

The Scuttlebutt U.S.S. Cogswell Association

Don Miller Hangs Up His Oars

After serving as president of the Cogswell Association for several years, Don has decided to resign the presidency. He will hand over his position to the newly elected president during the Cogswell Association business meeting on October 15, 1999. During Don's tenure as president, the Cogswell Association grew from a small organization started by Shad White, to having more than 700 names in the Cog-



swell database. A large percentage of the names added to the database got there solely through Don's efforts. Because of his dedication to the Cogswell Association he has spent many hours on the telephone and has personally located many of our old shipmates. Don has also managed four Cogswell reunions; Baton Rouge, Nashville, and two in Las Vegas.

Don's leadership and drive will be missed and difficult to replace.

San Diego Reunion Update

By George Overman

The San Diego reunion is coming together nicely. We now have, along with George Overman, three additional Cogswell shipmates who volunteered to help. Tim Flanagan is working on transportation and Navy sights to visit. John Mendenhall and Jack Stevenson are working on other activities directly related to making this reunion as enjoyable as possible for everyone.

A few of the things that have been accomplished so far:

- ❑ Over 20 items available for raffle (and still working) many tickets to local attractions
- ❑ Many other items that will be *given away* during the San Diego Reunion (free tickets for prizes)
- ❑ A 3 in 1 group tour is now planned through Gray Line Tours at 20% off regular rates. Tour includes city tour, harbor tour, Tijuana shopping. (\$40 per person)
- ❑ Banquet prices set at \$24 & \$25 - sit down combination meals (chicken/beef or chicken/fish) For an additional \$50 donation, you may reserve a table – stay tuned.
- ❑ Starbucks is providing free coffee for the entire reunion
- ❑ Karl Strauss Breweries is providing free beer for the duration of the reunion
- ❑ Waiting for replies from soft drink companies and pastry shops
- ❑ Each shipmate receives one check-in bag (compliments of the San Diego Padres) with additional advertising novelties from other companies and free ticket(s) for prizes (one ticket each for everyone checking in)
- ❑ Cogswell coffee cups *may* be available no charge (1 per person – additional cups for sale)
- ❑ There is a very special prize available to the person who locates and recruits the “highest number of *new association members* who come to the San Diego reunion”
- ❑ Much more to come.....let’s have a great time

Unfortunately, the Hanalei is booked solid on the 12th and the 16th of October. If you have not already reserved your rooms and you are planning on arriving early and staying beyond the 15th, this will be a problem. We are working with the hotel to free up

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COLD WAR RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

Up to 22 million people may be eligible for a new certificate recognizing their service either in uniform or as a civilian employee of the DoD during the Cold War period. The period of service has officially been set between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991. Eligible individuals can begin to apply starting April 5, 1999.

An internet resource, “Military Report,” has set an information page with complete details on how to apply. To view the information, click on the “Archives” icon on the Military Report home page, <http://www.militaryreport.com> and then click on the “Cold War” link on the Archives page.

There is also an official web site for on-line information: <http://www.sdcw.army.mil/coldwar>. DoD advises that by the end of March, the web site will have (1) a sample request letter; (2) on-line application by April 5; (3) an e-mail address to respond to additional inquiries; and (4) an office address for written inquiries.

Attention Golfers

Don says:

“If any of the guys have any interest in playing golf please drop me a note and I'll mail them a book on all in golf courses in San Diego.”

Please contact:

Don Miller

110 Twisted Pine Dr

Grants Pass, OR 97527

(541) 474-0113

Cogswell Association Statistics

As your self appointed Cogswell Association database custodian, I felt it necessary to update the members on the database statistics.

May 1, 1999

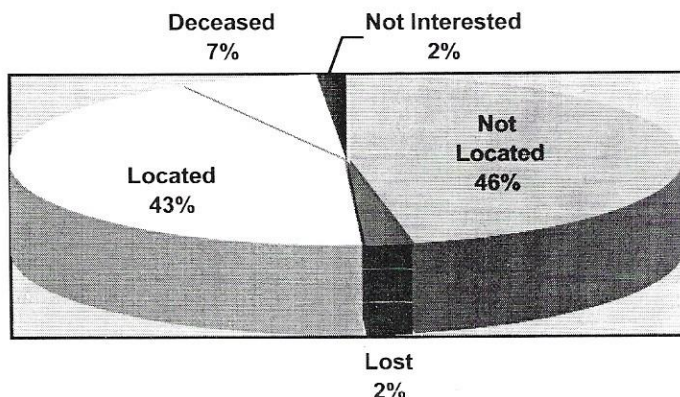
<i>Total names in database</i>	1392
<i>Members "Not Located"</i>	655
<i>Members Located and Lost</i>	29
<i>Members location known</i>	709
<i>Deceased</i>	92
<i>Not Interested</i>	21
<i>Remaining known members</i>	596
<i>Current dues paid</i>	221
<i>Paid in 96, 97, 98 but not 99</i>	93

In March of this year Jim Touse mailed out approximately 622 dues notices. Sadly, approximately 375 members did not respond to the mailing. Of this number 33 envelopes were returned due to incorrect addresses, 29 of these remain. The list of names below represent those people who were once found and are now lost. We need help in re-locating these people along with finding some of the remaining 655 members that are "Not Located." The database is swelling with the "Not Located" listings. Names are being gathered from several cruise books that exist among our members. I currently have two

cruise books I have not gone through, this will add more names.

MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY, if you have access to the Internet and can help locate some of our lost souls, please help the Cogswell Association. I currently have two people, Gary Phillips (the A's) and Orville Williams (the B's), who have volunteered to help, but we need many more. Please send me an E-mail if you would like to start searching : georgeoverman@home.com.

Sorry, people with last names beginning with Q, X, and Z are mine!



Last Name	First Name	City	State	Years Aboard
ALTPETER	PHILLIP D.	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	
APPLETON	SHELBY G. & MARY	TYLER	TX	58-60
ATKINS	RICHARD & YVONNE	BOZEMAN	MT	60-61
BAEZ	ALEX & BECKY	LOMITA	CA	
BEGLEY	ROBERT E.	ELLSWORTH	ME	43-45
CLARK	DON	IOWA FALLS	IA	KOREA
COLLIER	VERNON	KIRBYVILLE	TX	KOREA
ESCARCEGA	EDWARD D. & JERRI	ALTA LOMA	CA	KOREA
FINSCH	LARRY	SAN PABLO	CA	64-66
FRANKLIN	JERRY L & PHILLIS	HUNTINGTON BEACH	CA	60-61
GOUDREAULT	HENRY	MANCHESTER	NH	WWII
GOUGH	TOM	KUNA	ID	VN
HARDY	W. E.	DUNBAR	PA	WWII
HEGUDIS	MICHAEL	SAN DIEGO	CA	59-60
HICKS	BILL	STILLWATER	OK	WWII
LEMP	RON L.	DANVILLE	CA	66-67
LOVELL	GARY L.	ESCONDIDO	CA	KOREA
LUDWIG	LEROY H.	ROCK ISLAND	IL	KOREA
MILLER	JIM	GERMANTOWN	TN	WWII
MINNEY	JAMES C.	MONROE	MI	55-59
MULLINS	MOON & PEGGY	FREMONT	CA	61-62
NAKASHIMA	FRANK & YEAKO	LILBURN	GA	54-55
OSBORNE	ROBERT E.	PRINCETON	KY	
REMY	HERVE R.	FALL RIVER	MA	WWII
RENFRO	DAVID & PAULA	GROVELAND	CA	61-63
SCHLICH	E.J.	EVANSVILLE	IN	51-54
SHEILDS	JERRY	EVANSTON	IL	VN
WILLIS	BOB	BEAUFORT	NC	WWII
WILSON	DONALD T.	CROSS JUNCTION	VA	KOREA

Constitution and By-laws update

A "working" constitution and by-laws is being drafted for approval at the San Diego reunion. This working document would then be refined and presented for approval at the spring 2001 reunion as our final document.

The working document provides for election of a President and Secretary at the upcoming San Diego reunion. The President would appoint a Vice-President and Treasurer who would serve through the spring 2001 reunion at which time there would be an election to fill these two offices.

Several copies of the working constitution and by-laws will be available for review at our San Diego reunion prior to the general meeting. Tom Lillie is writing up the draft. If anyone has any comments or concerns you may reach him via e-mail at **DD651Tom@juno.com** or via US Mail at:

7158 West Warbler Court.
Milwaukee, WI 53553-2770.

If you would be interested in serving on the committee to refine the working draft (which would start after the reunion), advise Tom.

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some space for the Cogswell crew on those days. If you intend to come in early or stay over, please contact George Overman so he can put your name on the list. If rooms become available, you will be contacted. This does not affect rooms for the 13th through the 15th as the Cogswell Association has a room block. **DO NOT WAIT TO RESERVE ROOMS.** Reserve rooms before the 13th and after the 15th at another hotel in the immediate area. Make sure this hotel has a liberal cancellation policy. (Only a suggestion!)

**Discount travel arrangements
(mention Cogswell Reunion)**
Montrose Travel (800)-301-9673

San Diego Visitor's Guide:
www.sandiego.org/req.idc?v=c&c=0

or,

**International Visitor Information Center San Diego
Convention & Visitors Bureau**

11 Horton Plaza San Diego, CA 92101
Hanalei Hotel reservations: (800)-882-0858

- Reunion Coordinator -

George Overman: (760) 721-5730,
georgeoverman@home.com

This will be the last reminder for anyone not current with dues. The August mailing of the reunion package will contain brochures and a complete program guide for the event. Due to the cost of mailing, this package **will only be mailed to current members.** If you are current with dues and have not received a package by August 15, please contact George Overman immediately.

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U.S.S. Cogswell DD651 Hit by Kamikaze

Fact or Fiction? Will you ever know? Maybe not unless you purchase the two history books prepared by John Barwinczok (Cogswell 51-52). John prepared the first book based on Navy records. Book one, which contains approximately 40 pages, is filled with interesting facts about the Cogswell. Book one costs \$20 plus \$5 for shipping. Book two contains about 95% of book one, plus many articles given to John by other shipmates. Book two contains over 80 pages and costs \$20 plus \$5 for shipping. Both books can be purchased for \$40 in-

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Bruce Kittredge

I joined the Navy on August 1, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. Went to Boot Camp (Co.300) in Great Lakes. My first duty station was a destroyer out of Newport, Rhode Island, the USS New DD-818. I transferred to the President Adams APA-19 and made several trips through the Caribbean and one through the Canal to put it to bed in Hunter's Point. Went home on leave and was called back early because of Korea. Flew over to Japan on the Philippine Mars flying boat for a two year tour on the USS Evansville PF-70. Went home in 1952 to try civilian life.

Met Mary and was married July 10, 1953 and moved to Northwest Montana and worked in the power house, generating power for the area. I went back in the Navy in May, 1957 and did a tour as a TAR in Evanston, Illinois and Hannibal, Missouri, which was very interesting duty. Then, reported back to sea on the USS Ranier AE-5 out of Concord, California for a year or so, transferring to the USS Vesuvius AE-15 with the same home port. I left the ammo fleet in 1960, to attend Nuclear Power School in Vallejo. My next duty station was another APA, the Renville APA-227. The highlight of that duty station was the Cuban Blockade. From



there, I transferred to the Cogswell in May, 1964 and remained on board till May, 1967. I made Chief on the Cogs and transferred to Recruiting Duty in Bloomington, Illinois for three years. After recruiting, I helped put two destroyers, the USS Lyman K. Swenson DD-729 and the USS Shelton DD-790 out of commission.

Retirement came in May, 1972. Mary and I and our five children left San Diego and moved to Michigan, where I was Assistant Naval Science Instructor with an NJROTC unit at the local High School. From there, I worked for three different insurance companies, inspecting boilers, over a period of ten years, before retiring to the Pensacola, Florida area. After a short retirement, I went to work part time for the State of Florida as a Boiler Inspector, which I am doing currently.

So, at the present time, we live in the Florida/Alabama panhandle, enjoying trips up North to visit our children and our 10 grandchildren. We are looking forward to the San Diego reunion, as we have really enjoyed corresponding with shipmates we were reunited with at the Las Vegas and Baton Rouge reunions.

Bruce and Mary Kittredge

chiefusn@gulftel.com

Wanted: One Association President

The new Cogswell Association president will have some big shoes to fill.

What qualities/tools should the president of the association possess?

- A commitment to the Cogswell Association
- The ability to lead while considering the wants and needs of the association members
- The desire and ability to communicate with members:
 - E-mail
 - FAX
 - Telephone
 - Newsletter
 - Semaphore
 - Heliography

Telegraphy

How do we elect a new president?

Without having an official set of rules to follow, let's have some fun.

Any person, who is interested in running for president of the Cogswell Association, should be prepared to present their campaign through posters, handouts, or face-to-face discussions with other members in attendance at the October reunion. Anything goes, since we have no rules you can't break any so ...



Go for It!

- What kind of leadership skills do you possess.
- Why do you want to be president.
- What are you going to do for the association.
- etc.

Once the names of all candidates are known, ballots will be printed and each association member will have an opportunity to vote their choice for president. Each member gets one vote. The ballots will be counted late Thursday evening, October 14, and the new president will be announced at the business meeting

For The Love of Cogswell

by George Overman

As the custodian of the Cogswell database, I recently received hundreds of the reunion dues notices back from Jim Touse. I was overwhelmed not only with the amount of information I had to input into our database, but with some of the comments written on the forms. These comments lead me to believe there is a special love for the Cogswell by its former shipmates. I would like to share some of these with you.

- 1 "My time aboard Cogswell served me well later when I was senior BT aboard USS Marshall until my discharge in 1968"
- 2 "Enjoyed every bit of service to the Cogswell" "I was part of the re-commissioning of Cogswell in Charleston, S.C. for Korean War. Good memories!"
- 3 "Best ship & best crew in the fleet"
- 4 "Good ship – good crew"
- 5 "From new construction to my transfer on Aug 16 in Yokohama, Japan 1945 a swell ship"
- 6 "Makes me feel good that I served"
- 7 "I enjoyed my service as first lieutenant and gunnery officer on the Cogswell. I look forward to regenerating some relationships which were memorable"
- 8 "Now that I look back – some of the best years of my life"
- 9 "My husband Mark Leffler passed away Sept 24, 1995. He was proud to have served aboard the Cogswell." His wife Marcella Leffler
- 10 "The greatest time of my life"
- 11 "This tour coupled with the follow on as Division Officer provides some of my fondest Navy memories"

12 "It was a good ship it stayed afloat"

This comment from Joe Fernandez of San Rafael, CA, and the enclosed picture takes the cake! This is Joe's comment and the Cogswell he built.

"Lots of memories. I will never forget serving aboard an outstanding ship. Enclosed is a couple of pictures of a plastic model I built with many hours of enjoyment. I think it looks like the Cogswell from stem to stern – length 3 feet."

I have asked him to bring the ship model with him to the reunion in San Diego. He is going to try to make the reunion.

A Special Request

Mrs. Betty Kail is requesting assistance from anyone who served aboard the Cogswell during Operation Hardtack in August 1958. Barry Kail, who served aboard the Cogswell during this period, passed away on August 31, 1998. Mrs. Kail is seeking information that may be helpful in collecting a widow's pension from the VA.

Please give Mrs. Kail at call at:
(916) 782-7224

or you may contact her at:
2004 Rebecca Court.,
Roseville, CA 95661.

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cluding postage. All proceeds are donated to the Cogswell Association, but please make checks payable to John Barwinczok.

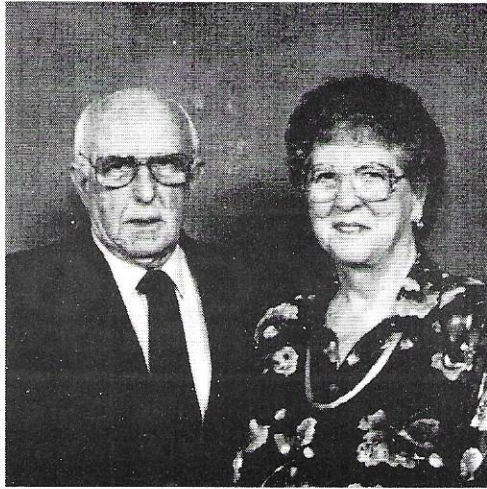
John will have a limited amount of the books available for sale at the reunion. He is also donating one copy of both books for a raffle prize. Order the books directly from John Barwinczok, 25 Leavenworth Ave., Auburn, NY 13021-4552. You can call him at (315) 253-6022 or E-mail jbgc@juno.com.



Ed & Jean Winslow

I enlisted in the Navy while in high school, then off to boot camp after graduation. After boot I went to electrical school at Purdue University and then was assigned to the Cogswell while it was in California. She was being retrofitted and my duties consisted of standing in the engine spaces doing what, I don't honestly know, except just watching the work in progress. After retrofitting and shake-down, we were off to Hawaii, the Carolinas and Okinawa and to Japan for the surrender and return to the United States. I stayed with the Cogswell to Boston, MA and then on to Charleston, SC to help put the ship in mothballs and back to Boston for discharge in June, 1946 as an Electricians Mate 3rd class.

I went to work for New England Telephone in September of 1946 and stayed two years. I met Jean during this time and we were married in June of 1950. I went to work for



Stromberg Carlson in May of 1951 and for seven years we traveled the United States installing telephone switching equipment. In 1958 we moved to Rochester, NY, home of Stromberg Carlson at the time, and spent the next thirty years selling telephone equipment. I retired in 1988.

We have two children. Karen is married to a landlord and science fiction book dealer. They have two boys, Aaron and Tyler. Brian is a Pediatric Dentist, married and has four children, Ted, Emily and twin boys, Andy & Timmy.

We really look forward to the reunions to meet old friends again and new friends.

Edward (ED) & Jean Winslow,
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Webster, NY 14580-8639
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8th Cogswell Reunion Site Preview Committee

Don Miller and George Overman will co-chair a committee to review prospective sites for the 8th Cogswell Reunion. This is a new committee; its purpose is to pre-select two possible locations for the next reunion. The individuals who are proposing to be one of the two possible 8th Cogswell Reunion sites, will have an opportunity to make a presentation to the association members at the business meeting.

On Friday morning, October 15, the association members attending the Cogswell business meeting will vote on the two pre-selected choices. The site receiving the majority of votes by a count of hands wins.

Three additional members are being sought to participate on this committee. The committee will meet in the days before the business meeting to review and select the two possible sites. Individuals who are presenting their site as a possible reunion location are prevented from serving on the committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Don Miller or George Overman.

Anyone interested in having the 8th Cogswell Reunion held in their city or a city of their choice, should be prepared to present objective evidence which would convince the committee to make this location one of the sites for vote. Following past practices, the site of the 8th Cogswell Reunion should be

“East of the Mississippi”.

There are a number of things the committee will look for when making the decision on which two sites will be pre-selected for vote at the business meeting. They include, but are not limited to:

- 1 Are you willing to assist in coordinating the reunion?
- 2 Do you have any experience in coordinating such events?
- 3 What significance does the city have to the Cogswell? (Not really relevant, but we will ask, Las Vegas wasn't exactly a “Port of Call”).
- 4 What does the city have to offer the association members for entertainment?
- 5 What is the city willing to do to secure the reunion?
- 6 What are the general costs for having the reunion in this city; rooms, banquet, etc?

Being prepared is key to being selected not only as one of the two possible sites for the 8th reunion, but also to being selected at the final site by the general membership. If you need additional information about this committee and its purpose, contact Don Miller or George Overman.

U.S.S. Cogswell Association

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Mailing Label

We're on the web
[Http://www.cpros.com/~dmille](http://www.cpros.com/~dmille)



Rear. James
K. Cogswell



Capt. Francis
Cogswell



A little bit of Cogswell history

"Rear Admiral James K. Cogswell was a native of Wisconsin and entered the Naval Academy in 1863. He was aboard the USS OREGON during the historic dash around Cape Horn to join the North Atlantic Squadron in time to contribute to the destruction of the Spanish Fleet at Santiago in 1898. For eminent and conspicuous conduct in that decisive battle he was promoted to Commander. Rear Admiral Cogswell died in Florida in 1908.

His son, **Captain Francis Cogswell**, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from that state in 1903. During World War I, Captain Cogswell was awarded the Navy Cross. He died in 1939 at Bremerton, Washington".