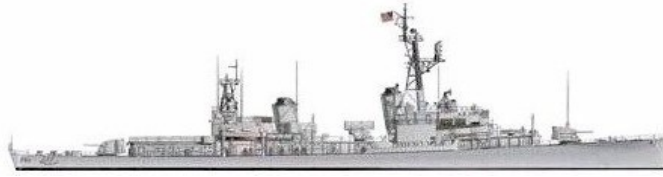


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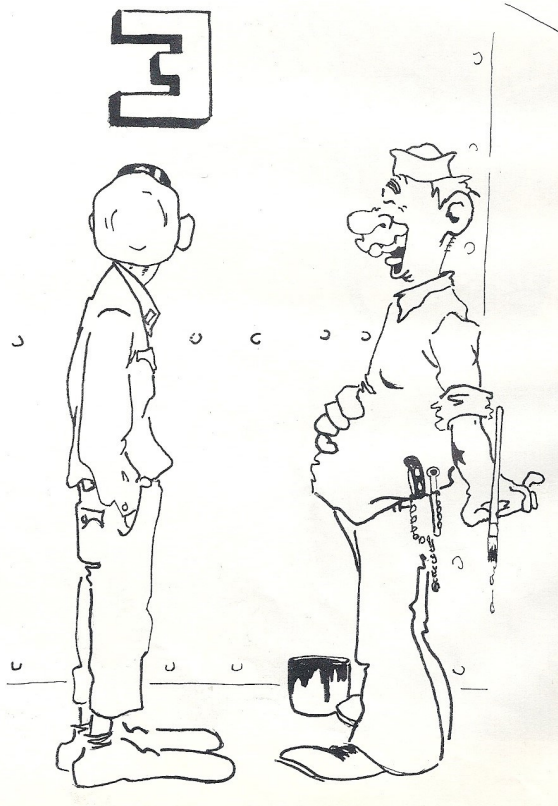
# 2016



**Your Association board hopes you had a wonderful 2015 ending with a great holiday season. May the New Year bring joy, peace and good health to you and your entire family!**

***Bob Nava, Charles Copeland, John Argonti  
& George Sites***

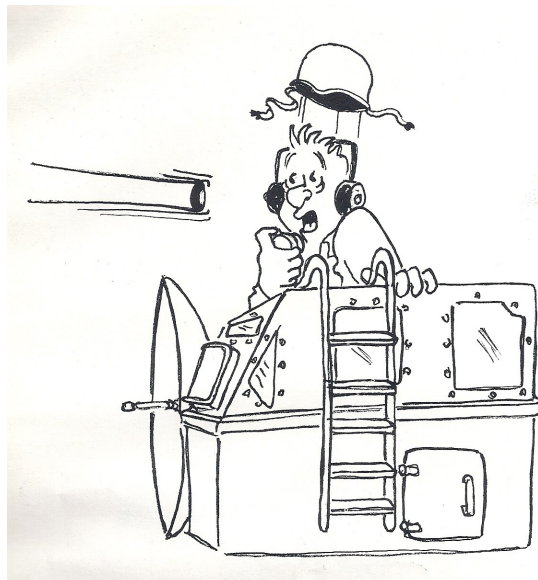
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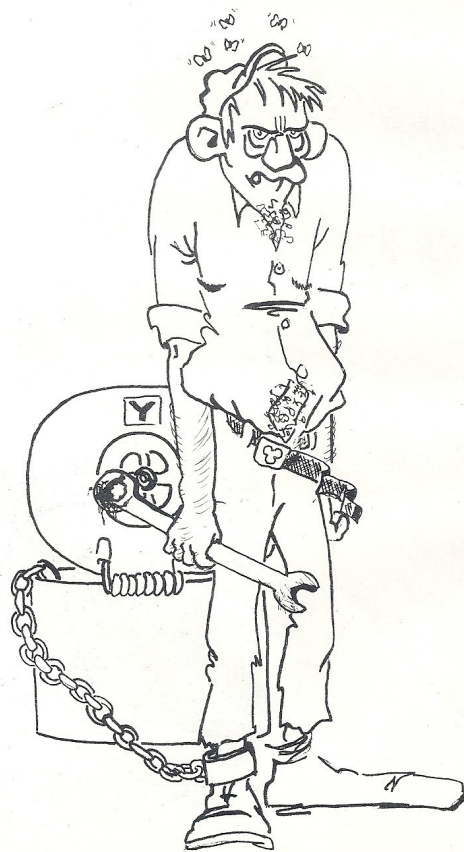


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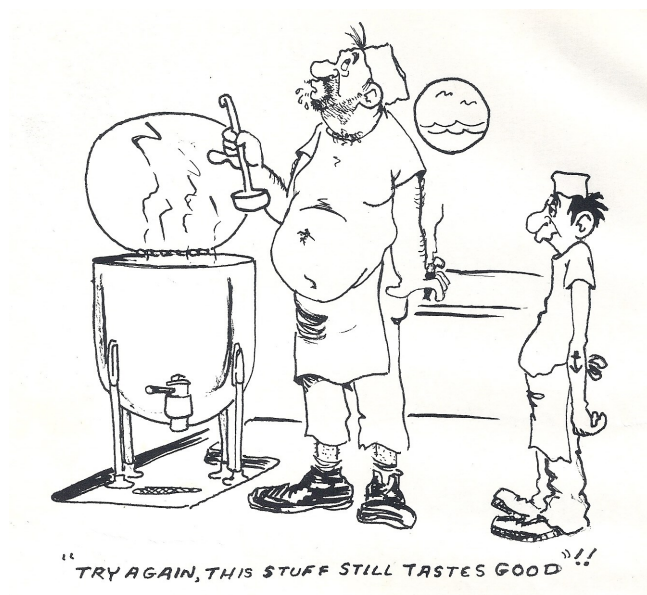
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# JUST FOR FUN

(Hopefully nobody is offended!)

## COMPARATIVE MILITARY TERMS

NAVY / MARINES	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Head	Latrine	Powder Room
Mess Deck / Chow Hall	Mess Hall / Mess Tent	Dining Facility / Cafe'
Rack	Bunk	Single Bed with Ruffle & Duvet
"Cookie"	Mess Cook	Contract Chef
Coffee / Mud	Cup of Joe	Vanilla Latte'
Bug Juice	Kool Aid	Shirley Temple
Utilities	BDU's	Casual Wear
Seaman / Private	Private	Bobby or Jimmy
Chief / Gunny	Sergeant	Bob or Jim
Captain / Skipper	Colonel	Robert or James
Captain's Mast	Article 15	Time Out
Berthing / Barracks	Barracks	Apartment
Skivvies / U-Tray	Underwear	T-Shirt & Panties
Thrown in the Brig	Put in Confinement	Grounded
Zoom Bag	Flight Suit	Business Casual
Cover	Beret	Optional
Ship's Store / PX	PX	The Mall
TAD	TDY	PCS with Family
Cruise / Afloat	Deploy	Huh?
Ground Grabbers	Athletic Shoes	Flip-Flops
Boondockers	Jump Boots	Birkenstocks
Low Quarters	Low Quarters	Patent Leather Pumps
SEAL / Force Recon	Special Forces	Librarian
OOO-RAH!	HOOD-AAH!	Uh-Oh!
MRE	MRE	#3 with a Coke
Grinder	Drill Field	What?
Ge-Dunk	Snack Bar	Chucky Cheese
Midshipman	Cadet	Debutant
Hardcore	Strike	Way Too Serious



# JUST FOR FUN (continued)

(Hopefully nobody is offended!)

*"Paraprosdokian". Here is the definition:*

*"Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation." "Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is a type of paraprosdokian.*

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify: I put 'DOCTOR'.
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

# 2016 Jolly ‘J’ Reunion Schedule

## Monday April 4th:

All attendees should check in at the hotel by 4:00 pm. Once checked in come to the USS Johnston Hospitality Suite to pick up your information package. Spend a little time there meeting & greeting your shipmates and their honey's. We will have our “Welcome Dinner” at the hotel with a cash bar starting at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00. After dinner, join your shipmates in the Hospitality Suite (snacks and drinks provided) or take a stroll along the Riverwalk.

## Tuesday April 5th:

We will be taking a trip to St. Augustine via a motor coach. Your professional tour guide meets the group dressed in period costume. We cover 450 years of colorful history: the Ponce de Leon discovery, the pirate days of Sir Francis Drake, the Spanish and English colonial years, and the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites and stop at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle. St. Augustine was also the first winter resort for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. Hear how Henry Flagler built the most opulent hotels of the day and turned the city into the “Newport of the South”. The second stop will be the Venetian Renaissance gem of Flagler Memorial Church. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.



This tour will be conducted on our coach and will be a 2-hour tour. Once this memorable tour is complete, our guides will lead you to the historic district and make some lunch recommendations. Then you are on your own for lunch and shopping in St. Augustine's unique historic district. What a wonderful way to enjoy our nation's oldest city!

This is a full day starting at about 9:15 am and returning to the hotel about 4:00 pm. The evening is yours to spend however you wish.

## Wednesday April 6th:

We will be taking a trip to Naval Station Mayport & the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown

## **2016 Jolly ‘J’ Reunion Schedule (continued)**

to become the third largest fleet concentration area in the United States. Mayport's operational composition is unique, with a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and an 8,000-foot runway capable of handling any aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory.

With more than 3,400 acres, NS Mayport is the third largest Naval Facility in the continental United States host to more than 80 tenant commands including 22 naval ships and six Light Airborne Multi-purpose System (LAMPS) Mark III helicopter squadrons. NS Mayport is also the operational and training headquarters for the SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS MKIII with a primary mission of anti-submarine warfare. NS Mayport remains dedicated to providing the "Finest Service to the Finest Fleet," as it grows into the 21st century.

Shipmate Toby Mack is arranging a ship's visit. More details when we are closer to the reunion date.

Our delicious lunch will be overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at Ocean Breezes, the former Officer's Club which is now a catering and conference center.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour features an open-air gallery overlooking the floor of the Brew Hall, which offers an excellent step-by-step look at the all-Natural Budweiser brewing process. You will marvel at the speed and efficiency of the bottling and canning operations. Midway through the tour, relax in the Hospitality Room over complimentary tastings of the popular beers.

This will be a long day as well starting early in the morning at about 8:30 am and returning to the hotel around 4:00 pm. The evening will be yours to spend as you wish.

### **Thursday April 7th:**

You will have the morning and afternoon free to spend as you wish. We will have our Annual Business Meeting starting at 4:00 pm and it usually lasts about 1 hour. At the meeting we will be voting on our reunion location for 2017 and selecting possible locations for the 2018 reunion so bring some ideas for 2018.

We will start our evening activities at 6:30 pm with a cash bar and our Farewell Banquet starting at about 7:00. We will finish the evening off with our "White Elephant Auction" which is always a great time. Our hospitality room will be open after the White Elephant Auction.



## 2016 Johnston Association Reunion is the 25th Anniversary of our Association!

Come join us for our 25th anniversary! The 2016 USS Johnston DD-821 Reunion will be held in Jacksonville, Florida. We have arranged our hotel arrangements at the newly renovated Double Tree Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel located at 1201 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207. It is located downtown on the Riverwalk and convenient to restaurants and the newly docked museum ship USS Charles F. Adams DDG2.

Due to Jacksonville being the home to so many conventions in May, the Johnston reunion has been moved up to Monday, April 4th thru the evening of April 7th. To be able to attend the entire reunion, you should arrive no later than the afternoon of Monday the 4th and leave no earlier than the morning of Friday the 8th as a minimum. Come earlier or stay later if you wish.

The below mentioned rates all include two full hot breakfast buffets per room per day and free self-parking each day (normally \$10 per night). The rates are good for 3 nights before and after the reunion. The negotiated rates are as follows:

- \* **Sunset View Rooms** (two double beds, one queen bed or one king bed) overlooking the Southbank and San Marco district. \$99/night plus taxes
- \* **Riverfront Rooms** (two double beds, one queen bed or one king bed) overlooking the St. Johns River and downtown Jacksonville skyline. \$109.00/night plus taxes
- \* **Riverfront Junior Suites** (oversized one room suite with king bed & sitting area including pull out sofa, mini fridge and microwave) overlooking the St. Johns River and downtown Jacksonville skyline. \$129.00/night plus taxes

The Johnston reunion is currently active in the hotel's computer system so you can make your reservation now. We would appreciate you making your reservation early as we need to know the number of attendees asap. The reservation phone number is 1-800-223-8733. If you prefer making your reservation via the internet, our reservation site is active as well:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/J/JAXJRDT-JOH-20160401/index.jhtml>

Be sure to mention the USS Johnston DD-821 Reunion (group "JOH") to receive the negotiated rates if calling in. If you have any problems let us know via email asap.

In addition to our Welcome Dinner on Monday and our Business Meeting, Farewell Banquet and White Elephant Auction on Thursday evening, we will be having a tour of the Mayport Naval Base and a tour to St. Augustine, home of the Fountain of Youth. More information included in this mailing. We truly hope to see as many of you as we can. We also hope you join us on our cruise just following the reunion (next page)!



### ***Royal Caribbean's "Freedom of the Seas"***

Ahoy Shipmates!

Isn't the "Freedom of the Seas" just beautiful! Reminds you of the Jolly 'J' doesn't it? We are planning another reunion cruise right after the shore reunion ends. We will sail from Port Canaveral on Sunday April 10th, a few days after our Jacksonville reunion ends. There are many options for transportation from Jacksonville to the port and/or other places to visit in between.

We will cruise on the "Freedom of the Seas" for 7 days visiting the western Caribbean. Our itinerary is: Cruise from Port Canaveral, Florida - At Sea - Labadee, Haiti - Falmouth, Jamaica - Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands - Cozumel, Mexico - At Sea - Return to Port Canaveral, Florida.

Here are the current "From" prices per person & based upon double occupancy. Booking early locks in the price, if the price goes up, you keep your price! If the price goes down, John & Donna have always been able to get the new lower price. The booking deposit is **fully refundable** until 90 days prior to sailing.

Since this cruise is scheduled the same time as "Spring Break", there is a good chance the price will go higher as we get closer to sailing!

Inside cabins start from \$660 P/P

Outside (window) cabins start from \$824 P/P

Balcony cabins start from \$1,122 P/P

**\*\*Taxes, fees & port expenses: \$129.00 P/P**

Please contact Donna or John Argonti, Worldwide Cruise Headquarters, for more information or to book this or any other cruise!

johnarg@juno.com or (H)805-927-9677 or (C)805-423-7947



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James McInnis

11/30/2014

Richard “Dick” Wolf

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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 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.*

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## 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 the newsletter 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 is welcome. Your photographs make the stories even more interesting. Have you written a book and want to share it, send me the information. 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, 2204 Ravinia Circle, Venice, FL 34292.

Secondly we would appreciate payment of the yearly dues if at all possible. We do understand that not all can afford to pay and that is OK. However at \$15/year, you have to admit it's a great deal. At the time of this writing, we have only **37** paying members for **2016** or beyond out of the **362(10%)** 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. You do the math, each mailing of the newsletter cost about \$350. Eighty paying members equals **\$1200**. That barely covers the cost of three mailings let alone four and doesn't leave a dime for our website. Extra donations have been our saving grace. 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 **2016** dues payment forms at the end of this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.



# USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

## 2016 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES

AHOY SHIPMATES! Once again it is time for our annual dues request to help support the USS Johnston DD-821 Association. While we know these are trying times, your dues make it possible for us to stay in contact with as many former Johnston shipmates as we can reach. Your generous donations help us cover the cost of postage, newsletter mailings and maintenance of our website. At this time each year we ask all our shipmates to please help support our Association and keep it growing. Our dues rate is still just \$15.00 per year, but we will accept any additional donations you may wish to include and help us offset membership costs for shipmates that may be less fortunate than yourself. We currently have only about one-fourth of the known Johnston shipmates as paying members. Our roster has approximately 370 names on it. Keep in mind, over 4000 served aboard the Johnston over the years.

PLEASE NOTE WE SEND THIS FORM OUT WITH EACH NEWSLETTER AS A FRIENDLY REMINDER. MANY HAVE SENT IN DUES MULTIPLE TIMES WHEN THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE ALWAYS APPLY YOUR PAYMENT TO THE NEXT YEAR'S DUES IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE BUT IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU ARE PAID UP TO DATE, PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE SITES VIA EMAIL ([george.sites@gmail.com](mailto:george.sites@gmail.com)) OR SNAIL MAIL.

If you wish to continue your membership in the USS Johnston DD-821 Association or are an individual wishing to join, please fill out the information on the next page and send it to George Sites at the address shown on the form along with your annual membership check for \$15.00 payable to the USS Johnston DD-821 Association. Even if you choose not to join or cannot afford the dues at this time, please fill out the personal information sheet so that we may keep track of your current mailing address and email address. We will never turn our backs on our shipmates, and maybe someday we may need a little help as well. By sending us your completed information sheet it helps us keep our database current and up-to-date so we can continue to send you all our newsletters and reunion notices.

The requested dates of service should include any and all time spent in any branch of the US military. This will help us determine if your donations in the future can be considered "tax deductible". Currently your dues and/or donation are **NOT** tax deductible. Many of our shipmates have asked for a copy of our membership roster. We are asking you for permission to add your name to the published roster.

On behalf of all the officers of the USS Johnston DD-821 Association, we thank you for your support and wish you and your families our very best.

Sincerely,

*George A. Sites*, Treasurer

USS Johnston DD-821 Association

# USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

## 2016 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED ON THE JOHNSTON: \_\_\_\_\_

RATING: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED IN ANY BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY INCLUDING THE JOHNSTON:

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YES I WANT TO JOIN, ENCLOSED ARE MY **2016** ANNUAL DUES FOR \$15.00 ( )

I DO NOT WISH TO JOIN AT THIS TIME BUT INCLUDE ME IN THE ROSTER ( )

YES, PLEASE ADD ME TO THE PUBLISHED ROSTER FOR ALL TO USE ( )

IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE INCLUDED, PLEASE INDICATE IF THEY ARE FOR FUTURE DUES OR A DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY OPERATING COSTS:

FUTURE DUES: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (Currently dues and/or donations are **NOT** tax deductible)

Dues are requested by Jan 1, 2016.

Make Check Payable To: **USS Johnston DD-821 Association**

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