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Speaker Did Four Tours in Afghanistan

2018 Sumner Reunion Memorial speaker Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Dwyer graduated and was commissioned as an infantry officer from Furman University in Greenville, S.C. in 1998 with a Bachelor degree in Health and Exercise Science.

His operational deployments include four tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2002,



Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Dwyer

2005, 2006, 2012). Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name used by the U.S. government for the Global War on Terrorism between 2001 and 2014. Dwyer's schools include: the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC), Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course (SERE) Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC) and the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. where he received a

Master's Degree in Defense Analysis.

Lt. Col. Dwyer's assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer for 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Ky., Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) Team Leader, Assistant operations officer for 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander(HHC) for 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, N.C.

He also served as Chief of Readiness for United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Group Support Company (GSC) Commander for 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Special Forces Detachment Commander Qualification Course Company Commander for the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), Group Executive Officer for Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) and Chief of Operations for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne).

Lt. Col. Dwyer's awards include: Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB), Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Air Assault Badge, Basic Airborne Badge, Combat Diver Qualification Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Greetings Everyone,

I hope 2018 will be a better year for everyone than 2017 was!

Connie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Savannah in May.



Frank DiBello

The Embassy Suites by Hilton promise us that they are going to help make this one of the best hosted Reunions we have ever had. It is a wonderful place.

Each Suite includes a sofa bed, microwave, coffee maker, mini refrigerator, hair dryer, iron, ironing board, and two 32" TVs, kitchen area with a wet bar and an oversized work desk with an ergonomic chair.

There will be an airport shuttle service 24/7 and complementary parking. Also there is complementary cooked to order

breakfast and great custom made omelets every morning.

Complementary beverages and snacks are served every evening at the Manager's Reception. There is also a heated indoor pool, whirlpool, and a 24/7 Fitness Center.

There is high speed Internet throughout the hotel 24/7 as well as complementary printing and copying service. The airport is only 3 miles away. The "Mighty 8th Air Force Museum" is only 2 miles away, which is where Scotty has secured for our Memorial Service and for us to take a guided tour of the Base

There is a new Tanger Outlet Mall only two blocks away. There are dozens of restaurants, Royal Cinemas and Pooler Stadium 12 Cinemas within 2 miles of the hotel. Not to mention all the sights, history and great restaurants in Savannah.

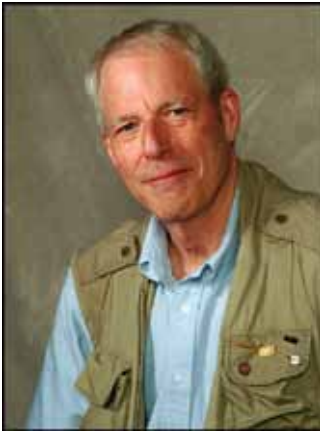
Connie and I plan to take some of the trolley rides through the Historic district.

There is just too much history that I don't want to miss. The trolley drivers are very knowledgeable about all the history they will teach us.

See you soon,

Frank DiBello





By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

My maternal grandmother had a great saying: “Make good use of the first part of your ‘plenty’ of time.”

It also became a favorite of my mom as she frequently drilled it into my head so now every time I finish with one edition of the Sumner Sentinel I begin working on the next one.

While I’m on the subject of sayings, I came across another useful one at the eulogy of a friend of mine.

It had to do with the “dash” between his birth and death dates.

It was said that he “did his dash” with love and generosity.

How are you doing your “dash?”

Because in the final analysis, unless you are extremely famous like a US President or serial killer, no one outside your own family will remember the date you were born or the date you died.

What they will remember is that space (the dash) in between.

And individuals probably won’t remember how many college degrees you have or how many organizations you belonged to, but rather what kind of impression you made on people.

And that ushers in another saying or perhaps a paradox:

“The only way to keep it (knowledge) is to give it away.”

In any business, we all learned something from someone for whom it was impossible to repay.

I learned things from folks who not only were further down the tunnel than I was; they were in a different tunnel altogether.

I asked one about how I could possibly pay him back.

His reply was simply to pass knowledge to someone else.

Well that sounds simple, but sometimes we are afraid to give

away “trade secrets.”

So we guard these like the soldiers at Fort Knox when in reality the only way we grow is to help someone less far down that aforementioned tunnel.

Even the most insignificant (to you) tip can greatly help someone else.

When I was a “newbie” in the business of professional photography, I attended portrait classes at a school of professional photography and while that instruction gave me a firm foundation, I really

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Receiving Hard Copies of the Sumner Sentinel

Note to shipmates, wives and widows:

Hard copies of the Sumner Sentinel are only mailed to those with an “L” designation on their address label (unless they have an E-Mail address) or to those members whose dues are current and who have no E-Mail address.

All other members will receive issues electronically.

Alternatively, anyone may view/print issues by going online to www.dd-692.com and clicking on the “Reunion” tab.

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Membership Renewal Form

Due to changes in the structure of our organization shipmates need to be aware of whether or not they have renewed membership. Our membership year is based on a regular calendar year. If the year '18, 19 or greater or L, etc. after your name on the newsletter mailing label does not reflect the **Reunion** year, you need to renew your membership.

This form will appear in the November-December and January-February issues of this newsletter and note that you need to renew your membership in the USS Allen M. Sumner Reunion Association. If you cannot afford the \$15, send what you can (if anything) as we will not deny a shipmate membership because of a hardship. And no one else needs to know.

If you are a member in good standing, you should have a permanent plastic membership card.

This was issued to you when you became a member. If you do not have one, contact Pete Dromms, Reunion Association Treasurer at 301 Park Ln., North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

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(A/C)_____ Primary Phone_____ Other Phone_____ Fax_____
E-Mail Address_____
Years on Sumner - From_____ To_____
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Retired Rate or Rank _____
Other info you wish to share _____

Make Checks Payable to USS A.M. Sumner Association Send to: USS A.M. Sumner Association, 301 Park Ln., North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

USS ALLEN M. SUMNER SHIP STORE ORDER INVOICE

Qtn.	Description	Price
	Sumner Ball Cap (Blue w/gold embroidery) - Specify All Cloth or 1/2 Mesh)	\$15.00
	Scrambled Egg patches <u>for Officers only Commanger & Above</u> /with hat purchase	Free
	White Golf Shirt Embroidered w/Ship Patch (Circle Size - S, M, L, XL) Add \$10 for 2XL/3XL	\$25.00
	White T-Shirt w/Ship on Front (Circle Size - S, M, L, XL)	\$20.00
	All Sweatshirts (Circle Size - S, M, L, XL)	\$25.00
	Sumner Ship's Patch (Specify Sui Generis or Woody Woodpecker)	\$ 5.00
	Sumner Hat/Lapel/Tie Tac Pin	\$ 6.00
	Sumner License Plate bracket/holder	\$ 5.00
	Homemade Reunion 2000 Video (CNO Visit) DVD or VHS Specify which	\$ 8.00
	Zippo Ziplite battery pack (Flashlight Replacement for Unused Lighter	\$ 2.50
	Sumner Commemorative Challenge Coin (Approximately 1½ inches in diameter)	\$10.00
	US Navy Tabletop Drink Coasters (6 for \$20.00)	\$ 5.00
	Handkerchief (US Navy or 692)	\$ 5.00
	Navy Pin for wives	\$ 5.00
	Sumner shaving/toilet kit bag	\$10.00
	US Navy rear window stickers (or Retired) Specify which	\$ 5.00
	MIA/POW money clip	\$ 6.00
	Petty Officer window sticker	\$ 1.00
	USS Cooper (Dive to)/Return to Ormoc Bay (Battle of) DVD (Runtime: 80 minutes)	\$ 8.00
	For additional items go to www.dd-692.com Click the "reunion" tab then the "Ship Store" line	
Total Enclosed		

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 301 Park Lane
 North Syracuse, NY 13212

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REUNION ASSISTANCE FUND

Are YOU a former Sumner shipmate ?
 Have YOU ever wanted to go to one of our Annual Reunions ?

For those shipmates who are in need of financial assistance, the Association has created a Special Committee to help YOU out. The funds available come from donations of the Sumner crew in the hope YOU will join us.

The Fund is managed in strict confidentiality and no one other than the Committee will ever know of these transactions.

If interested and to find out more about the Fund, please contact one of the following Committee Members:

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 (904) 287-7854

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To donate to the Fund and assist your shipmates, make your contributions (any amount is greatly appreciated) by check and send to:

USS AM Sumner Reunion Association
 301 Park Ln.

North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

Mark the check and/or envelope “for the Reunion Assistance Fund”

New shipping charges associated with ship’s store purchases	
Up to \$10.....	\$ 4.00
\$10.01 to \$25.00.....	\$ 7.00
\$25.01 to \$50.00.....	\$ 8.00
\$50.01 to \$75.00.....	\$10.00
\$75.01 to \$100.00.....	\$12.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00.....	\$14.00
\$200.01 to \$300.00.....	\$16.00
\$300.00 and over	\$20.00

Checks made payable to Sumner Reunion Association.

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This helps save the association’s printing costs.

Each year (in the November-December and January-February issues), hard copies will be mailed to everyone reminding them that dues are due (except those who have renewal dates for several future years).

If you don’t want to keep receiving it, let the editor, whose address is on the back page, know.

Thanks, The Editor

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learned valuable tips from classmates.

I was at the tunnel entrance – so to speak – and although I was eager to contribute, I felt I had little to offer.

In an offhand statement, made during one our informal discussions over lunch, I remarked that the “palm of one’s hand was one stop greater than a gray card.”

Well, lo and behold, a couple of photographers didn’t know that, so I was able to contribute after all.

Maybe that will included in my dash.

Did You Know?

Brightwork originally referred to polished metal

objects, and bright woodwork to wood which was kept scraped and scrubbed, especially topside. Bright it should be and work it is.

DEATH NOTICE

Stephen Dzurarin, S1c 1945-46 of Columbus, Ohio died Aug. 26, 2017 at 90 years old.

USS ALLEN M. SUMNER- 30th Annual Reunion
REGISTRATION FORM
Savannah, Ga. 06-09 May, 2018 (Sunday-Wednesday)

*Print names as they are to appear on Nametags!

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