

# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

## USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 13TH NATIONAL REUNION OWYHEE PLAZA HOTEL—BOISE ID OCTOBER 09-11, 2008

By George Overman

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The Owyhee will make an excellent venue for our Cogswell reunion. The hotel is a historic 1910 downtown hotel and the property is well maintained, clean, with modern amenities. They have a first class dinner restaurant on site that has been in business for many years and offers a unique dinner experience. Breakfast and lunch is served in their coffee shop. The hotel has a total of 100 rooms, so if we have a large turnout, we may take up most of the hotel. The rooms are equipped with a mini bar (refrigerator), which the hotel will empty if the occupants want to use it for personal items. The rooms are well equipped with other amenities as well.

There are only four handicapped rooms so if anyone needs a handicapped room, the reservations should be made as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to stay at the hotel instead of trying to find a "cheaper" hotel in the area. Our hospitality room cost, free for now, is based on meeting our guaranteed room count. We have been assigned a nice room for our hospitality room, but again we must meet the room guarantee. The room rates are \$79 for a single and \$89 for a double (plus tax).

Make your reservations by calling the hotel and telling them you are with the Cogswell Association reunion. Reservations must be guaranteed with the first nights deposit. Reservations can be canceled with a 24 hours notice. **All hotel unused hotel rooms not reserved by September 09 will be released to the general public to avoid additional fees for the Cogswell Association.**

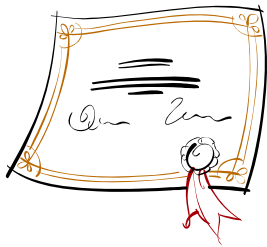
**The number to call: 1-800-233-4611  
Book Now!**

**See additional reunion information  
beginning on page 10.**

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

The life membership 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 2008 and beyond.



**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)

Send the appropriate amount to:  
**USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION**  
**PO BOX 6098**  
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## NOW HEAR THIS

### SHIP'S STORE IS NOW OPEN

- A: T-SHIRTS XL-XXL Navy \$7.00 ea.
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- C: HATS White \$8.99 ea.
- C: HATS Navy \$5.00 ea.
- C: COGSWELL PATCHES \$3.00 ea.
- C: COFFEE MUGS \$8.00 ea.
- Not pictured—2007 Branson Cogswell reunion photo book \$25.00 ea.

Order form: (Please print)

Item:	Size	Color	Price
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Merchandise total			\$ _____
Shipping in the U.S.			\$ 5.00
Total			\$ _____

Make check or money order payable to: **USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION**  
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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: [membership@usscogswell.com](mailto:membership@usscogswell.com)

## President's Message Broadside in Boise

By Frank Wille (63-65)

Is there anything besides potatoes in Boise? Not much, except that from October 9 thru 11, the population will jump while the USS Cogswell DD-651 Association meets.

Hope you can join us. You will find the area to be fascinating, with plenty of exceptional scenery. The mountains are majestic. Of course, the real reason for traveling to Boise is to join your shipmates at the Cogswell reunion. This promises to be another fine reunion.

Another book about WWII destroyers is out and it mentions Cogswell. "The Sacrificial Lambs" (who fought like Lions) by Bill Sholin. This is the story of the Okinawa picket duty where 157 destroyers were lost or damaged. Most of us have heard the stories from our own sailors.

Thanks to Don Ebert for the information.

I'm ready for another great reunion. Make sure you get your reunion registration forms in as

soon as possible to guarantee your space on the Friday and Saturday tours. If you have not made hotel reservations, please get that done as well. Any rooms not booked by September 09 will be released to the general public.

See you in Boise.  
Frank Wille



Lyna & Frank Wille

# USS COGSWELL ASSOCIATION DATABASE STATISTICS as of 07/15/08

*Our database contains 3294 names total. Changes since 02/01/08 below*

- Active = 276— up 3 ( paid dues are current)
- Inactive = 56 - down 18 (have not paid dues for more than two years)
- New = 9— no change (New members found who were mailed a membership form, waiting for return.)
- Reactivating = 6 up 1 (Need to be contacted (Inactive members who are reactivating their membership)
- No Interest = 411 — down 1 (members who have indicated they have no interest in the Cogswell Association)
- Not Able = 14 up 1 (members who are unable to participate for various reasons)
- Deceased = 272—up 6 (known deceased shipmates)
- Not Located = 2249—down 6 (continues to be the largest number in database - we still need help locating.)

## New members August 01, 2007—February 01, 2008

Last Name	First	City	State	Years Aboard	Rank
GRATER	PAUL T	PITTSBURG	PA	63-64	SOG3
SMITH	WARREN D.	SCHAGHTICOKE	NY	52-55	SN
LAURICELLA	BENJAMIN A.	SARATOGA SPRINGS	NY	52-54	CS3
THORP	LARRY A	SAN ANTONIO	TX	66-67	ET2
VELLIQUETTE	DOUGLAS L.	KODAK	TN	61-65	TM3

## Known Deceased since February 2008

Last Name	First	City	State	Years Aboard	Rank
BISCAN	JAMES W	LITCHFIELD	IL	52-55	QMSN
CARLSON	WENDELL G	MC GREGOR	MN	51-55	BT2
CLAY	FREDERICK	STANTON	CA	43-45 (PO)	MM2
FLYNN	LLOYD J	SILVER SPRINGS	MD	53-54	QMSN
SWINNEY	RILEY E	(Deceased in 1981)		68-69	MM2
RIZZO	MICHELLE A	HANCOCK	NY	43-46 (PO)	SN

PO = Plankowner

### Notices:

It is with a very heavy heart that I notify you of the passing of my father-in-law Plank Owner / Bossins-mate Michele A. Rizzo, USS Cogswell (1943-1946). "Mike or Mitch" as he was known to his friends served his entire hitch on the Cogswell starting out as an 'SA' and finishing up as a BosinsMate". He succumbed on 27 May 2008 after an 18 month battle with bone cancer. He is survived by his wife of 60 yrs, Marion, daughter-Michele Grubbs and son Alfred. Mike was pre-deceased by his oldest son, Anthony, who also served with the US Navy. Multiple grandchildren & great grandchildren. Submitted by Paul Grubbs (Son-in-law)

It's my sad duty to notify you that my father, Wendell Carlson BT2 (1950-1954) passed away on May 2nd 2008. His passing was from mesothelioma which unfortunately was due to his contact with asbestos insulation material which he mixed and applied in his duties on the Cogswell. It saddens me because I know he dearly loved his ship and his time in the Navy. Submitted by Lane Carlson former RM2 U.S.N. 1978-1982



# THE DON MILLER SHIPMATE LOCATOR PROGRAM

By George Overman RM (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 estimated that Don located over 500 crewmembers during his "searching days."

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

The current Director of The Don Miller Shipmate Locator Program is Alice Lincoln. Along with her mother Cheryl Williams, they have found well over 100 of our missing crewmembers. They con-

tinue to work hard on this program by trying to find more of our missing shipmates.

As you can probably imagine, this activity takes a lot of searching, telephoning, mailing membership forms, and following up to remind our newly located shipmates to send back the membership form, which activates their membership.

With each newsletter I ask for assistance to help Alice and Cheryl in an effort to expedite the location of our former shipmates. I know some of you, while at the Branson reunion, may have volunteered to help with activity. I would appreciate it if those who volunteered to help please give Alice or Cheryl a call. Even for those who did not speak up at the reunion, we need all the help we can get to do the searching and make the calls to locate our missing

shipmates.

Try to remember the first time you came to a Cogswell reunion and met up with someone who you served with 40, 50 or even 60 years ago.

Then, try to tell me that you are sorry someone located you!

Please, give us a hand in locating our former shipmates. ***You will be surprised what a good feeling you will have when the person on the other end says, "yes I was a Cogswell crewmember," and then agrees to sign up with the Association.***

**Don & Arlene Miller**



## Mystery Picture

*Mack Stringfield sent me this old picture he found thought you might like to see it. Mike Stack and Mack Stringfield.*

*Ray Piez*

OK Mack, now that you are a member and Ray does not have a clue about any story associated with this picture, how about filling us in!

Let us know where this picture was taken and the story behind it. There has to be one.





Treasurer's Report  
 Submitted by Orv Williams  
 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION  
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 JANUARY 31, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2008

JANUARY 31, 2008 CASH ON HAND OR IN BANKS \$16,206.84

DEPOSITS

FEBRUARY 08	\$885.00
MARCH 08	\$529.00
APRIL 08	\$2,035.00
MAY 08	\$0.00
JUNE 08	\$2,551.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$6,000.00
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DEBITS

POSTAGE	\$58.70
Reunion & Newsletter expense	\$820.54

TOTAL DEBITS	\$879.24
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TOTAL DEPOSITS + CASH ON HAND	\$22,206.84
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MINUS EXPENSES	\$879.24
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TOTAL	\$21,328.19
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CASH ON HAND (Bank statement 6/30/08)	\$21,327.60
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*This balance represents prepayments by members for next reunion. Actual balance will be made after October reunion.*

OLD TIME COMMUNICATORS  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By George Overman

I recently attended an Old Time Communicators (only a title) meeting in the Old Navy Balboa Hospital Chapel. They had an exhibit of "old" Naval communication gear on tour. I even recognized some of it. Also at the meeting was former Cogswell skipper Orlie G. Baird. Some of you may not know this but Orlie was a Radio Technician (RT) before receiving his commission. It is always nice to see him. The only thing that concerns me is that I know he is a bit older than I am but yet he looks younger! The other gentleman on the right is the President of OTC, Joe Garza. He was also a Radioman before receiving a commission.



## Exciting Times Aboard Cogswell

*Jim Smith, who recently retired after 30 years as a newsmen for weekly and daily newspapers in Flint and Pontiac, Mich., was a quartermaster striker aboard the Cogswell in 1966-67. The graduate of Michigan State University, who served as editor of MSU's State News in 1978 has been named to the university's State News Hall of Fame. He recently wrote his recollection of his time aboard the Cogswell.*

**By Jim Smith**

Walking down the pier at the San Diego Naval Base just a couple days into November 1966 I first spied the USS Cogswell (DD651). It was tied up outboard of two other destroyers.

Remembering what I learned in boot camp, I strolled up the gangway and asked for permission to come aboard the first ship, then the second destroyer and finally the Cogswell. Handing my orders to the OOD, he called for a messenger to take me to my quarters.

My first impression was a good one. I had wanted a small ship, preferably a destroyer and that's what I got. The first crew members I met had been friendly and several guys welcomed me as I dropped down the ladder into the aft quarters with the rest of the bunch from First Division.

I had just left my parents' home in Los Angeles with the promise that I would come home as soon as I received my next liberty, hopefully by Thanksgiving.

As I sat on my bunk, one of my shipmates told me my timing was great since the Cogswell was due to leave in just 36 hours for a six-month WestPac tour.

Rushing back to the quarterdeck, I got permission to head to a payphone on the pier where I called my parents and gave them the bad news that my plans for Thanksgiving were off.

I was fresh out of boot camp and had never been to sea. If reality hadn't sunk in completely it did on Nov. 8 when we pulled out of San Diego harbor and the seas turned rough.

Within three hours, at least by nightfall, I was sick. Not just sick, but as ill as only rookie sailors know. Prone in my rack, I was sick enough that I wasn't sure how I was going to survive. But I managed to fall asleep. At about 11:30 p.m. the messenger of the watch woke me and said it was time to take my bridge watch.

"I don't think I can," I said through my gagging.

"Grab a bucket and stand lookout in the fresh air," was the gruff answer. "I'm not standing your watch for you."

So my first official watch was as the starboard bridge lookout firmly holding onto a metal bucket where I deposited what was left of my lunch and some slimy green liquid that had been sloshing around my belly.

I tried to look out over the ocean for ships or hazards, but honestly I don't think I would have seen the USS Enterprise if it had been 100 yards in front of us. My eyes and brain were glazed over in agony.

At 4 a.m. I was relieved and went back to my rack, where I mercifully fell asleep. I didn't eat at all the next day, although I tried to choke down some saltine crackers, but didn't feel human until the third day at sea. Miraculously, that was the last time I was ever seasick.

With my sea legs intact, the ribbing by my shipmates subsiding, I made my first trip below to the mess decks for dinner. Man, this place is small, I remember thinking. It wasn't until years later when I took my daughter aboard the USS Sullivans in Buffalo that the compactness of the mess hall struck me.

So here I was, barely out of boot camp, barely out of my parent's home, making my way across the Pacific to Vietnam. The great adventure had begun.

When we left San Diego, for some reason that I don't remember, we left alone and had to catch up with the rest of our group at sea on Nov. 14.

According to my threadbare cruise book the ships we met up with were the USS. Kitty Hawk (CVA63), USS H.B. Wilson (DDG7), USS Stoddard (DD566) and the USS Ingersoll (DD652), which we joined for the rest of the voyage to the Gulf of Tonkin.

The first time I encountered Capt. Joseph Baer I was awestruck. A real captain, god to me really, but over time a really nice man who was not what I expected a captain to be like.

The XO, on the other hand, was really intimidating. His name was Lt. Cdr. Campbell – I think. My first days at sea were filled with pranks. A snipe sent me looking for 6 fathoms of waterline (ha-ha). The BM1 sent me all over the ship trying to find a can of relative bearing grease (more ha-ha). I really was that gullible.

It was on Nov. 20 that this sheltered young man got his first taste of his new grown up world. We pulled into Yokosuka, Japan for a four-day stay and my first foreign port. It was cold and rainy and as I recall. We were allowed liberty that first day only if we agreed to "volunteer" to give blood on the base before going into town. "Vampire liberty" we called it.

I took my phony American script money – they wouldn't give us green backs – to the money exchange and I thought I was rich

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JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED...



Submitted by Walt Dziedzic  
Naval Air!



### E-COPY OF NEWSLETTER

By George Overman

If we have any members out there who would prefer to have an e-mail edition of the Cogswell newsletter please let me know. I can send out an Acrobat (PDF) file for those who do not necessarily need a hard copy. This will also help our costs by not having to print and mail.

This was an idea presented at the Branson reunion by Don Moog. I recently found out that our printing costs are going up so this makes even more sense now. Al Burns immediately figured out that we could buy more beer with the savings!

If you continue to prefer a hard copy for any reason what-so-ever, we will be more than happy to do the mailing. I will continue to mail the hard copies to "active" members until I get a notice from the member that an e-copy will work for them.



### USMC -VS- USN Submitted by Walt Dziedzic

*A Marine and a sailor were sitting in a bar one day arguing over which was the superior service. After a swig of beer the Marine says, 'Well, we had Iwo Jima.' Arching his eyebrows, the sailor replies, 'We had the Battle of Midway. 'Not entirely true', responded the Marine. 'Some of those pilots were Marines, in fact, Henderson Field on Guadalcanal was named after a Marine pilot killed at the Battle of Midway. 'The sailor responds, 'Point taken.' The Marine then says, 'We Marines were born at Tunn Tavern!' The sailor, nodding agreement, says, 'But we had John Paul Jones.' The argument continued until the sailor comes up with what he thinks will end the discussion. With a flourish of finality he says..... 'The Navy invented sex!' The Marine replies, 'That is true, but it was the Marines who introduced it to women.'*



## COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

[www.usscogswell.com](http://www.usscogswell.com)

by George Overman

The Cogswell Association web site has received regular updates since it was brought up in March. Our members who have access to the Members-Only areas, can now get access to much more material. The list of active members along with the entire list of names that exist in our database are in that area. Both files, as with most files in the web site, are saved as Adobe Acrobat files. Members can also find copies of past newsletters and all the biographies that I currently have. Even if you do not have internet access at home, most if not all libraries have computers which can access the internet.

Reunion information for the Boise reunion as well as past reunions is available on the web site. For the Boise reunion there is a list of registered members and guest who will be attending. I will eventually have all the other information for Boise and past reunions available.

We are still working on attaining more of the deck logs but the National Archives do not seem to think it urgent to reply to letters! If anyone has ideas for other information that we can add to the site let me know. If the information exists elsewhere on the web, I would prefer not to add it to the Cogswell website. However, if it applies to the Association, we can add a link to the other site.

I am also aware of a problem with the Commanding Officers page. Some of the information is cut off on the right side bottom of the page and is overshadowed by the menu links that are supposed to be on the left side of the page. I am working on this problem now and hope to have it fixed in the near future.

Each of our committee members will also have new e-mail address linked through the Cogswell website. The new addresses are:

President@usscogswell.com (For the president—currently Frank Wille)

VPresident@usscogswell.com (For the VP—currently Pete Daggett)

Treasurer@usscogswell.com (For the Treasurer—currently Orv Williams)

Secretary@usscogswell.com (For the Secretary—currently George Overman)

ReunionPlanner@usscogswell.com (For the Reunion Planner—currently George Overman)

Membership@usscogswell.com (For general membership questions—currently George Overman)

CrewmemberLocator@usscogswell.com (For the director of the Don Miller crewmember locator program—Alice Lincoln.)

GeneralInfo@usscogswell.com (For general information questions—George Overman)

### SIGNS OF AGING

1. You're asleep, but others worry that you're dead.
2. Your back goes out more than you do.
3. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
4. You buy a compass for the dash of your car/truck.

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### TROUBLE

Submitted by your VeeP Pete Daggett

A Navy man walks into a bar, gives the bartender a conspiratorial wink and says, "Quick, pour me a drink, before the trouble starts." The bartender pours a drink and watches as the Sailor downs it in one gulp.

The Sailor slams the glass down on the bar and says, "Quick, give me another one before the trouble starts."

The bartender pours another glass and the Sailor drinks it as quickly as he had the first. The Sailor pauses, lets out a belch and demands a third drink 'before the trouble starts.'

After several rounds of this, the bartender says, "Look Sailor, you've been talking about trouble for ten minutes. Just when is this 'trouble' going to start?"

The sailor looks at the bartender and grins. "The trouble starts just as soon as you figure out that I don't have any money."





## Reunion Banquet Menu

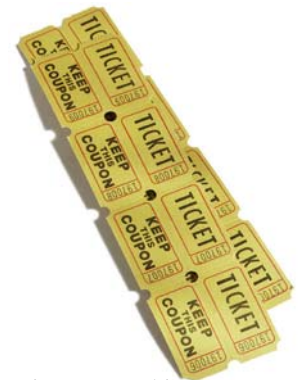
Tender 8 oz. Choice Top Sirloin with 4 oz. Lemon Chicken Breast  
Caesar Salad  
Baked Potato.  
Two Fresh Vegetables  
Dessert  
Beverage  
\$32

## Raffle

Due to the time required for the business meeting, and the bus leaving for the train tour on Saturday morning, we will not have time for the raffle. Instead we will hold the raffle on Thursday evening along with our welcome reception. There will be plenty of time for folks to get tickets. We will begin putting together the list of gifts as received and this information will be posted on the "new" Cogswell web site. We hope the folks in Boise are generous with their donations. If your company wants to donate a gift, here are the general guidelines:

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

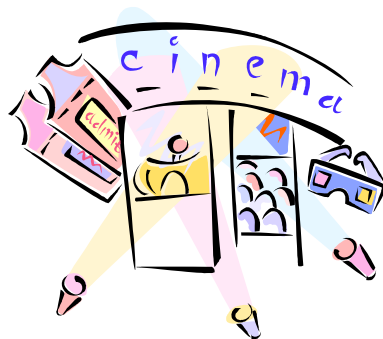
Cheryl Williams and Alice Lincoln have once again "volunteered" to handle the raffle drawing.



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 the name of the individual or organization and gift listed for recognition.

Several items have already been donated by businesses in Boise along with other individuals in the Association. For a complete up-to-date list check out [www.usscogswell.com](http://www.usscogswell.com) under reunion information.



## Friday Tour Package Multi-facility Tour

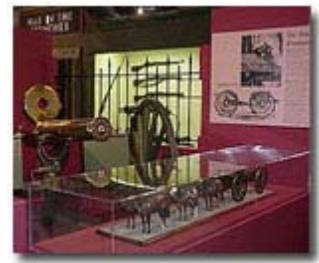
Doni Kimball with a *little* help from Goody (GMG—59-63) of Boise, ID worked diligently with Nancy Richardson of ALA CARTE BOISE TOURS to put together this tour package. It is a multi-facility tour that promises to be a wonderful experience and an excellent sampling of Boise ID sights.



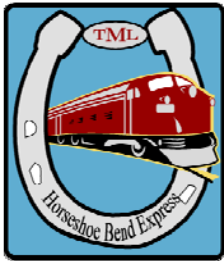
This tour includes visits to the The World Center for Birds of Prey, the Idaho Historical Museum, tour of the Basque Block in downtown Boise, and the Old Idaho Penitentiary. As you can see there is a lot included in this multi-facility tour. The cost for the tour includes bus transportation, entrance fees to all facilities. Lunch will be on your own immediately following the downtown Basque Block welcome and tour.

The tour begins at the hotel at 9:00 AM where the bus will pick up all participants. Return time at the hotel will be approximately 4:00 PM. A complete itinerary will be available later.

*Cost for the tour is \$55 per person.*



## Saturday Train Tour



Gary Phillips (IC—65-68) of Meridan, ID was instrumental in getting this tour set up for the Cogswell reunion. It is going to be an excellent adventure for everyone who signs up. We will be limited to a maximum of 47 people due to bus size.

The Horseshoe Bend Express begins in historic Horseshoe Bend and travels along the scenic Payette River. The route is on the Old Wagon Road to the settlement of Banks. Approximately 2.5 Hours round trip. The Cogswell Association will have reserved space in the “bar car” for the duration of the trip. **(The BAR CAR is SOLD OUT as of this writing). DO NOT let his keep you from making a reservation for the trip as we have ample space and transportation assets to complete the trip. There are other cars on the train and folks can move around at will.** Roundtrip bus transportation from the hotel is included in the price of this tour.

The bus will leave the hotel approximately 9:45 AM and return approximately 3:00 PM.

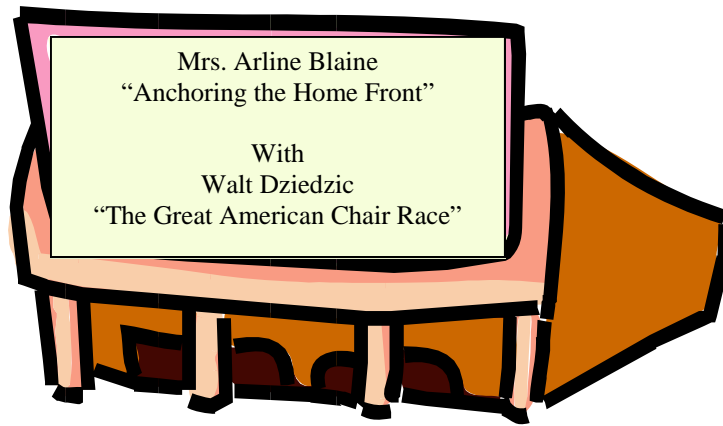
No outside food can be brought aboard the train so there are four options for lunch:

1. The hotel will fix a box lunch for \$15 per person, which includes a deli sandwich with condiments (packets to put on later), a piece of whole fresh fruit, bag of chips, jumbo cookie and choice of soda or bottled water. This food can be consumed aboard the bus in route or just before boarding the train.
2. Purchase a sandwich at a local sandwich shop and take it along on the bus. Food can be consumed on the bus or just before boarding the train at approximately 11:00 AM.
3. Purchase food aboard the train in their concession car, which serves such things as hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, pizza, and many other snacks.
4. Don't eat at all!

*The cost for this tour minus the food option is:*

*Adults: \$28.00  
Seniors: \$26.00*

**Our Banquet Speakers**  
By George Overman



*Our original speaker, Ms. Mary Kittredge can not make the reunion due to unforeseen events. We wish Mary and Bruce well and will see them in 2010 at the next reunion.*

Using the same theme for our speaker, I asked another person if she would like to be our speaker. Actually, I think I proposed it to Art and he convinced Arline to speak! Arline plans to outline her time as a navy wife and different home ports. She will briefly touch on the Cogswell among the 11 different tin cans that Art served on. She will also describe a lot of what happened as a navy wife with Art gone a large part of the time. Both good and some bad humorous events. (Oh-Oh)

This should be a very interesting talk and I know that Arline will be dedicating this presentation to all those who stayed behind and "Anchored the Home Front."



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Our second speaker is Walt Dziedzic who will attempt to wake up the audience after a large meal in order to prepare everyone for Arline's talk! He will tell us a story about the Great American Chair Race which he says happened in Pearl Harbor. However, another of the fellow officers who was there at the time states that it actually happened in Subic Bay. We can only guess what Walt's condition was at the time that he could not even remember where he was! Walt will also share other stories "humor in the wardroom", or something like that.





## PLAN OF THE DAY (TENTATIVE)

### Thursday, October 09, 2008

- 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)
- 1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—served by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1700 Wine and cheese reception with messages from our Association President Frank Wille, a representative from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and our hotel Sales Manager Ms. Kelly Johnson..
- 1730 Raffle drawing for prizes. All prizes will be drawn due to the shorter meeting on Saturday morning.
- 2200 Beer keg closes for the night.
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

### Friday, October 10, 2008

- 0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
- 0900 Bus leaves for four site tour
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks)
- 1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—served by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1600 Bus returns from the tour
- 2200 Beer keg closes for the night
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room.

### Saturday, October 11, 2008

- 0800 Doors open to hospitality room.
- 0830 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION business meeting.
- 0945 Bus leaves for train ride; 11:00 Arrives Horseshoe Bend Depot; 11:30 Departs depot along Payette river,; 1400 Arrive back to Horseshoe Bend Depot; 1430 bus departs for hotel; 1530 bus arrives at hotel (DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERAS)
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, beer available in bar)  
(No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1400 Beer available in the hospitality room—served by the hotel. (No personal alcoholic beverages allowed in the room)
- 1630 Photo taking begins in designated area (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 Don Miller
- 1830 Food service
- 1930 Guest speaker Arline Blaine
- 2030 Benediction by Don Miller
- 2030 Hospitality room available
- 2200 Beer keg closes—drinks available in bar on first floor of hotel.
- 2400 Doors close to hospitality room

### Sunday, October 12, 2008

- 0800 Final farewells in breakfast area as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED. The Owyhee has an excellent brunch on Sunday morning for those who want to stay around and enjoy. I am sure several members will want to partake in this fine spread.

# REUNION REGISTRATION

## Registrant Information:

**\*\*\*RETURN NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 09, 2008 TO GUARANTEE TOURS\*\*\***

*(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 Owyhee?    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 we are having a Saturday morning tour and a shortened business meeting, we will not have a ladies only event.

### Photo book

We will be taking individual and group pictures immediately before the banquet (approximately 5:00 PM). The cost of the photo book will remain at \$20.

	Cost	#of people	Total
Friday multi-facility tour	\$55 per person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Train tour	\$28 adults	_____	\$ _____
	\$26 seniors	_____	\$ _____
Optional box lunch	\$15 per person	_____	\$ _____
Banquet	\$32 per person	_____	\$ _____
Photo book	\$20	_____	\$ _____
	Grand 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

Due to increased risks from liability suits, the Cogswell Association will not provide any alcoholic beverages or snacks directly to our reunion attendees. The hospitality room will have a keg of beer with a bartender provided by the hotel. There will not be a charge for the beer from the Cogswell Keg. Or, if you prefer you can purchase a cocktail from the bar on the first floor and bring it into the hospitality room. The hotel will supply all snacks and other food items during our reunion. No privately owned alcoholic beverages or food of any type is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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”.

## National Reunion

August 24-28, 2008                      Pittsburg, PA

## Bull Sessions:

July 12, 2008	Michigan Bull Session, American Legion Post, Livonia, MI
July 19, 2008	Penn/Delaware Bull Session, Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, Kind of Prussia, PA
August 7-10, 2008	65th Anniversary Commemoration of the battle of Vella Gulf at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, Arlington VA
October 04, 2008	New England, Bedford Plaza Hotel, Bedford MA
October 04, 2008	Western States, Handlery Hotel & Resort, San Diego CA
October 04, 2008	Tri State, Holiday Inn Pittsburg Central/Green Tree, Pittsburg PA

## USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 2010 REUNION

No, it is not too early to plan for the next one! Your executive committee made a preliminary selection of five cities for our May 2010 reunion. All the cities selected are part of the Reunion Friendly Network. These cities belong to the Reunion Friendly Network because they are military reunion friendly. They focus on providing services to military reunion groups that many other cities in the U.S. might not provide.

After the five original cities were selected, they were contacted for preliminary information that we could use to narrow down our choices to three cities. Based on this information, the following three cities made the finalist list. However, it is up to our “active” members to vote their choice for the 2010 reunion. Please look at all the information provided by each city and make your decision. You can mail this form back, or simply send an e-mail to [Secretary@usscogswell.com](mailto:Secretary@usscogswell.com) with your choice. Select ONE and only ONE city. Thanks. (Please do NOT contact anyone at the listed CVB’s)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My vote for the 2010 reunion: Buffalo/Niagara  Norfolk  North of Boston

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# VOTE *Buffalo Niagara*

- ▶ Military Reunion Friendly City
- ▶ Host to over 25 Military Reunions Every Year
- ▶ Affordable Hotels Rates Starting at \$79
- ▶ Fantastic Naval and Military Park
- ▶ 500 Mile Radius of 50% of the U.S. Population
- ▶ Look below for things to see and do no more 20 minutes of your hotel



Take a photo overlooking the Falls in **Niagara Reservation State Park**



Visit the country's largest inland floating history museum at the **Naval and Military Park**



Tour **Frank Lloyd Wright's** Darwin D. Martin House Complex and Graycliff



Try the hot, medium or mild chicken wings at the **Anchor Bar**

Take a walking tour and find out why **architecture buffs love Buffalo**



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Check out a free jam session on Sunday evenings at the **COLORED MUSICIANS CLUB**.



Experience the best of comedy, drama and musicals in our vibrant **THEATER DISTRICT**



Stop and smell the flowers at the magnificent tri-domed crystal palace at the **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens**

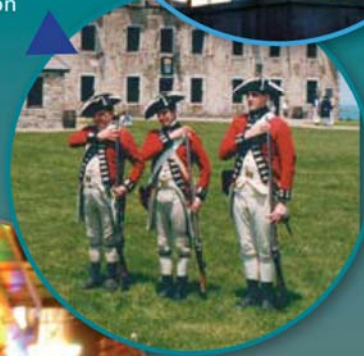


See the new sea lion and river otter exhibits at the **Buffalo Zoo**



Visit the world-class art collection at the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**

Walk the battlements of the oldest buildings on the Great Lakes at **Old Fort Niagara**



**Get hip to the Chip Strip:** downtown's Chippewa Street rocks with a club, bar or restaurant for every taste



Stop to shop in the antique stores, galleries, boutiques and bistros of the **Elmwood Village**

Ride the **Maid of the Mist** and tour the **Cave of the Winds** for an up-close view of the Falls



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## Norfolk, Virginia would love to host your 2010 reunion!

The military is a huge part of who Norfolk is today and will be in the future. Norfolk believes that all military reunions are our family, friends and our heart. Norfolk is home to the Atlantic Fleet, the largest and last battleship and the largest naval station.

We want all branches of the military to come back home to Norfolk! You served our country, now let us give you a little in return with new friends, adventures and memories.

Our first-class accommodations, services, and accessible locations combine perfectly with a multitude of fascinating attractions, shopping and restaurants all within approximately one square mile.

### Affordability

The combination of economical airfare, great hotel rates and reasonable restaurant prices will help to keep your overall reunion cost down. Our average room rate for reunion friendly hotels in May 2010 will range from \$84 to \$100, depending on the reunion's flexibility with the date, day pattern and location of the hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. Our hotels strive to provide the best service to reunions.

**The following Norfolk Hotels are available to accommodate a group of 100 to 150:**

- Radisson Downtown Norfolk
- Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
- Springhill Suites Newtown Road
- Holiday Inn Express Airport
- Americas Best Value Inn
- Doubletree Hotel Norfolk Airport
- Hilton Norfolk Airport
- Marriot Courtyard Downtown
- Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel
- Quality Suites & Sleep Inn at Lake



### Attractions

Members have an endless choice of things to do during free time or offsite. They can experience the beauty of the water aboard harbor tours, patriotic attractions, historic homes, outdoor festivals, a variety of museums, gourmet restaurants and antique hunting. Norfolk has it all!

#### Military Norfolk Attractions

- Naval Station Norfolk
- Hampton Roads Naval Museum
- Douglas MacArthur Memorial
- Nauticus & Battleship *Wisconsin*
- Victory Rover Naval Base Cruise
- American Rover Harbor Cruise
- Spirit of Norfolk

#### Spousal Attractions

- Norfolk Botanical Garden
- MacArthur Center
- Chrysler Museum of Art
- Rowena's
- Hermitage House
- Hunter House
- Moses Myers House

#### Memorial Service Venues

Norfolk offers a few beautiful memorial places to hold such an important ceremony:

- Armed Forces Memorial
- Battleship *Wisconsin*
- Douglas MacArthur Memorial



## Drive time from major cities include:

Norfolk sits at the heart of the mid-Atlantic and Virginia Waterfront region making it easily accessible by air or car. In fact, Norfolk is only a day's drive from two-thirds of the U.S. population.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	6 hours
Raleigh, North Carolina	4 hours
Richmond, Virginia	2 hours
Washington D.C.	3 ½ hours
Williamsburg, Virginia	45 minutes
Virginia Beach, Virginia	15 minutes



## Sample Itinerary – Rediscover Your Freedom (3 Days/ 2 Nights)

### Friday

P.M. Discover one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Experience 155 glorious acres with guided tours on foot, tram or boat. Then stroll over to The Coronation of the Azalea Festival Queen which takes place inside the garden with special reserve seating for groups.

### Dinner

Enjoy dinner and dancing aboard the Spirit of Norfolk. Savor freshly prepared food in a nautical setting with dynamic professional live entertainment, as you cruise along the Elizabeth River with the Norfolk skyline as your backdrop.

### Saturday

A.M. The morning is filled with excitement with the International Azalea Festival "Parade of Nations," featuring Queen Azalea and her Court, international floats, marching bands and specialty units. Special seating is available for groups.

A.M. Tour Nauticus, Hampton Roads Naval Museum and *Battleship Wisconsin*. Nauticus is a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. It features more than 150 exhibits, films and exotic aquatic life. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum introduces you to over 200 years of naval history in Hampton Roads. Located next to Nauticus is the *Battleship Wisconsin*, the largest and last battleship ever built by the U.S. Navy.

### Lunch

After the floats, bands and the Queen pass by in the parade, don't miss the opportunity to explore the 26 NATO Nations and their cultures at NATOfest. Food, entertainment, and ships to tour are just a few of the surprises.

P.M. Take a bus tour of the world's largest naval installation, Naval Station Norfolk. A knowledgeable, active duty Navy guide will board your motor coach and give a narrated tour of the base.

### Dinner

Dine at the Freemason Abbey Restaurant & Tavern. The congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church originally dedicated the structure as a church in 1873. 1988, renovation began on the 135 year-old church to refurbish the building into the restaurant it is today.

### Evening

Enjoy the Virginia International Tattoo which is part parade and part performance featuring top military bands, precision drill teams, massed pipes and drums with over 800 performers.

### Sunday

A.M. Tour the MacArthur Memorial and discover the life and career of a five star General of the Army. Located in downtown Norfolk's restored 1850's City Hall, the complex contains a museum, theater and special exhibit galleries.

Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau – Melissa Hopper – Associate Director of Tour & Travel – (Phone) 800-368-3097 ext.611  
(Fax) 757-622-3663 – Email: [mhopper@norfolkcvb.com](mailto:mhopper@norfolkcvb.com)

The **North of Boston** region is home to thirty-four cities and towns offering their own unique character and charm; set sail on a schooner among the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, learn about art, architecture, and history at a local museum or gallery, shop to your hearts content at a charming seaside village or an outlet mall, and enjoy seafood delivered fresh off the boat to your dining table. Located only minutes from **Logan International Airport** and the **City of Boston**. From Salisbury to Marblehead, Gloucester to Newburyport, come explore *A Story in every mile...*

## The North of Boston Region Welcomes: The USS Cogswell DD-615 Association Reunion

### Culture & Historic Treasures

Get in touch with your creative spirit at the many museums, art galleries, and theaters throughout the region. See over 2.4 million fascinating pieces of extraordinary art, architecture, and culture from New England and the world at the **Peabody Essex Museum** in Salem. View a whimsical collection of dolls, trains, and toys at the **Wenham Museum** or check out a collection of exquisite folk art paintings from Marblehead native, J.O.J. Frost at the **Marblehead Museum**.

Step back in time and experience the past at many of our historic attractions. Walk the streets of the McIntire District in Salem or marvel in the architecture and design of the **Beauport Sleeper McCann House** in Gloucester. Unlock the mysteries, myths, and legends of the Witch Trials of 1692 at the **Salem Witch Museum** or the **Witch Dungeon Museum** and other popular attractions in Salem.

See Broadway style shows at the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly or Gloucester Stage Company in Gloucester. For more information about culture North of Boston visit [www.northofboston.org](http://www.northofboston.org) and click on the "visitors" tab.

### Set Sail on Adventure!



*Schooner Thomas E. Lamon  
 Gloucester*

Hop on board a Schooner and set sail on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Feel the wind in your hair as you cruise along the Essex River to see 'reel locations' of hit Hollywood Movies such as *The Crucible* and *The Witches of Eastwick*.

Don't forget to pack your camera and binoculars as you get up close in personal with Humpback Whales, Right Whales and Atlantic White-Sided Dolphins on a whale watching excursion in Newburyport or Gloucester.

Looking to learn about the sea from the shore? Discover how boats are built at the **Essex Shipbuilding Museum** in Essex or celebrate the North of Boston's rich maritime past at the **Custom House Maritime Museum** in Newburyport, the **Salem Visitors Center** and the **Peabody Essex Museum**.

### Create Memories That Will Last a Lifetime...



Having a military reunion North of Boston is a great way to reconnect with old friends. Our region puts you within easy access of the many must-see historic attractions including The *Friendship* of Salem, the **Salem Maritime National Historic Site** and the **USS Constitution** (easily accessed by the Salem Ferry).

also the **Civil War Museum** in Marblehead, and **The Custom House Maritime Museum** in Newburyport which exhibit the history of the United States Coast Guard.

Visit the *Man at the Wheel* Staute that commemorates the souls that have been lost at sea and pay homage to the maritime history of Cape Ann and Gloucester. During reunions, memorial services can be held at the statue.

When the day is through, enjoy a wide array of evening activities that will sure delight any reunion group. Sit by the fire and swap stories of the past as you delight in an authentic New England clam or lobster bake or press your luck aboard **Horizon's Edge Casino Cruises**.

Honor the glory and honor of your time at sea by celebrating your next military reunion North of Boston. Let us assist you in every step of the way including bid proposals for accommodations and meeting space, organize step-on guide service and much more! So what are you waiting for? Come explore "...*A Story in Every Mile.*"



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## Dining



When visiting North of Boston it's always best to bring your appetite! Sample a wide assortment of culinary delicacies ranging from seafood to farm

fresh specialties harvested from the region's rich soil. Enjoy award-winning seafood delivered from the waters of the cool Atlantic Ocean. Local favorites include succulent lobsters, savory bowls of chowder, shellfish, and fried clams that will surely tantalize any taste bud.

Although North of Boston is famous for its seafood, we continue to relish in the bountiful harvests that are supplied by the many farms throughout the region. Visit a local farmers market to enjoy seasonally fresh produce and vegetables or sample wine prepared with the fruits of our land.

Looking for a little indulgence? Satisfy your sweet tooth at one of our local candy shops or gourmet specialty stores. See how candy is made at **Harbor Sweets** or visit **Maria's Sweet Something** in Salem for delectable desserts and sweet confections that will surely make you smile.

## Shopping



Shopping in North of Boston is an experience like none other; throughout the region you will find quaint seaside towns to purchase unique treasures and gourmet specialties. As you walk the cobblestone streets and admire the region's scenic beauty take the opportunity to visit with the shopkeepers, artisans, and craftsmen who call North of Boston home.

They will be delighted to share their stories and help you find the perfect gift for that special someone.

Find multi-dealer antiques shops, second hand book stores, and flea markets as you travel up scenic Route 1A & 133 to visit towns such as Wenham, Ipswich, and Rowley. View a wide assortment of arts and crafts at one of the region's many art colonies or galleries that are filled with as much exquisite beauty as a museum.

Looking for great bargains? The North of Boston region has you covered; visit over 100+ stores at the **North Shore Mall** in Peabody or **The Loop** in Methuen. With close proximity to Maine and New Hampshire a day trip to an outlet mall is certainly not out of the question. Whatever your taste and whatever your style you are going to love shopping North of Boston!

## Accommodations



Warm hospitality and service is what you will find when you stay North of Boston. Enjoy the historic atmosphere of a grand hotel or relax and unwind at a charming Bed and Breakfast or seaside Inn.

With over 3,500 rooms you're sure to find what you're looking for when visiting. Hotel rates range from \$99-\$169 depending upon the type of property in 2010. We will work with you to find the right fit for your Reunion. We look forward to the opportunity to host you all in 2010.

### Top Ten Reasons to Have your Next Reunion North of Boston

- Explore over thirty miles of coastline and celebrate North of Boston's rich maritime history.
- Visit 'reel locations' of sites for blockbuster movies including "The Perfect Storm" and "The Witches of Eastwick"
- Host a memorial service at the *Man on the Wheel* Staute in Gloucester or at the *USS Constitution* in Boston.
- Choose from over 3,500 hotel rooms ranging from inns to affordable hotels.
- Enjoy the ease of not having to travel far between attractions.
- Choose from a wide variety of dining options and sample lobster, chowder, and other fresh seafood delicacies at an authentic New England lobster or clam bake.
- Relive history at the many cultural sites North of Boston. See the original painting of *The Spirit of '76* at Abbott Hall in Marblehead.
- The region is close to a whale feeding ground so you don't have to travel far to view these thrilling creatures.
- See a Broadway style show or be entertained aboard Horizon's Edge Casino Cruise.
- **Dedicated CVB Staff to help you with all your reunion planning needs!**



Regional Map

## REAL CHIEFS

Submitted by Luther Moorehead

Real Chiefs think Ensigns should be seen and not heard and never ever be allowed to read books on leadership.  
Real Chiefs don't own civilian clothes.  
Real Chiefs have CPO Association Cards from their last five commands.  
Real Chiefs don't remember life before they were a Chief.  
Real Chiefs Wedding Proposal: "There will be a wedding at 1000 hours on 29 October, be there in whites with your gear packed because you will be a **prime** participant."  
Real Chiefs favorite national holiday is CPO Initiation.  
Real Chiefs believe that in the Navy every day is a holiday, every meal is a feast, every payday is a lottery and every muster is a family reunion.  
Real Chiefs favorite breakfast is shipboard SOS.  
Real Chiefs don't know how to tell civilian time.  
Real Chiefs call each other "Chief."  
Real Chiefs greatest fear is signing for property book items.  
Real Chiefs dream in Navy Blue, White, Haze Gray and occasionally khaki.  
Real Chiefs have served on ships that are now war memorials or tourist attractions.  
Real Chiefs get tears in their eyes when the "Chief" dies in the movie "Operation Pacific."  
Real Chiefs don't like "Certified Navy Twill" (CNT's). "Wash khaki" is the **ONLY** thing out of which to make a uniform.  
Real Chiefs can find their way to the CPO Club while blindfolded on fifteen different Navy bases.  
Real Chiefs have pictures of past ships in their wallets.  
Real Chiefs only own ink pens that have "Property U.S. Government" printed on them.  
Real Chiefs never volunteer to get mandatory flu shots.  
Real Chiefs have a permanent curl in their forefinger.  
Real Chiefs don't order supplies, they swap for them.  
Real Chiefs favorite quote is from the movie Ben Hur, "We keep you alive to serve this ship."  
Real Chiefs think excessive modesty is their only fault.  
Real Chiefs hate to write evaluations, except for their own.  
Real Chiefs turn in a four page brag sheet for their evaluation.  
Real Chiefs always say their last ship was their best ship.  
Real Chiefs know that the black tar in their coffee cup makes the coffee taste better.  
Real Chiefs are proudest when one of their former strikers makes Chief.  
Real Chiefs idea of heaven: Three good PO1's and a Division Officer who does what he is told.  
Real Chiefs think John Wayne would have made a good Chief if he had not gone soft and made Marine movies.  
Real Chiefs use the term "Good Training" to describe any unpleasant task. Scraping the sides of the ship is "Good Training." Having to sleep on your sea bag in the parking lot because there was no room in the barracks is "Good Training."  
Real Chiefs teach their children that the highest attainment in life should be in becoming a Chief.  
Real Chiefs can never fathom why a Chief would even consider accepting a commission.  
Real Chiefs think "Crepes and Quiche" are a gay Hollywood couple.  
Real Chiefs rather hitchhike than own an imported automobile, truck or motorcycle.  
Real Chiefs keep four sets of dress khaki uniforms in the closet in hopes they will come back.  
Real Chiefs love their mothers mainly because she has a son or daughter in the Navy.  
Real Chiefs believe that the only thing to make life more complete is if he/she had been born in a naval hospital.  
Real Chiefs are always right and they know it. In the impossible hypothesis that a subordinate may be right, the former still applies.  
Real Chiefs do not regard an officer's rank and title as the measure of his or her competence.  
Real Chiefs are the only people who can make the salutation "Ensign" sound like a four letter word.  
Real Chiefs are always "The Chief" - even in shower shoes and a towel.  
Real Chiefs will tell you that they are always a part of the answer, never the problem.  
Real Chiefs will always say, "Let me do it for you, Sir," and then promptly assign someone to do it.  
Real Chiefs don't sleep; they rest.  
Real Chiefs are never late; they are detained elsewhere.  
Real Chiefs think "Hail to the Chief" was originally intended for CPOs.

*(More of this hogwash in the next edition!)*

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when I ended up with more than 10,000 yen in my pocket> That was about \$12 at the time.

Swilling down a couple Asahi beers I joined some of my shipmates in a bar and made my way back to the Cogswell well ahead of the curfew. I felt about 12-feet tall and like I had suddenly grown up, which in a small way I had.

There's a smell of a Navy harbor that I can still remember if I close my eyes and concentrate,. It's the smell of grit, oil and salt that brings back the adventure and thrill of doing what only a select few will ever do.

When later I became interested in history it was with no small amount of pride and honor that I connected with those hearty young men who first sailed the Cogswell to Japan during another war.

Sailing into Tokyo Bay just weeks after World War II came crashing down on the Japanese at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was an unforgettable experience. But 21 years later I was walking the same decks and smelling the same brackish air that my brothers on the Cogswell did so many years before.

Isn't it strange that so many men would be connected by a floating hunk of steel suspended in 26 years of history and three wars. We all walked the same decks, stood the same watches and most of us chipped and painted the same bulkheads.

How many of us shared a card game, a roll of the dice in the aft compartment of the old Cogswell? How many mail calls, how many nights sitting on the aft hatch looking up at the passing stars as the screws rumbled under our butts?

Man, I long for those times and how I wish I had appreciated them more at the time.

Even now, almost 40 years after my last Navy cruise, I long to head back to sea, to stand a watch, to grip the helm of the Cogswell, which later as a Quartermaster was my duty station during GQ and undersea refueling.

My wife and I have taken three luxury cruises, but it isn't the same. Between the stabilizers and the storm avoidance systems there's barely a roll. Not one worthy of a Tin Can sailor anyway. Today's cruises aboard a hotel on water offer little of the adventure of a cork bobbing destroyer during a nasty Typhoon off Japan.

When will I ever feel as alive as I did watching the roll meter pass 20 degrees as green water broke over the bow and struck the bridge port holes? The answer is never. But like all destroyer men I did experience all that once and no one can ever take that away from me.

But the memories linger long.

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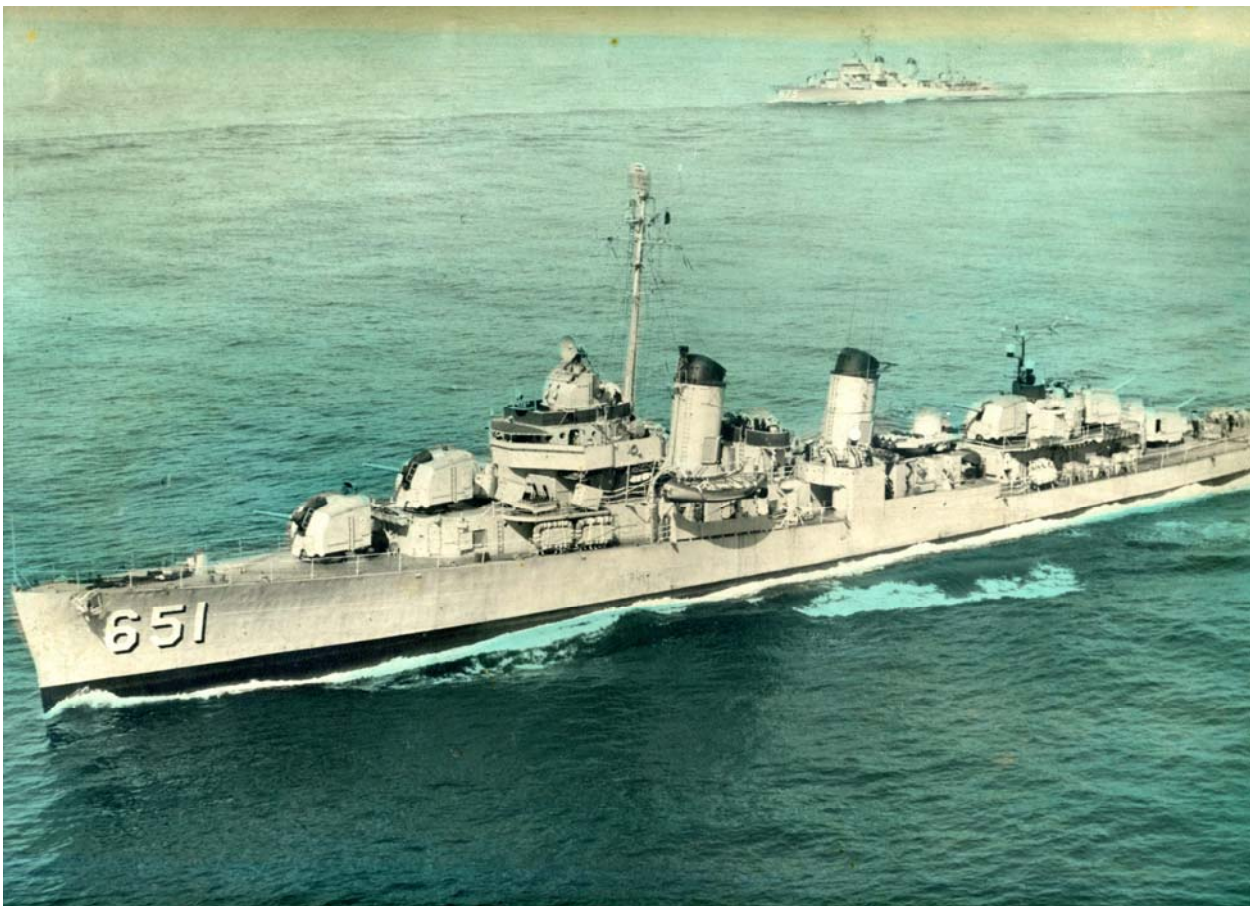
5. You are proud of your lawn mower.
6. Your best friend is dating someone half their age, and isn't breaking any laws.
7. Your arms are almost too short to read the newspaper.
8. You sing along with the elevator music.
9. You would rather go to work than stay home sick.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
13. You answer a question with, "Because I said so."
14. You send money to PBS.
15. The end of your tie doesn't come anywhere near the top of your pants.
16. You take a metal detector to the beach.
17. You know what the word "equity" means.
18. You can't remember the last time you laid on the floor to watch television.
19. Your ears are hairier than your head.
20. You talk about "good grass" and you're referring to someone's lawn.
21. You get into a heated argument about pension plans.
22. You got cable for The Weather Channel.
23. You can go bowling without drinking.
24. You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
25. People send you this list.



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*My husband had this photo in a frame that needed rescuing. I am going to get a new frame to display it for him. The actual size is 11"X14" and I could not get the whole picture on my scanner but did get the important part. I do not know where he got this picture. He has a picture of another ship he was stationed with the same format of color. Also in the background is the U.S.S. Lewis Hancock DD 675. I looked that up online. I thought that this picture is a different concept of a photo of the Cogswell. Sincerely, Valerie Ambers (Thank you Valerie. We always like new pictures of Cogswell)*