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A TRIBUTE TO T W (Thomas Watson) SMITH (Died 10 April 2004)

Our Past President John Bennett wrote the following about TW:

TW was vice president from 1992-2000 and was membership chairman from 2000- 2004. He was always looking for new members and through his searches found many that others had given up on. He found one for me that I had given up on as once he got on a trail he didn't give up easily. I think the association was on his mind from the time he got up until he went to bed. To me he was a fellow shipmate, though we served at different times, a fellow association member and a good friend. He was missed by many at the New Orleans reunion. If my info is correct he died while we were having our dinner dance.

The following email from Lisa Rhodes, TW's daughter was received from John Bishop, via Allen Rollins:

Hey John,

Would you please forward my link to Daddy's friends in the Kearsarge? I don't know who has email and who does not. I hope you are doing good!

Thanks, Lisa

Follow This Link to visit my personal web page and help me in my efforts to support

Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter

Some email systems do not support the use of links and therefore this link may not appear to work. If so, copy and paste the following into your browser:

<http://alzga.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=59097&u=59097-11170344&e=117895574>

TAPS

Jerry R. Tucker (GSGT - Mar Det 63-65)

Mrs Tucker notified us that Jerry passed away on 7 August 2001.

Robert L. Hartman (SN -OR Div 59-62)

Mrs Norma Hartman informed us that Robert had passed away on 29 July 2003 from brain cancer. She said that Bob was very proud of being in the Navy and on the KEARSARGE, and she asked to continue receiving the newsletter.

Nicholas Kloap (AD2 - VF112 53-54)

Nicholas Kloap of Allison Par, PA died Tuesday, 24 August 2004 at St. Vincent Cardiac Hospital in Erie, Pa.

Kenneth Hughes Marshall (AN - V7 51-54)

To Paul Czesak Kear Saga Editor

August 23, 2004

It is with great sadness I have to report the death of my husband, Kenneth Hughes Marshall, April 15, 2004. He had suffered with heart trouble 7 years that was complicated by diabetes. His condition went down hill fast in the last few months. I not only lost a husband, but a best friend. We had 51 years together this year.

He leaves two daughters, three grandsons and a son-in-law. He loved fishing with our oldest grandson who shared his passion. He also spent a lot of time fishing with a lifelong friend.

Kenneth enjoyed attending the ships reunions as they brought back memories of his days on board the USS Kearsarge. We didn't know about the reunions and start attending until the one that was held in Corpus Christi, TX. He was not able to make the one in San Francisco, CA. or the one this year in New Orleans, LA.

Kenneth served on board the Kearsarge 36 months. He was an Airman in the V7 division and worked in the oxygen compartment making oxygen for the pilots. He made two trips to Korea, one during the conflict and a peace cruise afterwards. He was discharged in August 1954 from the Navy. He was employed by General Electric Company (later Genicom) in Waynesboro, Va. for 35 years. He retired in January 1991 and loved to travel. We made many trips out west and experienced many of our dreams.

On one of our trips out west, we met Paul Seabloom and wife Doris in South Dakota. We visited another Navy friend in the nursing home whose name was Roy Hansen. Roy has since died. Paul and Doris live in Minnesota. We have kept in touch with them over the years. We attended the reunions with them and visited in each others homes. On one trip we met Paul Seabloom, David Crist and wives in Montana for a few days. The guys really had a great time catching up on the years they were apart and rehashing the time they spent in Div. V7. Dave lives in Oregon with his wife Dorothy. I want to thank all the people who work so hard to pull together the reunions and in producing the Kear Saga. Kenneth always enjoyed reading the Kear Saga, checking to see if he knew any of the folks mentioned in it and keeping up with events. May God Bless each one of you.

Barbara G. Marshall P. O. Box 285 Nellysford, Va. 22958

Ernie Willis, Walt Willis' (Mar Det 55-56) widow sent the following to Le Roy Stark (Cpl Mar Det 53-55)

In case I did not catch everyone from Walt's email list on my laptop, I logged onto his computer. Walt died from an aneurysm, the third one was too much for him.

He was my beloved husband, best friend and companion; I loved him dearly. Three married years together was much too short.

You can contact his daughter, Leslie, at leslie.j.willis@boing.com for information in the Seattle area on Monday 1 Nov. If anyone knows of someone I have missed with this email, please contact them.

Regretfully, Ernie Willis jayhawkfan39@cox.net.

NEW SHIP MATES - A REPORT FROM TREASURER JOHN WORK

John reports that 27 new members have joined the Association in 2004. Noel Binder (S-2 52-56) has signed up the most new members. The Association is 75% paid up as of Dec 04. If any member is 2 or more years' past due John will be sending them a reminder card. The New members are:

John Ackerman (LTJG M Div 56-59); Mark Alber (SN OI Div 62-66); Alvin W. Andrew (BT3 B Div 61-64); James B. Angelo (FN R Div 61-62); James R. Appel (EM3 E Div 47-48); J.B. Barbee (AO3 V5 Div); William H. Barnard (BT1 B Div 52-55); Roger E. Binnecker (SGT Mar Det 54-64); Leonard Eumke (AO3 VA702); Duane Gudim (AN V3 Div 52-55); Joseph L. Herrmann E3 FLAG 69-69); Harry E. Hoyle (ACT3 V1 Div 59-67); Daniel W. Levin (YN3 Admin 57-59); Vaughn H. Marrs (ABE2 V2 Div 60-61); Louis A. Mione (AA CIC 49-49); William J. Moffitt (ABH3 V1 Div 65-69); Dan Moyle (V4 Div 58-59); Paul W. Mulder (BM2 7 Div 52-54); William D. Rich (FP3 R Div 52-53); Robert Riviere (SN S3 Div 62-65); William A. Robb (SN 1 Div 56-58); Frank A. Scheller, JR (AO3 VA 702 51-53); Robert R. Simpson (GMSN Fox Div 52-55); Loren O. Sorenson (LT); Allen D. Stolz (SN 1 Div 57-58) Richard Unkraut (AOAN VA 702) and Ernest E. Zuniga (SN 1 Div 54-58)

WELCOME ABOARD! And Bravo Zulu to Noel Binder for his recruiting efforts.

LETTERS

Hello John,

Here is my dues for 05 & 06. I sure enjoyed the article by Frank Rodi. I made the 54-55 cruise and I remember that straight deck very well, but we were all mostly young men and we could handle it.

Sincerely,

Edward Bass (AN V1 Div 50-51)

Dear John,

On my first tour on the KEARSARGE there was an incident that had me going. I had gone to the Ready Room to check for the next day's duty. As I opened the hatch I heard this terrific argument going on between these officers, especially LTJG Ince (VA-115). He was going real good with these officers. I closed the hatch and got out of there in a flash - back to my compartment to tell my fellow shipmates of what I had heard and seen.

About two hours later I was told to report to the Ready Room. I had never had any trouble, so I kept thinking of what I could have done. As I entered the Ready Room all these officers with LTJG Ince were there. LTJG Ince was staring me down, at that moment I could have gone through the deck.

Just then they all busted up laughing. LTJG Ince walked up to me and told me that they had really put on a good act to convince me of a real big argument. This is when he told me that they were rehearsing for the play "Mr. Roberts" which they were going to put on at the Officers' Club once we got to Japan.

Boy did I get a ribbing afterward. LT Ince and I got really friendly - as far as an officer and an enlisted man could.

R. M. "Frip" Cheramie (AM2 VA115 53-55)

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8/25/04

Dear John Work,

We live fairly close to Charleston, SC. If we can help set up the reunion in Charleston, I am ready to help.

Paul N. Rains (MR3 A Div 68-69)

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August 24, 2004

To: John Work From: R.S. Evans

Subj: Annual dues

John enclose is a check for \$100.00 to cover my dues until 06/06. I enjoy the KearSaga Newsletter very much and look forward to each edition. It is good to read about ex shipmates and the other interesting stories.

I served aboard the KEARSARGE from January 1952 till June 1955. I was an IC Electrician - IC2 at the time of my discharge in June 1955. I have a lot of good memories accumulated during those three and a half years.

Yours truly,

Ralph S. (Sam) Evans (IC 2 E Div 52-55)

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5 September 2004 From Anne Gigliotti

To Whom it may concern:

Do you have any names and addresses of the men on the KEARSARGE from 1948-1949?

My husband was in the Navy from 1943-1949, and he was on the KEARSARGE for about a month before his discharge on January 28, 1949 at Quonset Point, RI and he might have some acquaintance with some of the men.

Frank was called Guy by all the guys he met on all three ships he worked on and was a BM2 in charge of the 3rd Division.

Hoping to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Anne Gigliotti, 4623 Roosevelt Pl, Gary IN 46408 (Note: John Work sent her a copy of 3rd Division personnel)

THE KEARSARGE MEMORIAL ROOM PROGRESS REPORT

Dan Levin (Admin/S-3 Divs 57-59) has sent the following Emails regarding his progress with the USS HORNET
Hi Paul,

Some of this may be things that I have mentioned in previous emails. We got the room on Hornet that we wanted for the Kearsarge Memorial Room. The room has already been painted and almost completely restored. It will need some work, but not very much. It is on the 01 Level with easy access to the people visiting Hornet.

I have received a donation of a couple of display cases to show Kearsarge memorabilia. We will require several more. I have a line on one or two more, but won't know about them for another week or so. I have received some financial donations also. I have made arrangements with Hornet to have a special Kearsarge Memorial Room account, and that all monetary donations will go into that account and used specifically for the Kearsarge Memorial Room. Fortunately for us, the CFO of The Hornet Museum, Bill Lewis, is a former Kearsarge shipmate. Financial donations will be used to help offset whatever financial requirements Hornet has, and the purchase of materials, memorabilia and fixtures that aren't donated. I have also received a couple of memorabilia offers as a result of the last Kearsarge Newsletter. So, I would like to appeal to the membership of The Kearsarge Association to donate some of that old memorabilia that you may have from your days aboard Kearsarge. I have been purchasing small pieces of memorabilia on eBay and other sources, but that is a somewhat limited resource.

Anything that is donated, whether it be money or memorabilia can be written off on income taxes. The Hornet Museum is a nonprofit organization and will send out verification of donation to donors. Monetary donations should be made out to USS Hornet Museum and noted on the memo line of the check "For Kearsarge Room," and sent to the attention of Bill Lewis, CFO, USS Hornet Museum, P.O. Box 460, Pier 3, Alameda Point, Alameda, CA 94501. We are looking for all types of memorabilia: Cruise Books, Pictures, Slides, Clothing, Shipboard Items, Official Documents, Awards, Newspaper Articles Anything and Everything. Anyone wishing to donate memorabilia should email me to make the necessary arrangements.

Paul, that's about it for now. I will stay in touch with ongoing information. Thank you for your assistance, and I hope to hear from Kearsarge Association members who are interested in making this memorial room come alive.

Best, Dan

11/14/04 From Paul Young

Dear Paul

Something old, something new. Cleaning up some clutter I came across this Xeroxed article from a Philatelic Publication of 8 years ago. John Bennett made mention of the article in the KearSaga at that time. The article is for your archives. By the way the middle cover (envelope) should still be available for sale at the Ship's Store.

In today's newspaper (San Diego Union) was this advertisement by the Naval Training Center (NTC) Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to preserve the 26 buildings at the old NTC site. As of now, most of the many acres of the old NTC site (including my old boot camp barracks) has been replaced with upscale waterfront homes. Gone! The whole development is called Liberty Station, and the final phase closeout is listed in the "low \$900,000". Whew! Since I spent over 6 months at NTC attending boot camp and a class A school maybe I'll opt for a brick, albeit small.

Best regards, Paul (Paul Young, FP3 R Div 52-55)

(For information on purchasing a personalized brick to permanently honor family, friends and those who served you may contact the foundation at 1-866-682-2005 or order online at www.ntcpromenade.org. Persons purchasing a brick prior to 13 December will receive a free replica brick with each order)(NOTE: I will forward the newspaper articles and the philatelic article sent in by Paul to be included with other KEARSARGE related artifacts aboard the HORNET.)

Now Hear this - Shipmates living in Western Montana

On 5Nov2004 Charlie Crookshanks (LTJG V7 Div 53-56) sent the following note and information on the future home of the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery.

Hi Paul,

Charlie reported that on 7 October 2004 Governor Martz signed an Executive Order transferring land from the Montana Department of National Resources & Conservation to the Department of Military affairs for the future home of the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery. Any veteran who received any discharge, other than a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States is eligible for burial in the cemetery. A spouse of an eligible veteran also qualifies for burial in the State's Veterans' Cemeteries. Additional information about the Western Montana Veterans Cemetery project can be obtained from Charlie Crookshanks (Chair of the project) at 406-728-2014 or Garry Sorensen at 406-728-3278.

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