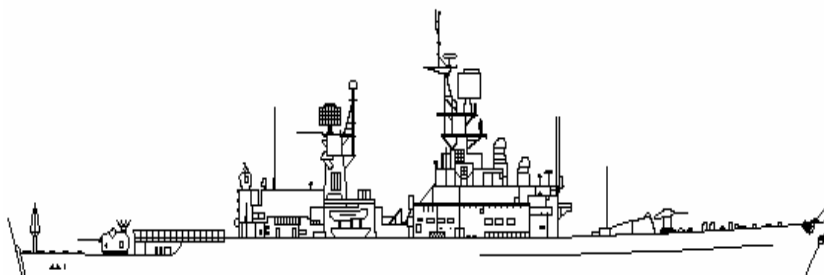


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**”ATTENTION ALL HANDS”
“SPECIAL JULY 2004 REUNION EDITION”**

May 2003 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on Armed Forces Day, May 17th at the Best Western Hotel in Springdale, Ohio. This date also coincided with the anniversary of the suicide attack on the USS Cole in Yemen. In attendance were the following members; Frank Yost, Stan Smith, Manny Seligman, Ed Cookenham, Pete Zieger, Bob McCray, J C Carlson and Dan Bowman.

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Yost at 9:15 AM. All in attendance joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of reflection for our troops serving abroad followed.

Manny Seligman, Treasurer, issued the treasurers report. At the time of the meeting our treasury contained \$3401.87. This figure reflected both the ship's store income and member's dues received to date. The bulk of this figure was contributed by the ship's store sales. Of the approximately 900 known shipmates, approximately 140 members pay annual dues.

Stan Smith, Vice President, reported on the commissioning of a painting of the USS Wainwright. The painting required half payment to commence work with the remaining to be paid upon completion. The ship's store committee, comprised of Ken Zalewski, Richard Molck and Stan Smith intend to make copies available for purchase from the ship's store inventory.

Frank Yost, President, directed discussion of a future bereavement policy for members of the USS Wainwright Veterans Association and their families. Many variations of a working policy necessitated movement to a committee comprised of Don Scott, chaplain, and treasurer Manny Seligman.

The Cruiser/Sailors Association, which has a link on the USS Wainwright Home page, expressed interest in creating closer ties with the Association. Discussion on how future ties to the C/SA would benefit both entities was incomplete due to lack of explanation or representation by the Cruiser/Sailors Association. This issue was ultimately tabled and left to the individual to pursue.

Pete Zieger, Association electronic roster coordinator, voiced concern for out of date mail addresses as well as email addresses that have not been updated with the association. Pete will send a survey to each shipmate with an email address to help him verify current valid email addresses. In addition to the efforts made to keep email addresses current, employment of the zip + four program has increased the accuracy of mailed newsletters resulting in cost savings to the Association. At present, 95+% of the zip + four addresses provided are considered correct.

Discussions pertinent to the Association website were introduced. Webmaster Ken Zalewski could not be in attendance to address suggestions and questions for further use of the website. The issues will be addressed at a later date.

At the conclusion of committee reports, two reunion site location presentations were offered. During the reunion site discussions, future reunion site priorities were forwarded to the Executive Board as a guide for successful gatherings of shipmates.

A proposal was made by the Association's secretary, Dan Bowman to accept nominations for both presented cities to act as the host reunion site in successive years. With acceptance of the proposal, a motion was made by Dan that the 2004 host city would be communicated to all shipmates at the conclusion of the Executive Board meeting with the 2006 reunion site to be announced at the Saturday evening banquet that will be held in conjunction with the 2004 reunion. Ed Cookenham seconded the motion which was voted on and accepted.

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The assembly agreed that acceptance of the two upcoming reunion sites would benefit the Association's membership by giving the reunion committee sufficient time to negotiate more favorable terms with interested hotels. After further discussion a vote was taken to accept in order, the 2004 and the 2006 reunion host cities.

The Executive Board meeting was joined by Cara Bowman, Terri Richards and Kathy Zieger who voiced their wish to expand spousal involvement with future activities of the Association. In the interest of increased participation, both shipmates and spouses, the Board accepted their input and look forward to their presence and participation at the 2004 reunion.

A letter was submitted by Master at Arms, Dick Becker who could not be in attendance due to a scheduling conflict.

A proposal by VFW Post 9488, located in Charlotte, North Carolina, was presented to the board asking for recognition as the National VFW Headquarters for the USS Wainwright. The ways and the means to mutually benefit the two organizations would have to be discussed at a later date before any firm decisions could be made. Bob McCray will return the Association's decision to Dick Becker to continue the ongoing discussions with VFW Post 9488.

Minutes of the May 2003, USS Wainwright Executive Committee Meeting
Respectfully submitted by,
Dan Bowman, Secretary
USS Wainwright Veterans Association

*****HELP WANTED*****

Seeking a motivated individual, professing some computer savvy, to assume the responsibilities of the Association Newsletter Editor. Newsletter is nominally published 3 to 4 times per year. Position requires the ability to coordinate with Association Members for compiling the content of the Newsletter. Position available immediately. For information and details regarding the position please contact me, Joe Autovino at 610-913-6870 or via e-mail at usswnle@ptdprolog.net

NEWSLETTER SURVEY RE-VISITED

The newsletter survey yielded only a small number of responses that favored a paper Newsletter release. Many shipmates did not respond and before making an assumption that may deprive those who cannot obtain the newsletter in that format, we are asking you again to respond to this survey. Please take a few moments to e-mail or USPS mail your opinion as appropriate.

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

_____ **Yes**, I have the capability to read the newsletter online. Send an e-mail to wainwright@pztech.com
(Provide Name and address in e-mail)

_____ **No**, I do not have the capability (computer) to read online. Name: _____
Please continue sending my newsletter in hardcopy Address: _____

Send this form to: Dan Bowman, Secretary
U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association
5567 Winton Road
Fairfield, OH 45014-3925

REUNION 2004 NORFOLK, VA



The Norfolk Airport Hilton is located less than two miles from Norfolk International Airport and six miles from downtown Norfolk. Situated off Interstate 64 between Colonial Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, the Hilton is sure to meet every need for our reunion. Enjoy large and very clean guest rooms (two doubles or one king and 10 ADA compliant) with coffee makers, hair dryers, magnifying mirror, refreshment centers, irons and ironing boards in each room. Also enjoy complete health club facilities, outdoor swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, free parking, free airport transportation, style salon, gift shop, and business center.

There are three restaurants on the premises. Le Promenade café offers three meals a day featuring "All You Can Eat" buffets and a fabulous Sunday brunch, Pasta Grande features Southern Italian favorites served in large portions at reasonable prices and Antiquities, consistently recognized as one of the finest restaurants in Hampton Roads (the only five-star restaurant in Norfolk).

The @cyber.bar has the latest in computer and Internet technology, rentable computers with high speed access, color and laser printing, nightly entertainment, and nine televisions with satellite hookups.

Our special reunion rate for July 13th through the 18th is \$85.00 per night plus room and sales tax. This rate is good for three days before and three days after the scheduled dates of our reunion. There aren't many days blocked out before and after, so make your reservations early if you want to extend your stay. These rates are the best you will find in the area in July. If you encounter any problems with reservations, call Dan or Cara Bowman at (513) 829-7280. We will work with the hotel on your behalf. Kids under 18 are free when staying in your room. If you need a disability accessible room, mention that when making your reservation. You will be responsible for making your own reservations. Please call the Norfolk Airport Hilton at their toll-free number **1-800-422-7474**, Monday through Friday from 9a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tell them you are with the USS Wainwright Veterans Association to get your special rate.

For additional information, visit the Hilton's website address at;
<http://www.norfolkairport.hilton.com>.

Note: Do not make reservations through the Hilton website, call the Hilton directly. For up to date reunion information as it develops, check the USS Wainwright website for the latest postings and websites to learn more about the offerings of Norfolk.

U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association 2004 Reunion Registration Form

July 14-18, 2004

Norfolk Airport Hilton
1500 North Military Highway
Norfolk, VA 23502-1813

Name of Shipmate _____ Rank _____ Tour of Duty Years _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

How Many will attend: _____ Name and Relationship to shipmate: (optional)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Hotel Selection : Norfolk Airport Hilton () \$85.00 per night for WVA or Other Off Site ()
Please make reservations by telephone only with the Norfolk Airport Hilton, Norfolk, VA.
Hotel contact: Toll free 1-800-422-7474, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hotel Website for Information only: <http://www.norfolkairport.hilton.com>

Please identify the events you will attend:

Business Luncheon on Thursday Noon: YES () How Many ? _____ NO ()

Banquet Dinner on Saturday Evening: YES () How Many ? _____ NO ()

Norfolk Area Tour on Friday (To Be Announced): YES () How Many ? _____ NO ()

Check website frequently for updated information: http://www.usswainwright.org/reunion_2004.htm

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ASAP SO THAT WE WILL
KNOW HOW MANY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE REUNION. THIS IS
NECESSARY TO DETERMINE NEEDED SPACE AND NUMBERS FOR THE
LUNCHEON, DINNER AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS THAT MAY DEVELOP.**

Please Return this form to:

Dan Bowman, Secretary
U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association
5567 Winton Road
Fairfield, OH 45014-3925
DnlBow@aol.com

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

The USSW Wainwright Veterans Association wishes to welcome the following shipmates. Are hopes are that you all take an active role in all that the association is about. Our hopes are to see you all at future reunions. If any of our membership knows any of these individuals, please contact them and give them a hearty welcome also. The web site roster would be a great source of their address and other pertinent information.

Gordon Souva	A	ENC	1966-1970
Jason McMillan	Deck	SN	1989-1991
Duane Tooley	CG	FC3	1991-1993
Chad Ellison	R	FN	1992-1993
Neil Bunn	M	MM2	1973-1976
Michael Kochert	OI	OS3	1985-1988
John Davis	OE	ETR3	1967-1969
Gregory Goetz	OD	DS2	1982-1986
Leonard Wood	3 rd	ST3	1971-1973
Peter Houseknecht	OC	LT	1967-1968
Adrian Atkins	R	HT2	1980-1984
Charles Howard	Nav.	YN2	1965-1967
Wayne Sieloff	4 th	GMM3	1969-1972
Darrell Rose	M	MM3	1975-1979
John Whaley	Deck	SN	1968-1970
Sam Marsh	OS	OS2	1977-1979
Charles Womble	M	BT2	1991-1993
Gary Gale	OI	OS2	1986-1989

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE LINKS OF IMPORTANCE

The USS Wainwright web site <http://www.usswainwright.org> is a great source of information pertaining to the Association and it activities. It also contains all the historical USS Wainwright data available. We urge you to become more acquainted with it for information about upcoming events/reunions. Currently you can go directly to our “2004 Reunion” link and check out many sites of interest in the Norfolk area. Go directly to http://www.usswainwright.org/reunion_2004.htm and click on the desired links.

If you are new or not familiar with the structure of the association, you can go directly to the “Association News” link and check out information regarding the associations constitution, its officers, previous newsletters and other information. The link is http://www.usswainwright.org/association/association_news.htm.

Those of you who are interested in memorabilia of your ship go directly to the “Ships Store” link to find an array of products http://www.usswainwright.org/Store/ships_store.htm. In addition to all of the items on the site, a professional artist is currently preparing a painting of the U.S.S. Wainwright, CG-28 for the association. A print of this painting will become available for purchase in the future, so keep an eye on the Ship’s Store for an announcement of it’s availability.

Shipmate information is important to the association. Please make every attempt to keep it up to date. If you have any changes to home address, telephone numbers, e-mail address or any other pertinent information go to <http://www.usswainwright.org/registration.htm> and click on “Registration Form”.

And finally, the association can only exist with the funds provided by the payment of membership dues. Dues are payable in March of each year. Special savings are available if paid bi-annually or for a lifetime. Go to the “Membership” site <http://www.usswainwright.org/membership.htm> for payment form.