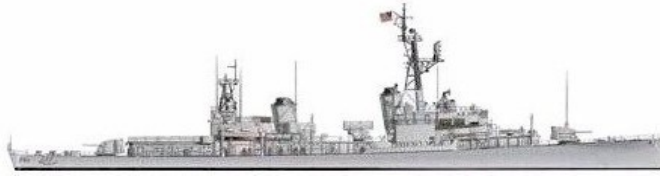


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SAN ANTONIO HERE WE COME!



The 2014 USS JOHNSTON DD-821 Association reunion will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Plans are still being put together so if you have any ideas for excursions or hotels, please send them to me as soon as you can.

This is a repeat trip to San Antonio for the Johnston Association. Everyone at this year's reunion felt it was so great the first time around, that it was worth repeating.

We hope that our shipmates will step up to the plate next year and attend the 2014 reun-

ion. Putting a reunion together is a lot of work and the Association has to guarantee a certain number of rooms, a certain number on each excursion and also for the meals. If we estimate high and we don't have the attendance, then the Association pays the difference between what we promise and how many shows up. The Association does all of the planning without a reunion planner to help save our shipmates money.

Please reserve some time in mid May 2014 for the next reunion. More information in the next newsletter.



ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

At this years reunion business meeting, Bob Nava, President; John Argonti, Secretary; and George Sites, Treasurer all agreed to stay on for another term. As reported before, Ralph Hocking stepped down as Vice President after serving on the board for many, many years.

The next time you see or talk to Ralph, please thank him for all of his help over the years.

We had two shipmates step up to the plate and volunteer for the vacated position. We had an election and Charles Copeland was elected to the position of Vice President/Historian for the USS Johnston DD-821 Association! Please welcome Charles to his new position.

The Vice President & Historian is an important position for the association. His duties include maintaining and itemizing

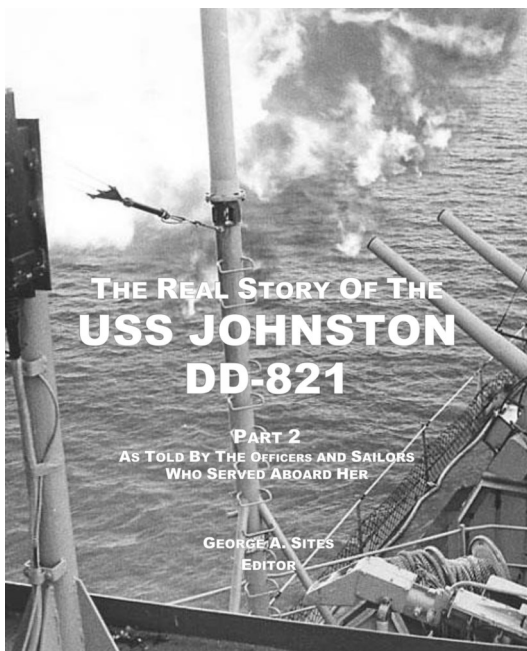
the artifacts, help with the planning of the reunions and whatever else is needed. In the past the Vice President has ordered and maintained our inventory of caps and patches as well as making a commitment to attend all reunions.



We're getting close!

"Part 2" of "The Real Story of the USS Johnston DD-821" continues to grow. Currently we have about 450 pages typed, formatted and in the book including lots of new pictures. We need another 30 or 40 more pages to make it all worth while. Remember, you requested we do a "sequel" to the first book. It takes a lot of work so surely you can take an hour or two out of your busy schedule and write down your Johnston adventures and send them to George Sites. You can send them via email: George.sites@gmail.com or by snail mail to George Sites, 5653 Haydens Reserve Way, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Many thanks to those who have already submitted their stories.. Cut-off in about a month!



2013 Las Vegas Reunion—Orleans Hotel



Mob Museum



Fremont Street



Welcome dinner



Hoover Dam



Clark County Museum



Las Vegas Strip



Farewell Banquet



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USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF THE USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION IS TO PERPETUATE THE BONDS THAT WERE FORMED AMONG THE PERSONNEL WHO EXPERIENCED THE "TRADITION OF THE SEA" WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS JOHNSTON DD-821, IN PERPETUITY.

WE DO THIS BY PROVIDING SHIPMATES A WEBSITE SECOND TO NONE THAT WAS BUILT BY AND IS OPERATED BY FORMER SHIPMATE DUANE MALLAST, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE USS JOHNSTON ASSOCIATION AS A MEANS TO MEMORIALIZE AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCES WE ALL HAD WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE U.S.S. JOHNSTON. IN ADDITION, THE ANNUAL JOHNSTON RE-UNION REINFORCES THESE BONDS AND BRINGS US ALL TOGETHER AGAIN.

THE ASSOCIATION IS A "NOT FOR PROFIT" ORGANIZATION FORMED BY AND OPERATED BY USS JOHNSTON DD-821 SHIPMATES.

In Color?

If you want to see the newsletter in color? Then visit the Johnston webpage at: www.ussjohnston.org and see your newsletter in full color.

USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletter

The Association Board hopes you are enjoying the USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletters. Over the past couple of years we have expanded the content, improved its format and increased the number of newsletters from one to three per year. We would like to make it a quarterly newsletter, expand its content even more and make it available to all of our known shipmates. However to do that, we need help from you our fellow shipmates in two ways.

First and foremost to keep the newsletter interesting, we need your help writing articles such as "my favorite Johnston port", "my scariest moment of the Johnston" or your biography. Basically any short story you feel our fellow shipmates will enjoy reading. Your photographs make the stories even more interesting. I don't know about you, but I really enjoy reading about all our shipmates. I'm sure you would especially enjoy reading about that favorite officer and/or sailor you served with. I find it interesting to know what my favorites have been doing in their lives all these years since I served on the Jolly J. Your story can be a few paragraphs to a page or more. The best length is one type written page. Please email them to George Sites at "george.sites@gmail.com". You can also mail them to: USS Johnston DD-821 Association, 5653 Haydens Reserve Way, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Secondly we would appreciate payment of the yearly dues (\$15/year) if at all possible. We do understand that not all can afford to pay and that is OK. At the time of this writing, we have only 107 paying members for 2013 or beyond out of the 425 (25%) that are currently on our roster. All shipmates on the roster have been sent a dues payment form. The dues basically keep the Association afloat by not only paying for the printing of the newsletters but the cost of mailing them also. Dues also help to defray the costs of maintaining the USS Johnston website (www.ussjohnston.org). Now I don't know about you, but in my opinion, our website is second to none. Contact George Sites via email if you don't know your dues status.

We are including the **2013** dues payment forms with this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.