



DESRON 30 News

Reunion Association Newsletter



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Director's Summer Letter

By Dennis Holt & Dick Myers

Dick Myers has again contacted the other ships in the squadron to see how their reunions are doing. As of this time, the C.K. Bronson, Dashiell, Smalley, and Caperton are still hanging on. He renewed the invitation to join our group when they can no longer support a separate reunion. Our efforts have led to finding additional members, and we should continue to have enough members to support our reunions. Our net membership is down slightly due to the demise of more WWII and Korean sailors. Reunion attendance is also down slightly, mainly due to health problems which are causing more members to have travel restrictions. As we have warned, you need to attend while you are still able.

It is time for you to reserve a room at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA 20170 - Phone: (703) 471-6700 - Website: <http://www.crowneplaza.com/> - for our reunion in September. It will be in Washington, D.C., from September 17th to September 21st, and rooms will only cost \$89.00 per night for the reunion; the price will apply for three days before and after the reunion. Complete information and a sign-up form are attached. Reservations for the tour package are needed by August 8th so that we can arrange for buses, etc. Tours are outlined below. We have scheduled an Early Bird tour to the White House, but you are too late if you have not signed up before you read this. The advance sign-up requirement was due to White House security procedures.

Here are the latest statistics. At present we have contact information for 1,306 shipmates (and family members). These contacts include: Cotten (516), Daly (197), Dortch (252), and Gatling (341). We encourage e-mail use to distribute our information, and we have e-mail addresses for 517 members. We need all members and family contacts to let us know if they have a workable e-mail address we can use so that we can keep mailing costs and dues low.

Official paid membership for DESRON 30 as of this newsletter is only 147. This number is way down from last year, and we need to increase it to support our mailing expenses. At the last meeting we said the dues amount would be maintained at \$10.00 if we did not need further funds. Please send in your \$10.00 dues ASAP (a form is included at the end of this newsletter) so we do not have to increase them in our next crew meeting. Our policy is that widows do not pay dues.

The By-Laws (and federal tax regulations) require that we maintain a paid member list, and also that all official votes require paid membership for members to vote. We also continue to maintain our website at www.desron30.org. This website is also available to you. For our members, one nice feature is the ability to continuously update your contact information. You are able to input these changes for your own personal information using the website input. In order to maintain privacy, we have provided password protection to avoid having your private contact information available to the general public (insurance salesmen, etc.). Therefore, to see contact information on any ship personnel, you will have to enter a user name and password. The user name is the ship name (cotten, daly, dortch, or gatling) and the password for all four ships is "8tincans". This password will be changed whenever necessary to protect the members' privacy. We have had no problems or complaints in the three years we have maintained this website.

Finally - something new. In order to stimulate attendance, we have decided to add a grand prize at the drawing we hold during the banquet each year. We will award one free night at the hotel as one of the prizes in the drawing. This will be in addition to the smaller prizes and the 50/50 raffle we usually hold.

In support of Dick Myers' request for current e-mail addresses, we encourage calling any crew members you know who do not have an e-mail address. Our goal is to keep them informed too. In fact, the crew member does not have to have their own address. A family member's address would be greatly appreciated, even if it is their grandchild's

address. Many adult community centers and all libraries have computers for accessing e-mails.

On another note the 2015 reunion is well into the planning stages. The reunion will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. The reunion is scheduled for September 20th-24th. Events will include a swamp tour, the WWII Museum in New Orleans, plantation and Louisiana Rural Life tours. A Memorial Service will be held aboard the U.S.S. Kidd, and a tour of the Louisiana State Capital will be included. Further details and pricing will be available later in 2014.

Events Scheduled for Washington, D.C.

By Dick Myers

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Friday – September 19th

8:00 AM Tour #2 Bus tour to the **Gettysburg National Military Park**. Stop at Museum/ Visitors Center to view Civil War artifacts and watch a heritage film. Then to the **Cyclorama Center** for a panorama of Pickett's charge, followed by lunch on your own at the Refreshment Saloon. In the afternoon join with licensed Battlefield Guide to view all the sights on and around the battlefield. Before leaving, visit the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Home and Farm**, and then return to the hotel by 7:00 PM for your own dinner arrangements.

Saturday – September 20th

9:00 AM Business meeting. Joint meeting - all ships.

Afternoon free to shop or sightsee on the Mall, Smithsonian Museums, or elsewhere in town. The hotel will provide a courtesy bus to the MetroRail station.

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In Memoriam

By Frank Bisson, Dennis Holt & Dick Myers

As of May 15, 2014, we have received the following information on shipmates who are deceased. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of our deceased members.

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	RANK
Dorman	Wayne	E.	LTJG
Fielding, Jr	John		
Gramiak	Mike		
Haskowich	Richard		IC2
Hicks	Duwayne		
Hostrawser	Jerome	W.	MR3
Marzluff	Joseph	O.	Capt
Rosa	William		
Stephenson	W. (Steve)	C.	S2c
Tomlinson	Gerald	E.	
Tuttle	Roy	W.	BMSN

Treasurer's Report

By Dick Myers

As of this date, we have a balance of \$1,443.55. All bills have been paid except for the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter, which is estimated at \$1,000.00. As stated above, we do need members to send in their dues both to increase our margin of safety and for expenses which may arise at the reunion or for other items.

Sunshine Corner

By Jean Killian

If you know of any DESRON 30 member, spouse or family member who is ill or recuperating, please contact Jean Killian and we'll get a card out to them.

What to do in DC?

By Nancy Bielot

There are many things to do in Washington, D.C., and here is some information to help you plan your trip.

The **Arlington National Cemetery** is the most sacred military burial ground in the U.S. Almost 300,000 dead are buried there. Witness the changing of the guard and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Located at the Arlington National Cemetery is the **Marine Corps Memorial Iwo Jima Statue**, which is a tribute to the U.S. Marine Corp. For more info: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

If you're a fan of the TV show, "CSI," you'll want to visit the **Crime Museum**. It's an interactive museum with hundreds of artifacts. For more info, go to: www.crimemuseum.org

Washington's National Cathedral is a historic landmark and national treasure. It's located at the highest point in Washington. For more info: www.nationalcathedral.org

Talk to the hotel concierge to see if they are a **NOW Pass** agent – or print a NOW pass at your hotel's business center. For \$59.95, your NOW Pass can be saving you money at area restaurants, shopping, and attractions – as much as 25% of your dinner check. The NOW Pass allows you to hop on and off double decker buses throughout the city, including the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Smithsonian Museums, the National Zoo, and much, much, more. Also, included in your NOW Pass is admission to the International Spy Museum and Madam Tussauds. For more info: <http://www.thenowpass.com>

The **Smithsonian Institution** is actually many museums - it is considered the world's largest museum and research center. You could literally spend days going through all the museums it encompasses, including the **American History Museum**, the **Natural History Museum**, and the **Air and Space Museum**. For more info: <http://www.si.edu/>

The **National Mall** houses the Washington Monument, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Abraham Lincoln Memorial, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For more info: www.nps.gov/nacc

The **Jefferson Memorial** at the National Mall was built to honor Thomas Jefferson. For more info: www.nps.gov/thje

The **Korean War Veterans Memorial** is also located at the National Mall and it features life-size sculptures of soldiers ready for battle. For more info: www.nps.gov/kowa

The **Lincoln Memorial** is situated at the end of the National Mall; it encloses a statue of Abraham Lincoln within a temple. For more info: www.nps.gov/linc

The **National WWII Memorial** is located at the National Mall, and honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces and supported the war effort. For more info: www.wwiimemorial.com

The **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** is located at the National Mall and includes the names of over 58,000 Americans killed in the Vietnam War. There is also a bronze sculpture of soldiers honoring those lost during Vietnam. For more info: www.thewall-usa.com

Gettysburg National Military Park and Cyclorama Center is located in Gettysburg, PA. Included in the park are a museum with information about Gettysburg and the Civil War. The Cyclorama depicts "Pickett's Charge." For more info: <http://www.nps.gov/gett>

The **Dwight D. Eisenhower Home and Farm** is located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield and served as a weekend retreat and meeting place for world leaders. For more info: <http://www.nps.gov/eise>

The **U.S. Navy Memorial** honors the men and women of the U.S. Navy – past, present, and future. The **Naval Heritage Center** gives visitors the opportunity to learn about the history and heritage of the men and women of the U.S. Navy – again, past, present, and future. For more info: <http://www.navymemorial.org/heritage-center>

The **Smithsonian National Zoo** opened in 1889, and is one of the world's largest zoos. For more info: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

Ford's Theatre National Historic Site is where President Lincoln was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth; the theater has been restored to its 1860s appearance. For more info: <http://www.fordstheatre.org/>

The **Newseum** takes visitors behinds the scenes to show how and why news is made. For more info: <http://www.newseum.org/>

The **Dumbarton House** is a Federal-period house, built about 1800. It contains examples of Federal furniture and silver as well as letters and documents signed by George Washington. For more info: <http://dumbartonhouse.org/>

There is much more to see in Washington, D.C. Hope this whets your appetite... join us in September to experience some of these attractions!

2014 DUES REQUEST

AND MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Make checks payable to:
DESRON 30 ASSOCIATION INC.

Please mail the completed Dues Request and payment to:
Richard Myers - 428 Lockwood Terrace - Decatur, GA 30030

**IF YOU ARE A WIDOW OR YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR 2014 DUES,
PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REQUEST.**

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH ANY CHANGES TO THE ROSTER.



PLEASE CHECK HERE FOR ANY CHANGES
TO THE ROSTER AND SHOW CHANGE BELOW

\$10.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell / Alternate Phone _____ E-mail _____

SHIP SERVED ON AND DATES (Check one)

U.S..S Caperton (DD-650) _____ U.S.S. Cotten (DD-669) _____ U.S.S. Daly (DD-519) _____

U.S.S. Dortch (DD-670) _____ U.S.S. Gatling (DD-671) _____

Dates Served Aboard Ship _____

Rank / Rate Aboard Ship (Optional) _____

If you are unable or unwilling to receive the DESRON 30 mailings via email, please check here
Or - sign onto website at <http://desron30.org> and request

If you no longer wish to receive the DESRON 30 postal mailings, please check here

FEEL FREE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS BELOW OR ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET

Remarks -

DESRON-30 REUNION

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Schedule of Events

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(Sign up sheet continued on next page)

Banquet Dinner includes: House Green Salad, potato or rice, seasonal vegetable, warm rolls plus tea, coffee and dessert:

Entrée Choices: **Stuffed Chicken Breast Baked Salmon Vegetarian Plate**

Please write in the names and entrée choices for each attendee (Chicken or Fish or Veg) :

Shipmate _____ Spouse _____
Guest #1 _____ Guest #2 _____

PLEASE PRINT Your:

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel # (_____) _____ - _____
E-mail address _____ Cell # (_____) _____ - _____

Please PRINT name(s) as you wish on your name tag(s):

Shipmate First _____ Last _____
Spouse First _____ Last _____
Guest #1 First _____ Last _____
Guest #2 First _____ Last _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions below. Also provide an emergency contact telephone number.

Registration fee \$61 per person includes Hospitality Room, Saturday Banquet, band, name tags, etc.

Registration fee - \$61 per person	Number of person(s) _____ x \$61 = _____
Wednesday - White House - bus fee \$ 20 per person	Number of person(s) _____ x \$20 = _____
Thursday Tour #1 - fee \$ 49 per person	Number of person(s) _____ x \$49 = _____
Friday Tour #2 - fee \$ 63 per person	Number of person(s) _____ x \$63 = _____
	TOTAL _____

Please fill in this Registration / Tours form and return your check or money order payable to: **DesRon 30**

Mail form and check or money order to:

**Richard Myers
428 Lockwood Terrace
Decatur, GA 30030**

Please register and submit this form and payment to be received before **Friday, August 8, 2014**

**If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me at (404) 373-0120
Or email to: ramunlim@yahoo.com. (Please use email subject line -- 2014 DesRon 30 Reunion)**