

May 2010



THE FIERCE PIERCE NEWS LETTER

I had planned on issuing the news letter this past March, however due to illness I was unable to do so. The problem was pain in my right shoulder and arm preventing me from being able to type. Here is the first news letter of 2010.

2010 REUNION

Planning for the 2010 reunion is proceeding, and virtually complete. The hosts for the reunion are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Tharp. The reunion is scheduled for September 26-30, 2010, in Kalamazoo, MI. The registration form is attached. If you have any questions please contact Dennis at 269-729-4808 or Randy at 269-968-6283. If at all possible suggest you arrive Saturday, September 25th. It is my hope that every member attends!!

DUES

As of this news letter there are ~80 members who have not paid their 2009-2010 dues. Annual dues are still 15 dollars a year. If you are unsure if you owe dues please contact Carl Cox at 937-969-8246. Dues are used to pay for mailings, web site, and expenses of the organization. You can mail your due to Carl Cox, 4610 Hominy Ridge Road, Springfield OH. 45502

CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

At the 2009 reunion shipmate Eugene (Gene) Slavin agreed to review the organization's constitution and by-laws and recommend changes. Gene consulted with me and the attached changes were recommended. If anyone has any comments or concerns please put it in writing and forward to Gene and me. Gene can be reached at (email) slaving@aol.com or (mail) Eugene Slavin, 24 Colonial Court, Queensbury, NY 12804. My email is cthomp9785@hughes.net or mail Cecil Thompson, 352 Cooper Cemetery Road, Leesville, LA. 71446.

SHIP'S STORE

As voted on at the 2009 reunion the ship's store will officially close at the end of the 2010 reunion.

CASE KNIFE

Shipmate William Crumpler, who was aboard the ship 1962-1964, reports that he found a case knife with a handmade leather belt case. The knife was found under the depth charges platform. He is willing to return it if the previous owner can prove it is his. The knife has some unique markings on the handle. You can contact William at 509-447-7956.

NEW MEMBERS (WELCOME ABOARD)

NAME	RATE/RANK	SPOUSE	YEARS ON BOARD
DONALD A. SLOAN	EM2	CAROLYN	1958-1960
ARTHUR L. CARON	BT3	ROSANNA	1962-1965

TAPS

NAME	RATE/RANK	YEARS ON BOARD	DATE OF PASSING
BENJAMIN W. MARGOT	HMC	1966-????	FEBRUARY 5, 1977
ROBERT LOUIS HERNANDEZ	RD3	1958-1961	JANUARY 21, 1985
ARTHUR DAVIS	CS3	1951-1955	OCTOBER 24, 2009
HARVEY HELMANDOLLAR	GMGC	1957-1962	JULY 14, 2009
RICHARD L. HIGGINS	??	1959-1962	SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
DAVID SPRINGER	BT2	1950-1953	JANUARY 10, 2010
ROBERT "BOB" CHAMBERS	EN3	1955-1957	JANUARY 16, 2010
EUGENE (DESI) DESROCHES	MM2	1951-1955	APRIL 10, 2010
BETTY FOSTER	(WIFE OF SHIPMATE ROBERT FOSTER)		MARCH 26, 2010

JOHN R PIERCE TREASURER REPORT ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

Income:	Annual Dues	\$345.00	Expenses:	2009 Reunion	\$211.87
	Interest	<u>\$ 39.89</u>		2009 Reunion refund	\$ 15.00
				Newsletter	<u>\$178.72</u>
Sub-Total		\$384.89			\$405.59

	Nov 30, 2009 Closing	Apr 30, 2010 Closing
Checking (1)	\$ 3,400.49	\$ 3,400.49
Checking (2)	\$ 2,749.04	\$ 2,691.82
CD1	\$ 2,423.56	\$ 2,433.85
CD2	\$ 8,531.79	\$ 8,544.13
CD3	\$ 5,460.84	\$ 5,462.14
SAV	<u>\$ 5,050.43</u>	<u>\$ 5,063.02</u>
TOTAL	\$27,616.15	\$27,595.45

2009 JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 FINAL 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>\$ 257.00</u>
Totals		\$8,831.00			\$10,833.12
Difference					(\$2,002.12)
Ships Store Sales:	\$1,361.00				

RESERVATION FORM

U.S.S. JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 2010 REUNION
SEP 26-29, 2010
KALAMAZOO, MI
(Please print all information)

Shipmate Name (name on tag)

_____ (_____) _____

19 ____ to 19 ____ Rate _____ Rank _____

Spouse Name (name on tag)

_____ (_____) _____

City/Town _____ State _____

Guest Name (name on tag)

_____ (_____) _____

City/Town _____ State _____

Guest Name (name on tag)

_____ (_____) _____

City/Town _____ State _____

Sept – 26 - Sunday
0800-1700 Registration Open
1000 – 2200 Hospitality Room Open

Sept – 27 – Monday
0800-1700 Registration Open
1000-2200 Hospitality Room Open

Sept – 28 – Tuesday
1000 – Load buses depart for memorial service
1030 – Memorial
1100-1200– Lunch (pay at the restaurant) (60’S Style Diner)
1200-1400 Tour antique car museum
1400 – Depart for winery
1430-1530 Tour winery (includes wine tasting)
1530 Depart for hotel
1600 – 2200 Hospitality room open
(Times are approximate)

Sept – 29 – Wednesday
0930 – Executive Meeting
1000 – General Meeting
1200 – Hospitality Room Open
1700 – Pictures
1800 – Dinner
1845 – Guest Speakers

Sept 30 – Depart – Good Byes – Have a safe trip home and thank you for coming

DINNER
TWO SELECTIONS – PICK ONE PER ATTENDEE

#1 _____ Steak AU Poive - 8oz New York Strip crusted in fresh peppercorns and finished
With a brandy cream sauce.

#2 _____ Lemon Pepper Tilapia – Served with a dill cream sauce.

Each meal also includes: Salad with 3 different dressings
 Mashed Potatoes
 Veg du Chef
 Bread or rolls w/butter
 Coffee, Tea, Water
 Assorted Deserts

Registration	\$15.00 X _____	Persons = \$ _____
Tour	\$30.00 X _____	Persons = \$ _____
Dinner	\$30.00 X _____	Persons = \$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Make All Checks or Money Orders Payable to:

USS JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 SAILORS ORG INC.

MAIL TO

CARL COX
4610 Hominy Ridge Road
Springfield OH. 45502

All Payment Must Be Received by September 20, 2010

HOTEL INFORMATION

CLARION HOTEL
3600 E. CORK STREET
KALAMAZOO, MI

TELEPHONE: 269-385-3922

ROOM RATE: \$75.00 (PLUS TAX)
(RATE GOOD FROM 2 DAYS BEFORE UNTIL 2 DAYS AFTER THE REUNION)

Continental breakfast included in rate. Guests can upgrade to full hot breakfast buffet for \$3.95/person plus tax.

PLEASE TELL THE HOTEL YOU ARE WITH THE USS JOHN R PIERCE GROUP

SUGGEST EVERYONE ARRIVE SATURDAY SEP 25, 2010

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND BYLAWS

At the 2010 John R. Pierce Reunion General Meeting, the following proposals will be presented to the crew:

BYLAWS:

ARTICLE IV, SECTION III (Duties of Officers)

The **Secretary** shall be responsible for all correspondence pertaining to the CREW, shall also prepare and send to each regular CREW member periodical issues of the CREW newsletter, notices regarding the annual reunion and other information as may be directed by the President, issue notices to the Executive Board members of all meetings of said board and prepare an agenda of pending business for the use of the presiding officer at each meeting.

The **Secretary** shall record and preserve the minutes of all official meeting of the CREW and the Executive Board. Copies of the same shall be mailed to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting. He shall record the attendance of the officers and directors at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.

AMMENDED TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION III (Duties of Officers):

*The **Secretary** shall be responsible for all correspondence pertaining to the CREW. The correspondence shall include notices regarding the annual reunion and other information as may be directed by the President, issue notices to the Executive Board members of all meetings of said Board and prepare an agenda as directed by the President of pending business for the use of the presiding officer at each meeting."*

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE VIII, (Crew Policy) To add a Section VII

TO READ:

*The addition of Section VIII to establish a Newsletter **Editor**.*

"The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and serve in this capacity as a non-officer of the organization. The Editor shall assemble and publish articles of interest to and received from members, as well as providing information on the reunion and other issues as directed by the President and the Executive Board. The Editor shall be responsible for the mailing of the newsletter."

"The Editor shall be responsible for publishing the newsletter quarterly including cut and paste, editing to fit page, filling blank spaces with humor, pictures, etc., printing, assembling, stapling, addressing (address labels received from Treasurer) and postage. All costs are reimbursed by Crew's Treasurer."

At the 2010 John R. Pierce reunion in Kalamazoo MI., Cecil Thompson will make a motion that the newsletter "Fierce Pierce" be published three times a year instead of four. Reason: To cut down on expenses and load for newsletter editor.

At this same meeting Cecil Thompson will make a motion that no member over 85 be charged for dues. At this same meeting Cecil Thompson will make a motion that Crew Member Quorum be changed from 20% to 10%. Reason: The attendance at the reunions has dropped off, and some years we may not get a quorum of 20% and will not be able to conduct business.

At this same meeting Cecil Thompson will make a motion that the Executive Board quorum be changed from 2/3 members to 3. There are 8 members on the board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors and Immediate Past President. Reason: At some of the meetings there are not enough executive members to conduct business.

USS JOHN R PIERCE DD-753 SAILORS ORGANIZATION, INC OFFICERS

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PAST PRESIDENT: OPEN

APPOINTED POSITIONS

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REUNION 2010: DENNY FOSTER/RAND THARP

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