDED BY KEN RYDER, MOTION CARRIED. PRESIDENT: CECIL THOMPSON WAS NOMINATED. MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY RON PIPER AND SECONDED BY HARVEY DEMPSKI, MOTION CARRIED. TREASURER: CARL COX WAS NOMINATED. MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY BOB GROTH AND SECONDED BY HARVEY DEMPSKI, MOTION CARRIED. SECRETARY: KAY COX WAS NOMINATED. MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY HARVEY DEMPSKI AND SECONDED BY ED MILLETT. MOTION CARRIED. DIRECTOR: KEITH BRAUER WAS NOMINATED. MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS BY ED MILLETT AND SECONDED BY GARY CLEASBY, MOTION CARRIED.

ALL NOMINEES WERE ELECTED BY ACCLIMATION.

PER4ESIDENT THOMPSON REPORTED THAT RUFUS ORNDUFF HAS AGREED TO HOST THE 2011 REUNION IN CHARLESTON, SC.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE "SHIP STORE" WAS HELD. MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF MILLS AND SECONDED BY RON PIPER TO DISESTABLISH THE "SHIPS STORE" AFTER ALL CURRENT SUPPLIES WERE EXHAUSTED, MOTION CARRIED.

GENE SLAVIN MOTIONED TO DONATE \$500.00 TO THE TIN CAN SAILORS ORGANIZATION. HARVEY DEMPSKI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT THOMPSON REPORTED THAT HE WOULD DELETE ALL MEMBERS FROM THE SHIPS SAILING THAT HAD NOT PAID ANNUAL DUES. NO OBJECTIONS WERE NOTED.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE NEWSLETTER BE ISSUED 3 TIMES A YEAR VICE 4. IT WAS NOTED THIS ACTION MAY REQUIRE A MODIFICATION OF THE BY LAWS.

GENE SLAVIN WAS APPOINTED TO CHAIR A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE BY LAWS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATE. JEFF MILLS AGREED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL BODY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1120.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

D. M. SIMON, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

CECIL THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

NOTICE – I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING EMAIL

“Hi, My name is Michi Robertson and I am the daughter of Noah E. Brinker Jr.

I am looking for anyone that may know or remember my father. He was on the USS John R Pierce from 1945 to 1956 I believe. He was a GM2. I grew up hearing about all the stories from his experiences in the Navy. My father had a lot of pride and respect for his country; he was a true Navy man. My father passed away on July 11, 2006. Everything about his experiences was instilled in me and I will never forget it. I am very proud to say that my father was one of many many veterans to serve and protect our country.

I have several photos that belonged to my father that I would love to post. I do not know whom I need to contact or how to go about doing that. He has one beautiful picture of the USS John R Pierce with all the sailors on deck while they were in Venice, Italy. He also has several drawings(he was a very talented man) of when he was in Adak, Alaska working at the Dental Clinic at the US Naval Base and he has a photo where he had painted the US flag on the ship. Does anyone remember that?

I have many pictures of my father and sailors.. Some of their names are J.N. Robbins, Donnie Ford, Kenneth Broom, Melvin Hill, Donald Clark. Does anyone know of these men?

I also believe my father was a member of the USS John R Pierce DD753 Sailors Organization Inc., I have many newsletters that he had with the name THE FIERCE PIERCE.

If anyone can help me I would appreciate it. Like I said I would love to be able to post some of the pictures and drawings my dad has. You can contact me at mlrbkr94@wildblue.net if you have any information about my father and how I should go about posting these photos and stuff.

Thank you and God Bless,

Michi Robertson”

In addition to her email, you can contact Ms. Robertson at: Michi Robertson 1312 Hwy 316 N. Poplar Grove, AR. 72374.

Ms. Robertson has agreed to provide the photos and drawings, as soon as she does they will be posted on the web site.

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Merry Christmas



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REUNION 2010: DENNY FOSTER/RANDY THARP