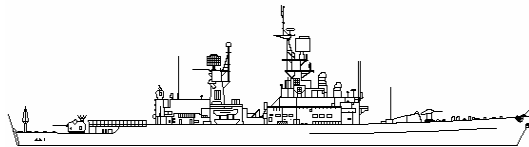


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SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER



THE USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Editor: *STILL NEEDED*

This PRINT Newsletter is only one mailed in 2005. Next issue will be Spring 2006 with full Reunion details. The newsletter decision by the Executive Committee is detailed in the 2004 web version. Basically our most expensive item is printing and mailing cost. We have limited a print version to ONE per year with all other news posted on the web site. The print version will be sent to all shipmates with good mailing address. Please notify us of change of address to the return address posted above or you can make updates on registration form on the website.

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**Current Project: Requesting SECNAV Name a New Destroyer Wainwright
Executive Committee Meeting Schedule June 25, 2005 Charlotte NC**

A Message from the President

Spring is here I believe, at least in Memphis, TN. Some of the early flowers have blossomed, the Red Bud trees are in full bloom, and the allergies have started. This year's annual rebirth of Mother Nature's children brings a change in leadership for the USS Wainwright Veterans Association. Our President, Stan Smith, had to resign because of health reasons. Stan is OK but felt he couldn't dedicate as much of his efforts to the association as he wanted to. We thank you Stan for your leadership and wish you fair winds and following seas. Don't be a stranger.

Because you elected me as your Vice President I have taken over the helm according to our By-Laws. It was truly a surprise, shock, and honor. For those of you who don't know me, I joined the Wainwright in September 1965 for Pre-Commissioning School in Newport, RI. I served in the O-C Division as a Radioman 2nd Class until late December 1967. I got out of the Navy in June of '70 and joined the Naval Reserves only to go back on active duty in September of 1982 as a Senior Chief Radioman. My claim to fame is the unusual fact that I put the Wainwright in commission and was on active duty when she was decommissioned in November of 1993. I attended the ceremony on that sad day. Currently I work for Guardsmark, a major security company, and am a day shift supervisor at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital here in Memphis, TN.

The USS Wainwright Veterans Association is YOUR organization. It is NOT my organization, the Board of Directors organization, or the various committee chairmen's organization. Now that I told you what we aren't let me tell you what we are. This great association is made up of sailors, family, and friends who are dedicated to the principles established by the founders of this great country we live in. Because of that, we are all family firmly cemented together by our common bonds. With that bond comes responsibility to country, association, and to ourselves. Without you, the USS Wainwright Veteran's Association cannot get under way. Without you, we are standing a cold iron watch. I pledge to you that I will do all I can to move our great organization forward. But, I need your help, the Board of Directors needs your help, and the committee chairmen need your help.

In late June this year the Executive Board is meeting in Rock Hill, SC to continue forging our future. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or constructive criticism that you would like to have placed on the agenda please let me or one of the board members know as soon as possible. Don't just make a complaint, make a suggestion. My email address is K3ORS@midsouth.rr.com. Thank you, I am honored and humbled to be your President.

Dick "Cookie" Cookenham

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Executive Committee Meeting:

The Executive Committee meeting will be held at our National home VFW Post 9488 in Charlotte, NC on Saturday June 25th. The meeting will start in the morning, and continue until the Association's business is finished, and lunch will be provided at the VFW. All Shipmates welcome, so we will hopefully see you in Charlotte to help make this association the best in the fleet. We chose a hotel in Rock Hill, SC to be close to the artifact preservation work. Rock Hill is 17 miles south of Charlotte, and is easily accessible by Interstate 77. The hotel address is: Hilton Garden Inn
650 Tinsley Way
Rock Hill, SC 29730

You must call the hotel directly at **803-325-2800** Tell them you are with the USS Wainwright Veterans Association.

The rate we have is \$79.00 per night with full breakfast included. The hotels website is www.hiltongardeninn.com
Outside pool on-site, and computers with internet hookup available.

Directions from I-77 South: take exit #79 at Dave Lyle Blvd. Take first right onto Tinsley Way in Manchester Village. Hilton Garden Inn will be on the right.

Directions from I-77 North: take exit #79 at Dave Lyle Blvd. Take left off of exit. Take first right onto Tinsley Way in Manchester Village. Hilton Garden Inn will be on the right.

Anyone flying into Charlotte International please let me know ahead of time and I will try to arrange transportation to the hotel call me at 803-324-8225 or e-mail me at rmolck@comporium.net. All Shipmates welcome!

Secretary Dan Bowman says. "...join us in Charlotte for the Executive Board meeting in June. All shipmates are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to get involved in the work of the Association."

Ship's Store Reporting:

Your Ship's Store committee is working hard to bring you items for you to purchase to remember the times of our great Ship. We welcome all of your ideas for new items that you would like to purchase. If you do not have access to the internet please let me know, and I will mail you an order form. You can reach me by e-mail at rmolck@comporium.net or call me at 803-324-8225. All of us on the Ship's Store committee want to thank Don Raby in his diligence in his work on the cruise book project, what an outstanding product we have that we can offer now. Bravo Zulu Don! Even if you have your cruise book, the electronic version is a must. I've found it is much easier to load the CD with the cruise book of your choice, and scroll through the pages manually at your leisure at work or on a trip. Program also features slide show for continuous viewing. We still need three Cruise Books loaned for scanning to complete the collection. '81, '82, '92. If you have one of these Don can scan and return in 2 weeks.

Contact Don Raby to arrange loan: deraby@att.net or phone 865-688-2679
We are working towards offering new patches in the store, so keep your eye on the web site for new products.

2006 REUNION NEWS
By Dick Cookenham

Where: Memphis, TN

When: July 13 – 16, 2006 with early check ins on Wednesday July 12th

Elvis awaits, so does B.B. King, W.C. Handy, Jerry Lee Lewis, along with many others that helped make Memphis famous for its Blues, Soul, Country, and Rock and Roll Music. Don't forget Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights movement or Danny Thomas and his legacy – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hey, we even have two pandas at our Zoo. (To see Ya Ya and Le Le go to <http://www.memphiszoo.org/giant.html>.) When I first came to Memphis ten years ago I said there was nothing to do in Memphis. Boy, was I wrong. When my wife Leanne and I started brainstorming for things/tours to have as activities we were faced with quite a dilemma. How were we going to choose the most interesting things for everyone to do? We are still narrowing down our list yet trying to leave plenty of time for you to go out on your own and discover Memphis. I'll bet we could fill every day for a week with things to do.

Memphis is famous for its brand of BBQ, hosting the world class Memphis in May BBQ Cooking Contest. We do ribs wet or dry down here. Wet is with sauce and dry is with a great tasting dry rub. You could try Elvis's favorite, Peanut Butter and Banana sandwiches. How about a slaw dog, a big thick juicy hot dog dripping with cole slaw?

There is the Dixon Art Gallery, the Brooks Museum, Mud Island, and maybe, just maybe the Memphis Redbirds will be in town for a baseball game. They are the double A team for the St. Louis Cardinals. For the novice that means the players can get called directly to the "Cards" to play major league baseball. It is really fun to see a young player move up. For a up close and personal view of the Mississippi there are Riverboat Dinner Cruises. We can't forget Graceland, Elvis's home, a must see attraction. And of course, just a short drive away to Grand Junction, TN is the world famous National Bird Dog Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame.

I hope we have whetted your appetite for coming to Memphis for our 2006 reunion. Most importantly, you will have a chance to renew old friendships, make new ones, and add a few embellishments to those sea stories you've been telling all these years. I will provide you with more information on the lodging and itinerary in future issues. Watch website for update REUNION Information.

OK, go get your calendar, day timer, or palm pilot and write those dates down right now! That's, July 13 – 16, 2006. We are going to have a great time in Bluff City high on the banks of the mighty Mississippi. "Thank ya. Thank you very much."

SHIPMATE LOCATION:

IF YOU KNOW WHERE SHIPMATES ARE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO REGISTER WITH THE ASSOCIATION ON WEBSITE, OR SEND INFORMATION TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: BILL MELLEMA

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NAME A NEW SHIP WAINWRIGHT!! Join the CAMPAIGN!!

We have hopes of the Navy naming a new Destroyer USS Wainwright. Rob Bennett, Association Master at Arms is chairman of the NAMING COMMITTEE. He reports slow response from current campaign. He offers the following request:

“I'd like to ask any shipmate who has written a letter asking for a new U.S.S. Wainwright to send me a notification of the letter and any response received from that letter.” I can be reached at robert.bennett@verizon.net or

Robert Bennett

168 Locust Drive

Rocky Point, New York 11778.

Thank you, Rob Bennett EM2 1984-1988

This decision is a political perk of current administration, therefore send as many letters as you can to whoever you think will help us. Sample letter posted on website.

Address Letters of Request to Name and New DDG USS Wainwright to:

President George W. Bush

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, US 20500

Secretary Rumsfield was aboard USS Wainwright during OPSAIL when CG28 served as Reviewing Ship for International Naval Review in 1976 in New York for USA Bicentennial. Remind him of this fine ship.

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfield

Secretary of Defense

1000 Defense Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

**It is the prerogative of Secretary of Navy to NAME NEW SHIP. He is our focus in this request.

The Honorable Gordon R. England

Secretary of the Navy

1000 Navy Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

ADM Vern Clark

Chief of Naval Operations

2000 Navy Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20350-2000

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<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

website to locate address of each State's Representative in the House

Volunteers needed. We need someone to step up and fill the vacancy in Vice President and Newsletter Editor. Contact President Cookenham.

“NEED TRAILER WILL HAUL” This motto is our need to fulfill our goal of displaying the Artifacts recovered from Ship at our Reunion Gatherings. What ever you can do to help in this project will be greatly appreciated.

This Association is blessed with hard working volunteers. Some like Richard Molck wear many hats and work very hard to ensure our success. In addition to Ships Store Operator he is also assumes the heavy burden of Curator. After two grueling work parties aboard Wainwright before she was dedicated to defense weapons research he finds himself in charge of a warehouse of artifacts removed from the ship and placed in our possession. There is a lot of work to do in upkeep and preservation and he plans a work session the week before Exec. Com. Meeting in June. Come and pitch in, every effort will help. Thanks Richard for all the dedicated service.

Curator Article:

I would like to personally thank everyone that has donated to our Artifact Preservation / Trailer project.

Thanks to Ricky Horne, and Dan Bowman, we now have recovered the Quarterdeck mat and our infamous Quarterdeck missiles. I had the pleasure of going with Dan to Easley, SC last December to retrieve them from the JROTC that had them, on the way back to Rock Hill, SC we stopped at a car wash and scrubbed the mat, and it came back as if it was still on our Quarterdeck. The JROTC had painted our chrome missiles red, white, and blue so we have some work ahead of us on that. Ron Lambert is currently working on stripping them and getting them back to our original state. We have raised enough money to get our 40MM saluting cannons, flag staff, jack staff, and associated poles sand blasted and painted, that will start the week of 4-18-05, can't wait to get them preserved, they are looking sad right now.

I would like to invite everyone to look through their personal stash, and donate as many items that you can so we can move forward with our displays. We are close to being able to reassemble our Quarterdeck, but there are a few items that are in dire need, i.e. the Quarterdeck podium, bell, and other brass work that adorned the Quarterdeck stations.

We would like anyone that has video on beta, 8MM, or VHS of the ship or its activities to loan us a copy so we can make copies for our museum. We have a video editing machine so anything not proper can be edited out. We will copy and return in good order.

I would like to personally invite anyone who would like to help in the preservation of our artifacts. The week prior to the Executive Committee meeting shipmates will be in Rock Hill to continue our preservation projects. If you need to contact me feel free to call me at 803-324-8225 or e-mail rmolck@comporium.net.

WEBSITE WEBSITE WEBSITE www.usswainwright.org

If you have ever written HTML you probably know how frustrating it can be to make a web page look and perform as expected. ONE of our shipmates who is dedicated to that task and has served tirelessly for years is KEN ZALEWSKI, our Webmaster. If you have visited the website you know the importance of well organized information presented in a pleasing easy to use format. THANK YOU Ken for your dedicated performance of service beyond the call of duty!! It is recommended that you visit often because there are many updates to keep the Association informed. The new discussion forum is also very useful to provide and place for shipmate location, feedback and discussion of history, association business and just plain old scuttlebutt. Join in and visit often.

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How this association functions:

You tell us where you are and we tell you what we need. We exist for Reunion and Memorial Preservation of all about USS Wainwright. We operate as non-profit group with the hard work of volunteers. Your support is important and keeps us afloat. As always the subject of funding must be addressed. To those of you who regularly send in annual dues we say THANK YOU!! We invite all shipmates to join us in this important work to keep our memories and fellowship active and growing. Send your annual dues to USS Wainwright Treasurer, Manny Seligmann

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History Projects Historian: JC Carlson

The shipmates are working to assemble the large volume of history that can be found. The shipmates wish to have this assembled history available in the present time with which shipmates can discuss their place in this history with their family members. This assembly also serves as heirlooms for descendants who follow us, in the future. These disk will be available through the WWT ship store. Items we are collecting include

Paper documents

We request that you submit best quality copies if in paper. Or on CD or DVD format if scanned to the specified format.

Command History Reports; OPNAV 5250 for each year of Wainwright. Some have been scanned.

Plan of the Day; these are helpful.

Copies of presentation documents such personal awards, Shellback Certificates and the like.

Quality scanned media articles from Navy pubs such as All Hands, or Surface Warfare.

Book and magazine articles with copyright credit pages included. Suggestions for book titles to a bibliography about Wainwright. Wainwright Familygrams. Books about the Wainwright officers and family. Official Deck Logs page copies.

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Oversized documents and engineering prints. These serve as illustrations and technical material. Also Document quality image improvement.

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Each CD INCLUDES one Cruise Book scanned from original PLUS
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****HELP** us raise funds for Association Projects like Museum Artifacts Trailer.
Collect all books to document detailed history of USS Wainwright DLG/CG 28.

These will make GREAT Gifts to preserve memories for your Navy Days.

We need to locate cruise books for 1976film, 1981, 1982, 1993.

Can you scan the book you have? If not, will you loan them to me for scanning?

Contact Donald Raby email deraby@att.net

1966 COMMISSIONING BOOKLET, (included with each CD/Cruise Book)

1993 Decommissioning Booklet (included with each CD/Cruise Book)

1967 Apr- Nov . TIGER TRACKS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA; 10 APRIL - 16 NOV.

1968-69. . . USS WAINWRIGHT DLG-28 WESTPAC CRUISE

1970 Aug-1971 Apr USS WAINWRIGHT DLG28 AROUND THE WORLD / WESTPAC

1972 Dec-1973 Jul FIRST MED 12/72-7/73

1975 Mar-Aug 2nd MED Cruise/ DLG to CG 6/30 / Black Sea, 1st to visit Romania 49yr

1976 OPSAIL July 4 NEED Requesting Film footage and Photos

***** NYC International Naval Review / USA Bicentennial

1977 Mar-Oct 3rdMed USS WAINWRIGHT (CG-28) MED "77

1979 Nov-1980 May 3/79 Carib, Pac-Nicarg; 8-11 NorAtl Ops;

1981Feb-Jul __NEED__

1981 . . . USS WAINWRIGHT MED DEPLOYMENT 3 FEB - 16 JULY 1981

1982 Jun-Nov Unfound __NEED__

Med; Lebanon Contingency Ops; Suez Canal; 1month Indian Ocean

1984-Sep- 1985 May Med;

1986 June-Oct . MED 2A-86

1988 Persian Gulf Cruise. Operation Praying Mantis

No Book--Cruise Video On sale thru WVA Ships Store

1989 October 89 - April 90. (1990 Cruise book) MED 1-90

1993 Oct MED CRUISE; Adriatic Sea NATO Proj HOPE 10/92--3/93