

THE SCUTTLEBUTT

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 12TH NATIONAL REUNION CLARION HOTEL—BRANSON, MO MAY 17-19, 2007

By George Overman

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The reunion planning is nearing completion. The first thing our members must do is get your rooms reserved. We have a limited number of rooms and once they are gone, it may be difficult to increase our room block. The facility selected for the reunion is the Clarion Hotel at The Palace in Branson, MO. The Cogswell Association rates for a single/double is \$71.99 per night. There are rates available for triples and quadruples along with suites. The hotel also offers a -3/+3 day range for the same price. We encourage everyone to stay at our reunion hotel. This is a very nice hotel directly on the main street in Branson. A continental breakfast is included each morning. To make reservations call (800) 725-2236 or (417) 334-7666. Inform the reservationists that you will be attending the USS Cogswell reunion. For more information on this hotel visit:



<http://www.clarionhotelbranson.com/branson.asp>

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Additional information on the Branson reunion is outlined in this edition along with a registration form if you are planning on attending the reunion. Even if your are not going to be with us in Branson, please take time to vote for your choice for the 2008 reunion. Yes, the committee has already done the preliminary scouting for the 2008 reunion in the Northwest.

NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

During the business meeting at the Charleston reunion, the Association voted to offer a new life membership rate. The program was adapted from a similar program offered by Tin Can Sailors.

Current Association members who choose to convert to a life membership will be given credit for any dues already paid for membership in 2006 and beyond. Any crewmembers claiming to be younger than Age 49 will have to produce a birth certificate!

Life members rates:

Age 49 or younger (\$250)

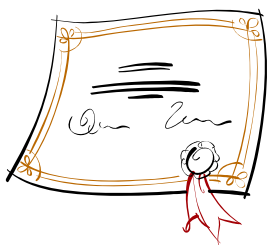
Age 50 to 59 (\$200)

Age 60 to 69 (\$150)

Age 70 to 79 (\$100)

Age 80 and older (\$50)

This new option will be included in the dues notices sent at the end of each year. If you are paid beyond 2006, and wish to take advantage of the new life membership send the appropriate amount to:



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PO BOX 6098
OCEANSIDE CA 92052-6098**

NOW HEAR THIS

SHIP'S STORE IS NOW OPEN

- T-SHIRTS \$16.00 ea. L-XL-XXL Red or White
- GOLF SHIRTS \$28.00 ea. L-XL-XXL Red or White
- HATS \$15.00 for 1 or \$26.00 Navy Blue or White
- Cogswell patches for 2 PATCHES \$5.00
- COFFEE MUGS \$11.00 (Not pictured)
- 2005 Cogswell Reunion Photobook \$25.00
- Order form: (Please print)



Item:	Size	Color	Price
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Total \$ _____ Includes shipping in the U.S.

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 10512 SOUTH 36TH AVE WEST
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ATTENTION!!

If you have not received an e-mail message from the Cogswell Association in the past month it is probably because we do not have your valid e-mail address on file. Please send us your current e-mail address if it has changed recently. We are getting a lot of bounced messages. (bad addresses). Send current e-mail address to: uss-cogswell@cox.net

President's Letter Branson Outlook

By Frank Wille (63-65)

The time is rapidly approaching when we meet again - in Branson.

I hope to see most of you May 17 - 19, 2007 at the Clarion in Branson. The town really appreciates veterans and they are ready to show us a good time. There is something for everyone. George has done his usual fine job of coordination so all you have to do is **SHOW UP!** We have a good group already registered - hope you will join us.

Your association remains strong and

solvent. Just as the Cogswell was a good ship to serve aboard, the association retains the strength of its members. Come and see for yourself.

See you in Branson!



Lyna & Frank Wille

USS COGSWELL ASSOCIATION DATABASE STATISTICS as of 02/01/07

Our database contains 3285 names total. Changes since 08/01/06 below

- **Active** = 308— **up 8** (paid dues are current)
- **Inactive** = 85 - **down 40** (have not paid dues for more than two years)
- **New** = 1— **down 90** (database cleaned up) (New members found who were mailed a membership form, waiting for return.)
- **Reactivating** = 0 Need to be contacted (Inactive members who are reactivating their membership)
- **No Interest** = 370 — **Up 95** (Many inactive no longer interested—database cleaned) (shipmates who have indicated they have no interest in the Cogswell Association)
- **Not Able** = 13 - **No change** (shipmates who are unable to participate for various reasons)
- **Deceased** = 250—**up 16** (known deceased shipmates)
- **Not Located** = 2257 **Up 20—some inactive back to not located** (continues to be the largest number in database - we still need help locating.)

New members August 01, 2006—February 01, 2006

Last Name	First	City	State	Years Aboard	Rank
HOLLY	ROBERT	APACHE JCT	AZ	45-46	FC2
SMITH	JAMES L	LAPEER	MI	66-67	QMSN

Known Deceased since August 2006

Last Name	First	City	State	Years Aboard	Rank
BAKER	ROYAL	SACRAMENTO	CA	56-58	LCDR
BARROW	CARL	POCATELLO	ID	52-53	FN
BOHANEK	PAUL	CLEARWATER	FL	51-53	DCFN
BRAUER	FRANCIS	PUNXSUTAWNEY	PA	43(PO)	TM3
EDLEMAN	PAUL	ROYERSFORD	PA	45-46	SA
FIORE	JOHN	HOPATCONG	NJ	43-45(PO)	SF1
GEYER	ROBERT	EUGENE	OR	59-61	
GOLDER	ROBERT	VENICE	FL	43-46	LT
GOWER	ROY	GUTHRIE	KY	51-55	SN
HARTMAN	WILLIAM	AFTON	MN	65	
HASSETT	ROBERT	CAMBRIDGE	MA	43-44(PO)	RDSN
McCANN	JAMES	ELK GROVE	IL	52-54	SO3
POTTER	EDWIN	CROSSVILLE	IL	43-45(PO)	EM1
SEUFERLING	MARTIN	LOUISBURG	KS	51	RDSN
STORMONT	ROBERT	HOLIDAY	FL	57-59	SN
VERHOUGSTRAETE,	KENNETH	LANSING	MI	51-54	TE3

PO = Plankowner





THE NEW DON MILLER SHIPMATE LOCATOR PROGRAM

By George Overman (64-66)

As many of you know, this program is named after the person who was instrumental in finding a large number of crewmembers who have joined the USS Cogswell DD-651 Association. I was one of those crewmembers located by Don Miller when he called me on a Sunday afternoon many years ago. It is calculated that Don located somewhere near 500 crewmembers during his "searching days."

Don was also the first president of the Cogswell Association founded by Chad White. Don served dutifully in this capacity until 1999, when Frank Wille took over the helm.

The original Don Miller SLP was designed to reward individuals for locating our missing crewmembers. We had limited success with this program, so it is time to regroup by developing a new rewards program. We still have over 2000 missing crewmembers that need to be found. The following are the details of the new & improved Don Miller

Shipmate Locator Program

1. Locate and sign up five new crewmembers get a Cogswell hat.
2. Locate and sign up ten new crewmembers get a Cogswell T-shirt.
3. Locate and sign up 25 new crewmembers get a Cogswell leather jacket.

By the time you have located and signed up 25 members, you will have a hat, T-shirt, and leather jacket.

Individuals volunteering for this program will have complete responsibility for locating crewmembers on a list provided.

Other than printing out and mailing the membership forms (I will do this) the volunteer will have to do all the calling and any follow up to get the members signed up. We award the "gifts" when membership dues are paid by the new members. I

will keep track of this information within our database.

Your committee hopes that this new program will create new interest in finding our missing crewmembers.

Just ask those who have been at reunions where they rekindle friendships they had over 30, 40, or even 50 years earlier. I have never heard anyone say they were unhappy to meet these old friends.



Don & Arlene Miller

The Reunion Network (TRN)

By George Overman

TRN states their object is to be "The Definitive Source Of Information For The Volunteer Reunion Planner." This organization has been in business for many years and along with providing an excellent reunion planning magazine, they provide Conference Familiarization (ConFam) events. A ConFam allows the reunion planner an opportunity to see what a prospective reunion host city has to offer, so they will bring their respective group to that city for a reunion. In most cases, the people who join the ConFams through TRN are military reunion planners.

I had the opportunity to visit the TRN ConFam in Branson last year, and I was extremely impressed at how the Visitor's Bureau, working with TRN, presented their city. It was apparent to me that the cities which subscribe to TRN's services go out of their way to entice the military reunions to their area. Not only was Branson represented, but several other cities were at the conference exhibiting their information.

Based on this experience, and my talks with other reunion planners at the ConFam, we have decided to focus our efforts on selecting future reunion sights based on cities where the CVB's are members of the TRN service. To some extent this provides us some comfort in the fact that they want our military reunions in their city. Rest assured, this does not limit our ability to plan reunions. There are numerous cities which belong to the TRN service and there is not cost to the Cogswell Association for any TRN service.

The only area which is under represented is the Northwest U.S. This brings us to the issue of our vote for the October 2008 reunion. There are three cities (narrowed down from five) which are eager to host our reunion. Two of these cities are members of TRN. They are Spokane, WA and Boise, ID. The other selection is Portland, OR, which is not a member, but is interested in our reunion. In this newsletter are "brag sheets" from the three 2008 choices. Please read carefully and place your vote on the registration form based on the information provided by the respective city.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION
 JUNE 30 2006 TO JANUARY 31, 2007
Reported by Orvil Williams

JUNE 30, 2006	CASH ON HAND OR IN BANKS	\$13,849.41
	DEPOSITS	
JULY 06		\$70.00
AUGUST 06		\$295.00
SEPTEMBER 06		\$290.00
OCTOBER 06		.00
NOVEMBER 06		\$110.00
DECEMBER 06		\$70.00
JANUARY 07		\$45.00
	TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$880.00
	DEBITS	
POSTAGE		\$57.80
REUNION 2007 EXPENSE		\$138.37
NEWSLETTER		\$759.33
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$955.50
	TOTAL DEPOSITS + CASH ON HAND	\$14,729.41
	MINUS EXPENSES	\$955.50
	TOTAL	\$13,773.91
	CASH ON HAND (BANK STATEMENT 1/31/07)	\$13,773.91

PLANK-OWNER

Edwin Earl Potter

Crossville, Illinois, resident, Edwin Earl Potter, 86, died Friday, September 29, 2006, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. He was born October 16, 1919, in Gray Township, White County, Illinois, the son of Samuel Chester and Ellen Jane (Pretzsch) Potter. On April 14, 1955, he married Vonda Lee Fobar, and she survives.

Earl was an electrician and World War II US Navy veteran. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Moose Club, a lifetime member of the VFW, and former member of the Crossville School Board. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time at Kentucky Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Vonda Potter of Crossville; a son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Glenna Potter of Pocahontas, IL; two brothers and four sisters-in-law, David and Shirley Potter of Clinton, AR, Richard and Joyce Potter of Albion, IL, Bonnie Potter of Shelbyville, IL, Harriett Potter of Cody, WY; brother-in-law, Donald Wallace of Edwardsville, IL; four grandchildren, Victoria Potter, Katherine Potter, John Potter, and Samantha Potter.

Preceding Earl in death are his parents, two brothers, James and Chester Potter; and three sisters, Dorothy Downen, Doris Wallace, and an infant sister.

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Phillip Earl Barnett passed away at 10:03 a.m. Saturday, November 18 at the Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, AZ. He had been in the Banner Baywood Hospital the previous five weeks. He was born July 21, 1934 in East Alton, IL to Mable Evans and Virgil Barnett. He married Lois June Kennedy on September 5, 1959 at the Christian Church in Wood River, IL. He served 2 years in the Navy as Petty Officer First Class. He was on the Cogswell and the US Hornet CV12. He also spent 20 years in the Naval Reserve both in Illinois and Arizona. In addition to his wife of 47 years, he is also survived by three children, Michelle Yvonne Thomas of Paris, TN, Craig Steven Barnett of Mesa, AZ and Carla Renee Ward of Peoria, AZ. He has five grandchildren as well, Chad L. Thomas, Danielle M. Thomas and Landon N. Thomas and Justin Allan Ward and Alex Mitchell Ward. He also leaves behind a sister Janet Laura Luken from Godfrey, IL and her six children, Theresa Eagan of Godfrey, IL, David Skinner of Cocoa, FL, Keith Skinner of Charlotte, NC, Barbara Marshall of St Charles, MO, Michael Skinner of Waynesville, NC and Geof Skinner of Cabden, IL. His wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held in the club house of the Casa Serena Park in a few weeks.

Robert R. Stormont, 68, passed away on Monday November 20, 2006 at the Gulfside Regional Hospice in New Port Richey, Florida. Robert was retired from the railroad. He also served in the Navy. He was born on August 3, 1938 in Francisco. He was preceded in death by his father. Robert is survived by his wife, Janice Stormont of Holiday, FL; mother, Maxine Marshall of Francisco; 8 children; 2 step-children; and several grandchildren.

CREWMEMBER PROFILES

JOHN BARWINCZOK

1951-1952 TE3

John is the youngest of 12 children born to Stephen and Anna Barwinczok. John left high school at the age of 16 to enlist in the service, but had to wait till he turned 17 to enter the United States Navy where most of his sea duty was served in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic.

While home on a short leave, he met Virginia Scolaro. After a whirlwind courtship of three days, they became engaged before John returned to active duty. Ten weeks later he returned to Auburn for another short leave, just long enough for John and Ginny to get married.

John's five year Navy career included being a member of the second Under Water Demolition team, the precursor to the Navy Seals. John also served as Post Master for the 6th Fleet in Europe as well as serving a year on a destroyer. Just prior to his discharge, he and his fellow servicemen received "greetings" from President Truman, canceling all discharges because of the Korean War. This extended his service for another year of duty. While in the service John and Ginny had a daughter, Louise (Wilson).



Upon his discharge, John worked at General Electric as a test technician. After a short time he left to work for the



Department of Defense as well as completing his high school education and attending college. During his 35-year career with the Federal Government, he served in many capacities from inspector to Quality Manager for the Syracuse, New York area. In 1987, John retired from the Government, but found retirement too uneventful, so he formed his own company, JB Quality Consulting, which he ran for nearly 15 years.

After his second retirement, he again became restless and decided to form a Korean War Veterans Association Chapter in Cayuga County. During his tenure, membership grew from 12 to 82 people in two and half years. During the past year his chapter raised in excess of \$43,000 for a Korean War Memorial to honor Cayuga County Veterans. That memorial was dedicated on July 30, 2006 and graces Veterans' Memorial Park in downtown Auburn.

Anyone who knows John, knows that he has to stay busy, so he has participated in various activities and organizations that include:

- Founder and Commander of the Korean War Veterans Cayuga County Chapter 296
 - Chairman for the Korean War Memorial project
 - Active member of the Italian Heritage Society and the Knights of Columbus
 - Co-founder and member of the USS Cogswell Association
 - Member of the US Naval Memorial Foundation and the UDT/Seals Museum
 - Member of the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 1975 and the American Legion, Post 1324
 - Past member and chairman of ASQC, American Society of Quality Control, Syracuse, NY
 - Organized and presented seminars and workshops on all aspects of the Dep't. of Defense Quality throughout the northeast
 - Community service activities at local VA hospitals and central New York school youth groups
- Member of the Finger Lakes Ski Club

The Italian Heritage Society's "Italian-American Community Service Award", is a Tribute to a Distinguished Individual, which was presented to John Barwinczok on October 8, 2006.

John and Ginny reside in Auburn, where they have been life long residents. John continues to stay busy traveling, working on his golf game, reading, enjoying the company of his friends and family over a glass of good wine, and working on projects around his home and anyone else's!

JAMES RICHARD NELSON
1958-1961 RM2

As an RM2 on the Cogswell in the spring of '61, I had a decision to make: re-up on a great ship with great shipmates or pursue my goal of a University education. I chose the latter. In the spring of 1966 a year after getting married, I was recruited at the University of Minnesota for work with the National Security Agency. Six years at NSA living in the Washington DC area was enough for a Minnesota boy, so back to the Midwest. There, with family experience in construction I worked as a custom home builder for a few years until a severe recession hit that business hard.

While at NSA I had pursued a graduate degree in computer science so when the building business went belly-up I returned to computers. In the late 70s I joined Cray Research, the supercomputer company, when there were about 30 employees and stayed with them over 12 years, ending as operations director. The highlight of those years was my work in Hawaii with Neil Armstrong. When I left Cray there were over 3500 employees; it was quite a ride. Moving on I changed direction as a vice president of another company doing work in manufacturing and distribution computer business. Having this experience, I purchased a manufacturing company. A medium-sized company, we did work for the new Mall of America and the Twin Cities airport along with many local companies. It was a joy to do this work. After a number of years,



however, I became involved with Habitat for Humanity through my church as a volunteer. With my background in home construction, they asked me to join their staff. I did that after closing down the manufacturing business and finding our employees jobs elsewhere.

As construction manager for the seven county metro area here in the twin cities, for the past 13 years I have had the joy to work with committed volunteers and families in need of decent housing. My wife Mary and I spend many vacations around the country and in Europe doing Habitat work with President Carter. I don't plan on retiring. They will just drag me out of here by my boots when the end comes.



Looking back on the years I spent on the Cogswell I fondly remember some of the events we experienced. Of course the rogue-wave near-capsizing was one. The gooney-birds at Midway, a U-2 taking off vertically over our ship in Manila, New Years Eve underway with everyone 3 sheets to the wind, rough weather refueling near misses, Seattle Sea Fair and the girls, Christmas caroling to ships alongside with our forward gun vertical and wrapped like a candle, having Harmon and Killebrew in our radio shack, Christmases in Japan, and the beautiful trips into Pearl. And, of course, remembering the great shipmates and great crew for those years.

Yup, the choice in '61 was difficult, but the rest of the ride has been great; a little bumpy at times, but great.

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included officers from the US, English, Canadian, Australian, and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a group of half a dozen or so officers that included personnel from most of the countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French Admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked: "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?" Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German." Suddenly the group became very quiet. . . .

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION NATIONAL REUNION MAY 17-19, 2007, BRANSON, MO REUNION INFORMATION

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QUARTERS



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CREW



The following list contains the confirmed and prospective members who will navigate the Cogswell through any typhoons to ensure a wonderful time for all at the reunion.

**If you are planning on attending the reunion and your name does not appear on this list, please George know. Someone may just decide to come if they see your name on the Cogswell web site.

ADAMSEN, MIKE	DOROTHY ADAMSEN	BT	58-60
BARLOW (BUTCHER), JACK	DIANNE BARLOW	RM	43-45 Plankowner
BLAIN, ART	ARLINE BLAIN	HT	68-69
BROOKS, RHODY		RD	58-60
BURNS, AL	VIRGINIA BRUNSTEIN	GM	66-68
CADELL, FRANK	LINDA CADELL	RM	56-59
COOK, ROSS	PAT COOK	OFFICER	59-61
DAGGETT, PETE	CHRISTY DAGGETT	IC	63-66
DZIEDZIC, WALT	ROSE	OFFICER	59-62
EBERLE, RON	MARGARET EBERLE	BM	66-68
EBERT, DON	SHIRLEY EBERT	SN	45-46
FOUTS, DAVE		RD	59-61
GALLOWAY, NORMAN		DC	58-62
GRANHOLM, JALMAR		MM	54-55
HARPER, VERNON		MM	59-62
HELLIWELL, JOHN	LOUISE HELLIWELL	QM	67-69
JONES, DONALD	MICHAEL JONES	RD	59-61
KANTARIS, JIMMY	GAIL KANTARIS	MM	52-54
KARAS, CARL		RD	64-67
KIEL, DICK		OFFICER	57-58
KIMBALL, GOODWIN		GMG	59-63
KITTREDGE, BRUCE	MARY KITTREDGE	BT	64-67
LASSITER, LEON		SN	52-55
LEARY, GLEN	JEANETTE LEARY	MM	64-66

MARHEINEKE, JOE	JUNE MARHEINEKE	FC	43-45
MATTHEWS, WALLACE		SK	57-61
MCCOY, LARRY	PHYLLIS	FC	45
MILLER, DON	ARLENE MILLER	MM	56-60
MILLS, ORVAL	SANDY MILLS	MM	61-65
MOOG, DON	MARILYN KENDZORA	EM	66-69
MOORE, MARION (RAY)	SYLVIA MOORE	YN	58-59
NIENSTED, LOWELL		SK	45
NELSON, DAN	IVA NELSON	FC	43-46
NELSON, JAMES	MARY NELSON	RM	58-61
ORLANDO, FRED		SA	43-45 Plankowner
OVERMAN, GEORGE		RM	64-66
PIEZ, RAY	TERRY PIEZ	EM	64-67
POBUDA, DAN	JEAN POBUDA	MM	60-62
RANNEY, JAY	TERRY	RM	65-68
ROBINSON, J R	RACHEL ROBINSON	SN	57-59
ROCKWELL, PERRY		RM	43-45 Plankowner
SEE, ALLESTON	MARILYN SEE	MM	52-56
SESSIONS, GALE	SHIRLEY SESSIONS	EM	64-67
SHORTELL, DON		RM	43-46 Plankowner
SPELL, STERLING	LINDA SPELL	FC	44-46
TITUS, LEROY	SUE TITUS	CS	56-59
TOUSE, JIM	ANN TOUSE	SK	51-55
TRENT, JAMES		OFFICER	57-59
WHITE, MYRON	SUE WHITE	FTG	64-68
WHITLOW, WILLIAM	LEE	FN	45-46
WILLE, FRANK	LYNA WILLE	OFFICER	63-65
WILLIAMS, JOHN	DEB WILLIAMS	SA	66-69
WILLIAMS, ORV	CHERYL WILLIAMS	IC	65-68
WINSLOW, ED	JEAN	EM	44-46
WOODSTOCK, CHARLES	MARY ELLEN	BM/ET	51-54

TRANSPORTATION



For those arriving by air into the Branson/Springfield Airport, a shuttle bus is available through All Around Branson Shuttle for a rate of \$40.00 per person one way with a minimum of two people. Contact Cindi (888) 882-9766 to coordinate the shuttle services. Cindi can also provide air transportation reservations if needed. The website address is: <http://www.allaroundbransonshuttle.com/>

The association is planning on having a shuttle service available during the reunion which will transport people around an established route in Branson. There will be a fee of \$15/per person for the three day use of this shuttle service. Because transportation around Branson can be rather difficult at times we encourage folks to sign up for the shuttle. The number of crewmembers who sign up for the shuttle, will determine the size of the vessel. It could be a new Arleigh Burke class shuttle or something on the order of a Fletcher class! Actually, we will have either a 15 passenger van or a 30 passenger van. The shuttle will also be used to transport the ladies to the "ladies only events" on Saturday morning, May 19. The shuttle bus will run from approximately 9:00 AM until the shows are over in the evening. If all else fails, we will use Chief Al Burns's Studebaker.

STAFF



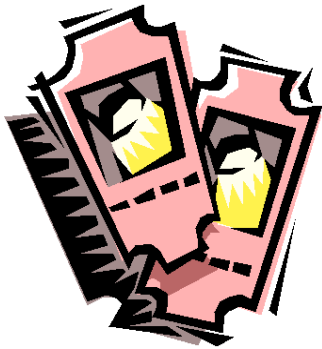
I am the reunion coordinator who is responsible for all activities with the assistance of an able bodied committee. If you have any question of any nature do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail. I will continue to post additional information as the planning continues and details become available.

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Frank Wille, your president, will be your host for the business meeting on Saturday morning as well as be available at all times to help answer questions or assist with any issues. Of course, the lovely and talented ladies, Cheryl Williams and Alice Lincoln, will be managing the raffle at the reunion. In addition, as usual, Orv Williams, your treasurer, will be collecting the money. We haven't found anything else he can do, and we don't have time or the patience to train him. Pete Daggett will be floating around shooting pictures for our reunion book and assisting the president when needed.

RAFFLE

Two raffle drawings will take place at the reunion. The first drawing will be on Thursday evening at the opening reunion reception. The gifts presented at this raffle drawing will be show or attraction tickets that must be used during the reunion period. The second drawing will be held on Saturday morning before our business meeting. The gifts presented at this raffle drawing will be the remaining items that are not required to be used during our reunion period. Cheryl Williams and Alice Lincoln have once again "volunteered" to handle the raffle drawing.



The following list is a set of guidelines we use for our raffle.

1. Suggested retail value =>\$25
2. New retail items unpackage
3. New handcrafted items (quilts, needlepoint, woodworking, etc.)
4. Gift certificates
5. Attraction tickets
6. No hazardous items (chemicals, firearms, explosives)

Cogswell Association members wishing to donate a gift for our raffle can either bring the gift to the reunion, or send it to:
CHERYL WILLIAMS
10512 SOUTH 36TH AVE WEST
COLFAX, IA 50054-7516
PHONE: (515) 674-3800
E:mail: cljwilliams@msn.com

It is important that we get your name and gift listed for recognition.

Branson, MO establishments participating in our raffle. Please remember these folks when we are at the reunion in Branson. We can show our support for them as they have for us.

Establishment

Jim Stafford Theater
#1 Hits of the 60's
Yakov - Famous Russian Comedian
The Braschler Music Show
Doug Gabriel
The Dutton Family Theater

Gift

Certificate for two show tickets to the Jim Stafford Show
Six adult tickets to the #1 Hits of the 60's show at the Jim Stafford Theater
Certificate for two adult show tickets to the Yakov Smirnoff Show
Three; buy 1 get 1 free gift certificates
Two show tickets to see Doug Gabriel - live on stage.
Certificate for two adult admissions to see THE DUTTONS at the Dutton Family Theater.

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Dalena Ditto

*Two show tickets to Dalena Ditto at the Clay Cooper Theatre
Additional coupons for reduced entry fee to the show - available at
the reunion.*

*Presleys' Country Jubilee
Alaska Down South, Inc.*

*Two DVD's of the Presleys' Country Jubilee show
\$25 Gift certificate to Alaska Down South, Inc. Wildlife Art,
collectibles, and other one-of-kind items.*

*Denny's Restaurant 6788
The Hughes Brothers
The White House Dinner Theatre*

*10 ea. - \$5.00 gift certificates to Denny's Restaurant
Two adult tickets to The Hughes Brother Celebrity Theatre
Two tickets to see The White House Theatre's Magnificent Seven
Variety Show*

Mansion America Theatre

*Two complimentary passes to see either Gene Bicknell's Celebrate
America or The Promise*

*Hamner Barber Variety Show
Talking Rocks Cavern*

*Four adult tickets to the Hamner Barber Variety Show
Two tickets to the Talking Rocks Cavern plus two tickets to the Wings
of the World Bird Park & Shows.*

*Mickey Gilley Theatre
The Shepherd of the Hills Old Mill Theatre
Dickens Gift Shoppe*

*Collector's Edition DVD & CD of Mickey Gilley & Joey Riley
Two adult tickets to The Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama.
A Vanmark Collection statue of "Eyes on the Horizon" (Sailor) plus
two \$25 gift certificates.*

*Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater
Veterans Memorial Museum
Moon River Andy Williams Theatre*

*Two certificates for two tickets to 2pm show of 57 Heaven
Two adult tickets to the Veterans Memorial Museum
Two adult tickets to the Moon River Andy Williams Theatre*

Individual Cogswell Association member donations

Terry Ranney
Ray Piez

One of Terry's famous handmade AFGANS
An 8" x 16" picture frame with a Navy emblem in the middle, and a
spot for photographs on either side.

George Overman

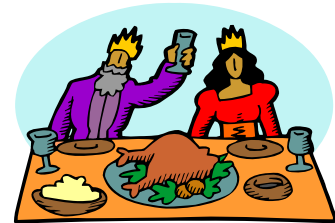
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BANQUET

Our banquet will be held in Buckingham's Prime Rib & Steak House in the Clarion hotel.
The selected menu for our banquet is a combination plate. Both items will be on one plate.

Grilled Chicken Cordon Bleu—Oven finished boneless breast of chicken topped with
baked ham, Swiss cheese and a delightful honey mustard drizzle

Chateaubriand of Beef—Choice beef tenderloin, seasoned, roasted medium well.. Served
with our own sauce Diane.



Dinners are served with Caesar salad, roasted new potatoes, vegetable, break, butter, and coffee or iced tea and Chef's
choice desert.

Price for the banquet is \$30/pp

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PLAN OF THE DAY (TENTATIVE)

Thursday, May 17, 2006

- 0900 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion registration begins in hospitality room
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea - alcohol available in bar—from the “Cogswell Keg”)
(No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1700 Welcome reception and message by Association President Frank Wille and a representative from the Convention and Visitors Bureau Chips & dip service with soft drinks
Raffle tickets will be drawn for meal tickets, show tickets, and other items with need to use during the reunion.
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room.



Friday, May 18, 2006

- 0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer available in bar)
(No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

Saturday, May 19, 2006

- 0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
- 0900 Raffle drawing event managed by Cheryl Williams & Alice Lincoln.
- 1000 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION business meeting.
- 1000 Ladies only activities.
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer available in bar)
(No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1600 Photo taking begins in the hospitality room (all hands, purchase of photo book optional)
- 1730 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available
- 1800 Banquet program begins with Association President Frank Wille announcements
- 1815 Invocation, and Necrology by Joe Marheineke
- 1830 Food service
- 1930 Guest speaker TBD
- 2030 Benediction by Joe Marheineke
- 2030 Hospitality room available
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room

Sunday, May 20, 2006

- 0800 Final farewells in breakfast area as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED.

REUNION REGISTRATION & 2008 REUNION SITE VOTE

Registrant Information: *RETURN NO LATER THAN MAY 03, 2007*****

(Please print clearly and sign on the bottom of the form)

Member Name: _____ Guest's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mobile # (if applicable): _____ We plan to arrive on: _____

Are you staying at the Clarion? Yes No Have you made your reservations? Yes No
 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
 Room must be reserved directly through the hotel and not through the Cogswell Association.

Due to the fact there are so many different activities available in Branson, no group tours are planned for this reunion. However we do have two "Ladies Only" activities to choose from. These two activities are for the ladies only and available on Saturday morning, May 19th.

Kewpie Doll Museum Tour

Bonniebrook Museum was once the home of Kewpie Doll creator, Rose O'Neill. Today this Victorian home serves as a museum, gift shop, and restaurant. The museum holds the largest collection of Kewpie collectibles in the world. Exhibits include original dolls and molds as well as some of O'Neill's books, poems, and artwork. Cost for this tour is \$5/pp. and includes transportation.

Shopping Trip to Branson Landing

Discover uncharted waterfront shopping, dining and entertainment adventures at Branson Landing, located on the waterfront of beautiful Lake Taneycomo in downtown Branson. This tour is free and includes transportation.

Banquet

We will have our usual Saturday night banquet at the Clarion. The cost for the meal is \$30/pp.

Kewpie Doll Museum	\$5.00 per person	\$ _____
Shopping trip to Branson Landing	Free	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Banquet	\$30 per person	\$ _____
Shuttle at reunion	\$15 per person	\$ _____
	Total:	\$ _____

Check Number: _____

Make check payable to:

USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION

Mail this form and your check to:

George Overman
 PO BOX 6098
 Oceanside, CA 92052-6098

My vote for the October 2008 reunion city is: **(please vote and return even if you are not attending the Branson reunion)**

Boise ID _____ Portland OR _____ Spokane WA _____

Comments: _____

Due to increased risks from liability suits, the Cogswell Association will not provide any alcoholic beverages directly to our reunion attendees. The bar in the Clarion will have a "Cogswell Keg" behind the bar and the bartender will serve from this Keg. Simply ask the bartender for a beer from the Cogswell Keg (no charge). Or, if you prefer you can purchase a cocktail and bring it into the hospitality room. No privately owned alcoholic beverages are allowed in the hospitality room. In addition, the USS Cogswell DD-651 Association executive committee does not accept responsibility or liability whatsoever for any incident involving the use of any alcoholic beverage.

I have read and agree to the above restrictions on alcoholic beverages at the reunion.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This is grievous news for those of us who served in the Navy. Sad news. I just received word (and a photo) of the latest victim of the current E.coli outbreak, related to the consumption of spinach and wanted to pass it along to you as soon as I could. We've all lost a good friend, and to those of us who served in the Navy, a fellow Sailor. He will be sadly missed. Please see the photo below

(No flowers, please. Just spinach --- after government clearance.)



Thanks to Ross Cook!

****THE OLD OUTFIT****
Submitted by Luther Moorehead

Come gather around me lads and I'll tell you a thing or two about the way we ran the Navy in nineteen forty two.
When wooden ships and iron men were barely out of sight
I am going to give you some facts just to set the record right.
We wore the old bell bottoms, with a flat hat on our head, and we always hit the sack at night. We never went to bed!
Our uniforms were worn ashore and we were mighty proud.
Never thought of wearing civvies, in fact they were never allowed.
Now when a ship puts out to sea, I'll tell you son it hurts!
When suddenly you notice that half the crew is wearing skirts.
And it's hard for me to imagine a female boatswain's mate.
Stopping on the Quarterdeck to make sure her stockings are straight.
What happened to the Ki Yi brush and the old salt water bath?
Holy stoning the decks at night - cause you stirred old Bosn's wrath.
We always had our gedunk stand and lots of pogeey bait.
And it took a hitch oar two to make a rate.
In your seabag all your skivvies were neatly stopped and rolled.
And the blankets on your sack had better have a three inch fold.
Your little ditty bag...it is hard to believe just how much it held, and you wouldn't go ashore with pants that hadn't been spiked and belled.
We had scullery maids and succotash and good old SOS.
And when you felt like topping off - you headed for the mess.
Oh we had our belly robbers - but there weren't too many gripes.
For the deck apes were never hungry and there were no starving snipes.
Now you never hear of Dave Jones, Shellbacks or Polliwogs, and you never splice the main brace to receive your daily grog.
Now you never have to dog a watch or stand the main event.
You even tie your lines today - back in my time they were bent.
We were all two-fisted drinkers and no one thought you sinned.
If you staggered back aboard your ship three sheets to the wind.
And with just a couple of hours of sleep you regained your usual luster.
Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed - you still made morning muster.
Rocks and shoals have long since gone, and now it's the UCMJ.
Then the old man handled everything if you should go astray.
Now they steer the ships with dials, and I wouldn't be surprised,
If someday they sailed the damned things from the beach computerized.
So when my earthly hitch is over, and the good Lord picks the best,
I'll walk right up to Him and say, "Sir, I have but one request -
Let me sail the seas of heaven in a coat of Navy blue like I did so long ago on earth - way back in nineteen-forty two".

LT(jg) Don Ballard joined the Navy in 1935. From the N.Y. State
Amphibious Forces Ass'n. Inc. summer 2006.

Tin Can Sailors Events

By George Overman

TCS has regular Bull Sessions, annual reunions, and Field Day sessions aboard historical vessels. More information can be obtained from the TCS web site: <http://www.destroyers.org/> or call (800) 223-5535 Monday—Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time. This gives Cogswell crewmembers the opportunity to hook with up other Cogswell crewmembers and possibly meet other sailors you served with in the past aboard other “Tin Cans”.

Bull Sessions:

March 3-13, 2007	Mexican Riviera & Sea Of Cortez Cruise
March 31, 2007	Jacksonville Bull Session, Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, Jacksonville Florida
April 21, 2007	Georgia Bull Session, Sheraton Suites Galleria, Atlanta Georgia
April 21, 2007	St. Louis Bull Session, Sheraton Westport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
May 5, 2007	Texas Bull Session, The Inn On Barrons Creek, Fredericksburg, Texas
May 19, 2007	Midwest Bull Session, Villager Courtyard & Gardens, Lincoln, NE
June 02, 2007	Upper Midwest Bull Session, Park Plaza Hotel, Oshkosh, WI
June 23, 2007	Upstate New York Bull Session, Holiday Inn On Turf RD, Albany NY
July 07, 2007	Michigan Bull Session, Hilton Detroit Troy, Troy MI
August 04, 2007	Penn. Bull Session, Crown Plaza Valley Forge, King of Prussia PA
September 2-6, 2007	2007 Tin Can Sailors National Reunion , Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, San Diego, California

Field Days:

May 12-19, 2007	USS LAFFEY DD-724
May 20-22, 2007	USS JOSPEH P KENNEDY (DD-850) Fall River, MA
June 9-10, 2007	USS TURNER JOY (DD-951)
August 23-26, 2007	USS THE SULLIVANS (DD-537) Buffalo, New York



The Scuttlebutt



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