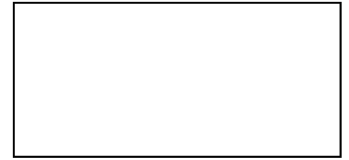
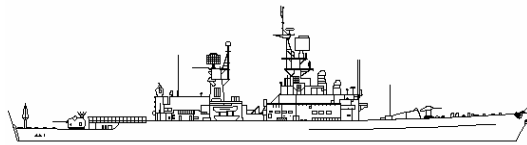


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## **FALL 2002 NEWSLETTER**



**THE USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

**WEBSITE: <http://www.usswainwright.org>**

Editor: Joe Autovino

### **Ship Update**

Well, as most of you know, our beloved Ship is in the care of Davy Jones now. Check on the web site for details and pictures. We now make an important transition from saving our ship to preserving, and making exhibits of the artifacts that we removed from her. This includes not only the ones the recovery team removed but also the ones that you might have. Since our ship is no longer with us, we need to preserve all that we have to remember her by. We need to teach people what the USS Wainwright and other Belknap class cruisers were about and how they molded the freedom we are now enjoying in this world. The Association would like to purchase a trailer to haul our exhibit around to all the reunions and other appropriate Veterans activities. All of this requires money, which we are hoping to get from the sales of the USS Wainwright Lithograph. **(cont'd on next page)**

## SHIP UPDATE (cont'd)

The cost quotes I have gotten are: Trailer \$6000.00, Decals for the sides \$ 2500.00, and the cost of making the exhibits. We want all the exhibits to be as accurate as possible, and many of them working, so people can actually use items like we used them. Many individuals have donated items that they had to the Association for the exhibit. We want to thank all of you that have done this, and anyone else that wants to donate items please contact me, and I'll make arrangements for pickup or delivery, we can also provide you a letter that will make sure that if anything happens to the Association that you will receive the items back. You can check the web site for the artifacts we have (last count was over 250) and there is also a list of people that have already donated items to the exhibit. Thanks to all that have helped in this process and let's all pull together, as we did when we were on the Wainwright, to make this a reality.

God Bless Our Wainwright  
Richard Molck— Ship's Curator,  
Phone (803) 324-8225 or e-mail [RMolck@RHTC.net](mailto:RMolck@RHTC.net)

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Notes from the outgoing association Secretary: Don Raby  
Here is what we did formally. You had to be there to know what we did informally!!  
It was a great time. Make plans now for 2004....

### **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting and National Reunion Business Meeting, held at the Inntowne-Best Western Milwaukee WI. on 11 July 2002**

A luncheon was held at noon followed by **Executive Committee Meeting** wherein it was unanimous to recommend to the full membership meeting the acceptance of the changes to the Constitution of USS Wainwright Veterans Association as published in newsletters March and June 2002.

It was also unanimous to recommend the acceptance of Option 2 amendment to Article III. 1 Officers. The Executive Committee will consist of Five elected Officers President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Master at Arms and the appointed volunteers for necessary committees to serve the Association.

Nominations were accepted for the election of Officers:

President:	Frank Yost, Ken Zalewski
Vice President:	Stan Smith
Secretary:	Dan Bowman
Treasurer:	Manny Seligman
Master at Arms:	Richard Becker

Executive Committee Meeting was Adjourned.

The **National Reunion Membership Meeting** was held at 7:00 PM  
Guest Speaker: **Commander Leanne Braddock, Director, Navy Equal Opportunity Program.**

Ratification of recommended changes to the Constitution and By Laws were passed unanimously.

Article III. 1 Officers (Elected 11 July 2002)

#### **Executive Committee:**

President	Frank Yost
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Stan Smith
Secretary	Dan Bowman
Treasurer	Manny Seligman
Master at Arms	Richard Becker

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**Minutes (cont'd)**

**Appointed Volunteers:**

Founder / Historian	J.C. Carlson
Reunion Committee	UNASSIGNED
Webmaster	Ken Zalewski
Curator	Richard Molck
Ship's Store	Richard Molck, M. Seligmann, K. Zalewski
Membership (Roster Maintenance)	Pete Zieger
Newsletter	Joe Autovino
Chaplains	Don Scott, Art Brown
Wainwright Family Liaison	Anne Bodman
Commanding Officers Liaison	Gary Lockee
DD62/DD419 Liaison	UNASSIGNED

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Fall 2002 Ship's Store Update**

The USS Wainwright's Ship Store has produced more new items for you to purchase. The new items are as follows:

- Reunion 2002 T-Shirts,
- Many decals and patches of the ship,
- Videos of the decommissioning: Persian Gulf Cruise 1988, Sept. 2001 & Feb. 2002 recovery process
- Front Automobile license plates, and the one item that everyone has been waiting for
- DLG Ball Caps.

Check the web site for more details. <http://www.usswainwright.org>

If you don't have web access please send me a note or call, and I'll mail you an order form.

We have also dropped the Save Our Ships T-shirts \$2.00 to try to move more of them, the cost now is \$ 7.00 each.

Now for a serious item, the **USS Wainwright Lithographs**. At this point we have taken orders for 48, and our goal is 210. I'm real disappointed we have not met our goal yet; this is a once in a lifetime chance to get a high quality print of our beloved ship along with an oil painting of Her to go with the traveling exhibit. I keep on hearing people say, "Well, I'll wait till we get it then order one." The truth is if everyone does that we will never meet our goal to commission the artist to paint the painting, which the lithographs are made from. As people saw at the reunion, the quality of the print justifies the price we are selling it at. The profit we make out of the Ship's Store is what helps pay for things like newsletters, reunions, and the day to day operating expense we have for our association. The lithograph sales will enable us to do many things like what was explained earlier in the newsletter under Ship Update. Please place your order today; we have extended the deadline to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks For Your Support,  
Richard Molck, Ship's Storekeeper  
501 Douglas Drive, Rock Hill, SC 20730  
e-mail [RMolck@RHTC.net](mailto:RMolck@RHTC.net) or phone (803) 324-8225

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**NOTES FROM THE SHIP'S HISTORIAN.....J.C. CARLSON**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH SHIPMATE CONSIDER MAKING ENTRIES TO THE WWT HISTORY. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING. THIS COMES FROM A GENEALOGY [FAMILY HISTORY] SOURCE;

**Every Day Immortality . . .**

The means of immortality are the ways of ink and pen.  
Bind yourself in sight and sound.  
Remembered, you are an ageless god.  
Forgotten, you wither and curl like a aged leaf.  
No longer of any value, you are blown off into eternity.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATON THAT WILL ENHANCE THE EFFORT OF CAPTURING THE HISTORY OF THE USS WAINWGHT AND IT'S CREWS, PLEASE SEND TO ME ONLINE AT: [tracker@freenet.macatawa.org](mailto:tracker@freenet.macatawa.org)  
OR MAIL TO ME AT:  
325 W. 19th ST, HOLLAND, MI 49423

\*\*\*\*\* F.Y.I. \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*Re-Printed From the Navy News Service\*\*\*\*\*

**All Ships to Fly First Navy Jack During War on Terrorism**  
Story number: NNS020822-18  
Release date: 9/5/2002 11:20:00 AM



**U.S.S. Kitty Hawk (CV-63)**

**! Top Story**

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Gordon R. England, has ordered all U.S. Navy ships to fly the First Navy Jack in place of the Union Jack for the duration of the global war on terrorism.

The First Navy Jack, which is commonly known as the "Don't Tread On Me" flag because of the motto which appears on it, consists of a moving rattlesnake on a field of 13 horizontal red and white stripes.

From 1975-76, the First Navy Jack was flown by all Navy ships in the fleet for only the second time since the American Revolution as a historical reminder of country's Bi-centennial celebration. Then, in 1977, the Secretary directed that only the oldest active ship in commission would have the honor of flying the Jack. Today, that honor that belongs to USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), which was commissioned April 29, 1961.

All Navy ships and craft authorized to fly the First Navy Jack will receive four flags each through a special distribution. For deployed ships, the flags have already been mailed to the appropriate Fleet Post Office address. Flags have been hand delivered by representatives of Navy Supply Systems Command's (NAVSUP) Logistics Support Centers to all other ships starting Aug. 30. Deliveries are expected to be completed by the second week of September.

To view SECNAVINST 10520.6 authorizing display of the First Navy Jack during the global war on terrorism, go to [http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/Directives/10520\\_6.pdf](http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/Directives/10520_6.pdf)

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**THE ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED BY THOSE MEMBERS OF CRUISE BOOK COMMITTEES WHO HAVE PHOTOS OF THOSE MEMORABLE DAYS. CONTACT J.C. CARLSON @ 616-335-8948 or [tracker@freenet.macatawa.org](mailto:tracker@freenet.macatawa.org)**  
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**IN MEMORIAM**

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**The U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the families of those shipmates who have passed this life.**

- Lowell J. Ellingson 1945-2000 Served on the Wainwright between Jan. 1966 and Feb. 1968**
- Richard Berry 1929-2000 Rear Admiral Berry commanded the U.S.S. Wainwright during his 32 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Navy**

**We commend them posthumously for their service to our country and their dedication to the U.S. Navy and the Wainwright. Our prayers and condolences are with their families at this time and in the day's to come.**

**If you know of the passing of any shipmate from the U.S.S. Wainwright, please notify the association secretary so that we can publish their names and send condolences to their families. Contact, Dan Bowman at the following postal or e-mail addresses:  
5567 Winton Rd., Fairfield, OH 45014-3925 or at [DnlBow@aol.com](mailto:DnlBow@aol.com)**

# Building a model of the U.S.S. Wainwright

by: Stephen P. Allen

So you want to build a model of Wainwright to honor the most decorated ship in the Atlantic Fleet, eh? Well, don't run down to the local hobby shop looking for one, because you won't find one. That's right, to date, there has been no model kit of any Belknap-class DLG/CG produced by any model maker. The other DLG classes have been represented, and there are many destroyer, frigate (FF(G)), and carrier kits, but the Belknap's remain unmodeled. The manufacturers claim simple economics won't allow them to model every ship. Be that as it may, the lack of any representation of this class is unacceptable, and there are those who are working to change the situation. I have discovered that one of the major resin kit manufacturers who is currently engaged in addressing recent USN subjects has the Belknap-class CG on its list for consideration as a future project.

In the meantime, it IS possible to build a model of Wainwright, but it won't be a shake-the-box kit. Right now, I'm building a 1/96 scale model of her that will not only be big (just a little under 6'!) but will float and, under Radio Control (R/C), actually move through the water. While a large portion of the model will be scratch-built (that is, fabricated by me from raw materials like sheet plastic and blocks or wood), there are companies out there who produce hulls, fittings, plans, and machinery to enable a fellow to build just about any ship, including Wainwright (a list of sources follows). It is important to note, however, that a project like this will require time, room, and money (I have about \$600 in my model to date and expect to easily double that before I finish; that figure will be spread over a number years).

The natural beginning point for a big model is not any part of it but the real ship itself. That is, you need information: plans, pictures, characteristics, data, and, if you're lucky enough to actually have served on the ship you are building, memories. If you aren't an experienced modeler, there are books, magazines, and web sites and mailing lists devoted to modeling in general and R/C and ship modeling in particular.

Acquire plans and pictures: the more info you have at hand, the easier (and better) your work will be. You'll also need to specify a time period; you may want to depict the ship she was when you served on board or perhaps at some interesting period in her life. Even basic things like superstructure size and shape can change, and weapons and sensor fit is a pretty clear tip-off on the time period depicted.

It is possible to scratch-build the hull, that most basic and important of parts. Unless you are fanatical about doing it yourself AND very good at fabrication, however, you might want to start with a fiberglass hull. If you install the running gear correctly, you can be assured that your expensive motors and radio gear won't end up in Davy Jones' locker! Decking, framing, superstructure, and masts will be largely up to you; some people use plastic, some metal, some wood, and some mix and match, but here is where the plans prove valuable. Since Revell hasn't seen fit to place these things for you, you have to construct them yourself.

The details—fittings, weapons, sensors, boats, railings, and so forth—can be purchased (most of them, anyway) complete or in kit form or scratch-built. Personally, I chose to buy some and build some. I built my Mk 10 missile launcher, Mk 42 5" gun, Harpoon canisters, Super RBOCs, SPG-55D illuminators, and SPS-48 3-D radar, but I purchased the boats; SPG-68 director; Phalanxes; SPS-10, -49, and LN-66 radars; SLQ-32s; life raft canisters; and SH-60 (there is no SH-2 currently available in 1/96; one would have to be scratch-built). I bought one anchor and made the other. I bought the WT doors, railing stantions, bollards, bits, and chocks, but I built the flagstaffs, flag bags, life preserver lockers, UnRep gear, davits, and satellite antennas. I could have bought more or built more (in fact, I did build an SPG-68, but I never could get it right, so I bought a kit). Many of these details are made in metal or resin rather than plastic, and the use of all the various materials means the use of numerous kinds of adhesives: epoxies, super glues, model cements, wood glue, and house construction adhesives all have their uses.

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### **(Building a Model cont'd )**

The point behind an R/C model, of course, is the radio and motor gear that makes it move across real water (something I know I always dreamt of as a kid!). The gear consists of a motor or motors (two motors gives the model the same kind of redundancy and maneuverability that two sets of machinery gave the real ship), a control for the rudder, a receiver/controller to transmit orders to the motors and rudder, batteries to provide power, and the radio transmitter. You can add other features, too: lights; speakers (for a horn, sound effects, or music); a bilge pump; rotating gear for the radars, guns, or missile launchers; or even boat davit or flag hoists. There are elaborate electronics for all these features and multi-channelled radios to control them if you want them and your budget allows.

Probably the most important step in the model-building process, however, is to find someone who has "been there, done that." There are R/C groups around and Internet mailing lists of people who have experience and who just move to discuss modeling. If a group is near enough to join, you get the added enjoyment of being able to sail your Wainwright in company with other, similar ships, creating your own Task Force. Who knows: it may be that a future Wainwright Veterans Association Reunion will have its own Wainwright Regatta!

### **LINKS, SOURCES, AND VENDORS:**

#### **INFO/CLUBS:**

##### **Task Force 100**

<http://bsd.interstat.net/~fgermo/>

##### **Plastic Ship Modeler**

Daniel H. Jones  
P.O. Box 2183  
Arvada, CO 80001-2183 USA

##### **The Warship Model Page**

<http://warship.simplenet.com/>

##### **Sea Photo**

1145 Oakwood Drive  
Millbrae, CA 94030  
<http://members.aol.com/seaphoto/index.html>

##### **Links2Go: An International List of Scale Model Related Websites**

<http://www.links2go.com/more/140.118.103.11/modelhome.htm>

##### **The Sub-Committee Links Page**

(Lots of R/C Links)

<http://www.wolfsong.com/SubCommittee/SubLinks.html>

##### **The Ship Model Mailing List**

<http://www.smml.org.uk/>

#### **MATERIALS/PARTS/PLANS:**

##### **Scale Shipyard**

The Scale Shipyard  
5866 Orange Ave #3  
Long Beach, CA 90805-4146  
<http://members.aol.com/ssyweb/SSYMain.htm>

##### **Floating Drydock**

P.O. Box 250  
Kregsville, PA 18333  
(610) 381-2004 (FAX)  
[drydock@floatingdrydock.com](mailto:drydock@floatingdrydock.com)  
[www.floatingdrydock.com](http://www.floatingdrydock.com)

##### **Gold Medal Models**

Route 2, Box 3104  
Lopez, WA 98261

#### **MACHINERY/ELECTRONICS:**

##### **M.A.C.K. Products**

Model Marine Division  
P.O. Box 464  
Long Branch, N.J. 07740  
(908) 870-2966

##### **Red Ensign Enterprises**

142 Hearne Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB, R3J 2R3  
(204) 837-4040  
(204) 837-4411 (FAX)

For more information contact Stephen P. Allen, via email [spallen@fidnet.com](mailto:spallen@fidnet.com)

**\*\*\*\*\*New Found Shipmates\*\*\*\*\***

**Phillip Fotopoulos 1966 E Division                      Dave Spear                      69-72 3rd Division**  
**Bobby King                      85-89 M Division                      Jay Fields                      86-89**

**“Welcome to the U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association”**

**We are all proud to be a part of this group and hope that you enjoy the opportunity to also share in the memories of service on one of the finest sea vessels that has served this great country of ours.**

A reminder to all shipmates: Please keep the association informed of any changes in residence, phone, or email address. This information is important so that the roster is kept up to date. You can use the web site, [www.usswainwright.org](http://www.usswainwright.org) or send updates via e-mail to [pzieger@pztech.com](mailto:pzieger@pztech.com) or USPS mail to: Pete Zieger, 615 Twin Tree Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801

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**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ TREASURERS REPORT \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

Please find below a balance sheet for the period 1 January 2002 through 15 September 2002, showing our financial situation. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact me via e-mail and I'll do my best to provide answers. My e-mail address is

Now that the reunion is behind us and I have had a chance to complete the accounting, you'll be pleased to know that we pretty much broke even. Not counting the items we purchased in advance of the reunion to be sold at the ship's store (t-shirts, decals, etc.) we spent \$4302.49. We collected \$4380.75 from tickets and the two raffles. The profit has been deposited in my off-shore account and will be shown as future expenses on the ledger sheet. Just kidding! No Enron bookkeeping here.

We decided a while back that we would consider a shipmate a paid up member until the end of the expiration year. For example, \$25.00 received in March of 2002 for a two-year membership would carry that person through December of 2004. I'll be sending invoices to those whose paid up status runs through the end of this year. Please re-up as soon as you can. Don't forget, your association needs your support.

Respectfully submitted, Manny Seligmann [fr8broker@aol.com](mailto:fr8broker@aol.com)

USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSN  
 Balance Sheet  
 Accrual Basis As of September 15, 2002

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CASH	5,008.92
Total Checking/Savings	5,008.92
Total Current Assets	5,008.92
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,008.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
DUE TO SOS	170.00
SALES TAX PAYABLE	-0.02
Total Other Current Liabilities	169.98
Total Current Liabilities	169.98
Total Liabilities	169.98
Equity	
NET ASSETS	3,360.15
Retained Earnings	-1,054.36
Net Income	2,533.15
Total Equity	4,838.94
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>5,008.92</b>



\*\*\*\*\*Letter from the Editor\*\*\*\*\*

**\*A Welcome to the new members of the association and greetings to the old salt's\***

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Joe Autovino and have been a member of the USS Wainwright Veterans Association since 1991. I have many great memories of my tour on the Wainwright, (Pre-Com Detail to Shakedown in Guantanamo Bay) from the friendships and camaraderie with other sailors to meeting my future wife through a shipmate. The rest is history. I have been married for 35 years and have re-kindled many old friendships and have made many new ones. As a Plank-owner, I was interested in finding if there was an association created for former shipmates of the Wainwright, and 1991 was to be the 25th Anniversary of her commissioning. In the process I found our association, originally started as the Vietnam Veterans of the USS Wainwright and in 1991 attended the second reunion of the association. At that reunion the association voted to change it's name and include all former members of the Wainwright and the crews of the previously named Wainwright Ships (DD-62 & DD-419). For 3 years, 1992, 1993 & 1994 I edited, copied, published, stamp, stapled and mailed approximately 400 copies of the newsletter to the association members. A job that was lengthy in time but very enjoyable. I had to give up the responsibility due to other commitments. Now I am honored to be back as the editor. With the advancements in computer technology, the ability of printing companies to handle products more efficiently, and the support of other association members the job as editor is just that. My goal is to put out to the association members the best product possible that provides them information that is needed and they will enjoy reading. There is usually a lot of association business and offerings to get in, but we still have some room for interesting items that the members might be interested in. I have a number of stories, articles and poems on the plate for future newsletters but we are always open to more of what you want to see. Our association, through the dedication of many, has been able to maintain a successful line of communication through this newsletter and suggested way's of improvement are always considered. Thanks for your dedication to this association and to our country, The United States of America. Proudly we stand together. If you have stories of your experiences on the USS Wainwright or articles that you believe would be of interest to association members please provide them to me via e-mail at [joseph.autovino@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.autovino@verizon.net)

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**ATTENTION SHIPMATES!! Re: ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

We are all well aware that the officers of our association have many responsibilities. Two of these are to communicate with the membership on a regular basis and to exercise due diligence in the maintenance and distribution of association funds.

Unfortunately, the document you are holding in your hands has become contradictory to these two missions. Over the past two years, the cost to produce and mail the newsletter has been our single largest expense at about \$800 per issue. Despite efforts to reduce expenses (a bulk mail permit was obtained) there is concern that the cost will continue to escalate.

During this same time period, there has been a tremendous amount of energy expended in the development of our website and as a result, we have the opportunity to both reduce costs as well as eliminate redundancies.

Effective immediately, future editions of the newsletter will be published and placed on the web site. For those that want a hard copy, a print capability will be included. However, we know that some of you will want to continue to receive a hard copy through the mail. Therefore, you will find below a short form for you to fill in and mail back indicating this. Please return, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this newsletter, so records can be updated.

**Cut on dotted line**

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**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER SURVEY**

**Yes**, I want to help my association save money and keep my dues low.

I'll read the newsletter on the website or print my own copy

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_

**No**, I like the feel of paper and/or I don't have web access.

Please keep me on the hardcopy mailing list.

**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form within 30 days to: Dan Bowman, Secretary  
U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association  
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Fairfield, OH 45014-3925