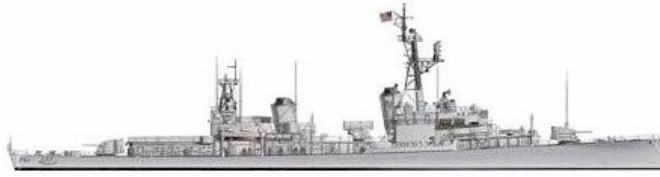


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USS Johnston DD821 Website

Did you know that Duane Mallast created the USS Johnston website (www.ussjohnston.org) many years ago in 1999 and has continued to update and operate it for the past 16+ years. We believe the DD821 website is second to none and we want to keep it operating and updated on a timely schedule. Duane has done a great job over the years! Thank you Duane.

Recently Duane informed the Association board the company he has been using to host the website will no longer allow him to use the software (Microsoft Front Page) he has been using. We are looking for someone with website development/maintenance skills that is willing to take over Duane's job. The website is currently paid up until July 2017. After that, it will go away. It is a volunteer position so there is no pay, however the Association does help pay the website fees.

If interested, please contact Duane at:

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We are running out of time so please if you have the skills, please volunteer some of your time.

Bob Nava, Charles Copeland, John Argonti & George Sites

“REMEMBERING OLD SALTY”

A GRANDDAUGHTER’S TRIBUTE TO WARREN E. DIXON BT2

Served on USS Johnston DD821 1961 to 1965

By Meg Brown



Grandpa wasn't a man of many words, so when he told stories, we listened. Many of them were recollections from his Navy days, sharing the exotic places he'd been and the people he met on his journeys. How his hearing loss was from working the boiler rooms at the way bottom of the ship, but he did so well that he was promoted to "Oil King" with added responsibilities and the ability to give orders. (I can't imagine him doing the latter at home.)

He surrounded himself with a collective of service mementos. There's a photo of his ship, the U.S.S. Johnston, going down the sketchy stairs that leads to his basement of treasures (and junk), an anchor magnet on the refrigerator, Navy sticker on the mirror of his bureau, Veterans plate on his white Chevy, Navy cap he'd put on when going out- so many representations of four and a half years as a tin can sailor.

Before his mesothelioma flared up, Grandpa was scanning the old family Kodachrome slides taken on a camera he purchased when he entered the service. A camera he later gave to me. Each time I visited him and Nanny after that, I'd have a pile of vintage photos to sift through. How fun! There's one I spent a long time looking at- Grandpa in the yard at their home in West Newbury, handsome in his white uniform holding my six-month old mother. It was the first time he met her- Grandpa was docked in Barcelona when she was born.

It was incredible- absolutely incredible- to see a photo of a moment I've heard many times before. That was one of the few photos I saw Grandpa in. You can always tell who the family recorder is by looking at who isn't in most of the family photos. I've concluded that was Grandpa's role before Mom assumed the position, one that she's having a difficult time passing to me.

What I'll remember most about Grandpa was his kindness, gentleness, and especially the love he shared with Nanny. Putting her earrings in every morning, switching their breakfast dishes halfway through so each could have a taste of what the other ordered, and afternoons spent at Salisbury Beach.

Many of my photos of Grandpa are of him and Nanny; I always had a difficult time taking a picture of just him. I finally convinced him to pose for a photo on Veterans Day in his Navy jacket, thinking to myself, "I will be so happy I took this photo one day."

Mom may have captured the refrigerator moments, but I took the wall photos. I love you, Grandpa. Forever and ever. *Meg*

TAPS



BT2 Clifford Freeman	12/31/2009
BT2 Warren Dixon	7/5/2016
Cdr. Herman Sudholz	12/10/2016
DC2 John Butzer	1/17/2017
CO Robert C. Pringle	3/25/2017

Home Schooling

Most of our generation of 60+ were Home Schooled in many ways!

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.** “If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.** “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”
3. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.** “If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week!”
4. **My father taught me LOGIC.** “Because I said so, that’s why.”
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.** “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.** “Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you’re in an accident.”
7. **My father taught me IRONY.** “Keep crying, and I’ll give you something to cry about.”
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.** “Shut your mouth and eat your supper.”
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.** “Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!”
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.** “You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”
11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.** “This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.”
12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.** “If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times, don’t exaggerate!”
13. **My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.** “I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.....”
14. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.** “Stop acting like your father!”
15. **My mother taught me about ENVY.** “There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don’t have wonderful parents like you do.”
16. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.** “Just wait until we get home.”
17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING.** “You are going to get it from your father when you get home!”
18. **My mother taught me about MEDICAL SCIENCE.** “If you don’t stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.”
19. **My mother taught me about ESP.** “Put your sweater on; don’t you think I know when you are cold?”
20. **My father taught me about HUMOR.** “When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”
21. **My mother taught me about HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.** “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”
22. **My mother taught me about GENETICS.** “You’re just like your father.”
23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.** “Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?”
24. **My mother taught me about WISDOM.** “When you get to be my age, you’ll understand.”
25. **My father taught me about JUSTICE.** “One day you’ll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!”

These should be shared with your friends over 60 because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these “EXACT” words by our parents!

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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.

USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletter

As the editor, I have to admit I've run out of "items/ideas" to put in the Johnston Newsletter. This is the 26th newsletter and I'm willing to continue putting the newsletter together but I need your help. Anything you feel would interest our shipmates would be appreciated. Articles such as "my favorite Johnston port", "my scariest moment of the Johnston" or your biography. Basically any short story and 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 left "J" in 1971. 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 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 **50** paying members for **2017** or beyond out of the **343 (less than 15%)** 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 \$300. One Hundred paying members equals **\$1500**. That barely covers the cost of three mailings and maintaining our website. Extra donations have been our saving grace. Some are now receiving the newsletter IN COLOR via email and that has helped lower our delivery costs. 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 **2017** dues payment forms at the end of this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.

USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

2017 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 343 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) 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

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2017 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: _____

DATES SERVED ON THE JOHNSTON: _____

RATING WHILE ON THE JOHNSTON: _____

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

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YES I WANT TO JOIN, ENCLOSED ARE MY **2017** 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 due upon receipt.

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