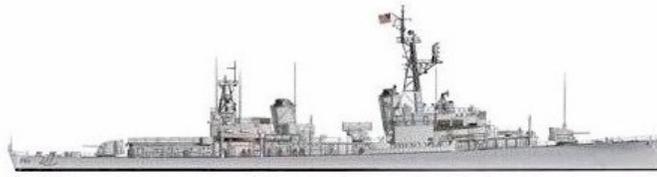


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## USS Johnston DD-821 Reunion

The 2015 USS Johnston DD-821 Reunion is just around the corner. We have a medium sized group coming to the reunion and ten joining us on the Bermuda cruise. Those of us going on the cruise may be tired from all the partying by the time we get to the reunion. However with that said, we won't let you down.

Those of you attending the reunion will get a letter in the mail in a couple of weeks with reminders and other pertinent information regarding the reunion.

Philly will be busy the week of our reunion since one of their university's is having their graduation the following weekend.

If you have any questions regarding the reunion that are not covered in the letter, please contact one of the board members asap for answers. We're there to help!



# Celebrate Veteran's Day Today and Every Day

By Phyllis Hoffman DePiano



This past week my dad, Oliver Norton, was given the flag that had flown over the capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, and then subsequently flown in the city of Hoover. It was a family celebration as my husband, Neal, a career fireman, presented him the flag folded and neatly placed inside the triangular case. It was amazing to see my siblings, our spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren gathered to celebrate this day with them. Dad was honored as a veteran for his service in the U.S. Navy.



Dad often spoke of his days at sea and the duties they had on board. Mom was a war bride, as they were married while Dad was on leave during his first year in service in 1946. But their life together was put on hold while Dad finished his Navy service. Mom and Dad wrote letters to each other and sent photos back and forth. I am sure the days were long between correspondence, and anxiety of not knowing would crowd their thoughts. But they pressed on hoping for the day their life together would begin when he came home.



Today we honor all of the men and women who have served our country. How do you say thank you to generations of heroes who fought for our freedoms and to those who guard us daily while we go about our routines? Words fail, but overwhelming gratitude fills my heart. Thank you so much for your service. Thank you for our freedom and for protecting us. We owe you a deep debt of gratitude today and every day.

## **Embarrassed by American Motors**

**By Fred Bender**

I served aboard the Johnston from 1962 to 1965. While aboard, I was the driver for Captain Robert J Fay. During a stop in Naples, Italy the Captain summoned me to drive the Commodore and him to the NATO base which was quite a distance from fleet landing. The only car available was a fifties something Nash Rambler of the upside down bathtub variety that had seen better days.

En route to the NATO base we had to traverse a dark, dank tunnel. Midway through the tunnel the tired old Rambler decided to quit running, leaving us dead in the water, so to speak. With help nowhere in sight, the two officers, dressed in full regalia, decided to get out and push while I steered. Upon exiting the tunnel and into broad daylight we must have been quite a sight. We encountered a group of people standing on a corner, perhaps waiting for a bus. They found it quite comical and commenced laughing and cheering! The Captain and Commodore probably felt pretty foolish, they hailed a cab and left me to my devices. I was able to restart the wreck and limp back to the motor pool.

That was my last encounter with a Nash Rambler!

# Book Order Form

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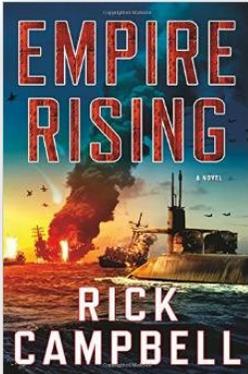
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# TAPS



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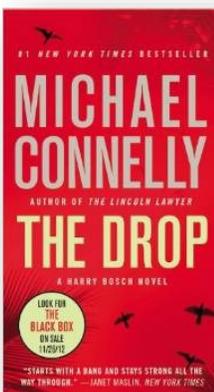
# George's Bookshelf



In Rick Campbell's thrilling *Empire Rising*, Xiang Chenglei, Chinese president and party secretary, has both a problem and a plan. The problem is that China's limited supply of oil is threatening to derail its economic growth and prosperity. Having failed to win access to a greater supply diplomatically, he sets his backup plan in motion. And what is war, but diplomacy by other means?

The U.S. Pacific Fleet is the major military force in the area, and when Taiwan is invaded, the fleet is sent in to repel the invading Chinese forces. The U.S. military expects it to be an easy operation, but after a decades-long, top-secret buildup, China has military capabilities far greater than the United States is aware of. With hidden batteries of long range missiles, advanced cyber warfare capabilities, and a submarine fleet wielding a secret weapon, China is able to overwhelm the American fleet. In fact, China all but wipes out the U.S. Pacific Fleet—leaving them free to turn to their real objective—invasion and expansion across Asia, starting with the four main islands of Japan.

While the Atlantic Fleet surges westward to defend its allies and respond to the destruction of their counterparts, it falls to an unlikely alliance of three people to stop this incursion and prevent an all-but-inevitable global war. National Security Advisor Christine O'Connor has critical information, but she's trapped in Beijing; Captain Murray Wilson, commanding officer of the submarine USS *Michigan* must somehow infiltrate the Chinese submarine blockade; and Navy SEAL Jake Harrison must lead a strike team into the most hostile of territories with only hours to implement the most daring plan ever.



Harry Bosch has been given three years before he must retire from the LAPD, and he wants cases more fiercely than ever. In one morning, he gets two.

DNA from a 1989 rape and murder matches a 29-year-old convicted rapist. Was he an eight-year-old killer or has something gone terribly wrong in the new Regional Crime Lab? The latter possibility could compromise all of the lab's DNA cases currently in court.

Then Bosch and his partner are called to a death scene fraught with internal politics. Councilman Irvin Irving's son jumped or was pushed from a window at the Chateau Marmont. Irving, Bosch's longtime nemesis, has demanded that Harry handle the investigation.

Relentlessly pursuing both cases, Bosch makes two chilling discoveries: a killer operating unknown in the city for as many as three decades, and a political conspiracy that goes back into the dark history of the police department.

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*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 REUNION 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.*

## USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletter

As the editor, I have to admit I'm running out of “items” to put in the Johnston Newsletter. I'm willing to continue putting it together but I 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. Any articles you may have about the Jolly J, books that include our favorite ship and whatever else you can think of. 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 former shipmates 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 **47** paying members for **2015** or beyond out of the **382 (12%)** that are currently listed on our roster. All shipmates on the roster receive our newsletters and 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. Keep in mind the dues are not tax deductible! Contact George Sites via email if you don't know your dues status. We are including the **2015** dues payment forms with this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.