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Dues are Due. . . Don't Put This Off

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This form (see page 5) will appear in the November-December issue of this newsletter and note that you need to renew your membership in the USS Allen M. Sumner Reunion Association.

For now, we will assume you have paid your 2015 dues.



However, this is for the new year - 2016.

There are a few members who have paid for several

years such as our webmaster Fred Willshaw whose due are paid through 2020.

All members have the option to do the same.

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.

Whatever you decide, we still need you to fill out the form and mail it so we will have pertinent information about you. The address of where to send it is at the bottom on the form.

It's also useful to make sure we have the proper E-mail address for you.

If you want to go above and beyond the renewal fee, you should donate to the Shipmate Reunion Assistance fund.

This is for those shipmates who are in need of financial assistance.

The Association has created a Special Committee to help out. The funds available come from donations of the Sumner crew in the hope YOU will join us.

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

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Mark the check and/or envelope "for the Reunion Assistance Fund" or include a note with your dues renewal which signifies additional funds for this fund.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Hello Shipmates,

Hope everyone enjoyed a great Thanksgiving. Bobby Moore is well on his way to recovery. Bobby and Mary want to thank everyone for their prayers and support.



Frank DiBello

Please keep your cards, prayers, etc. coming!

You can see the complete “history” of the Moore medical trek on the webpage under the what’s new tab.

As we go into the Christmas Season, let’s remember “The Reason For The Season” and do a little something special to help a stranger; example find a VET and buy him (or her) breakfast or give a blanket to a homeless person. Please Pray

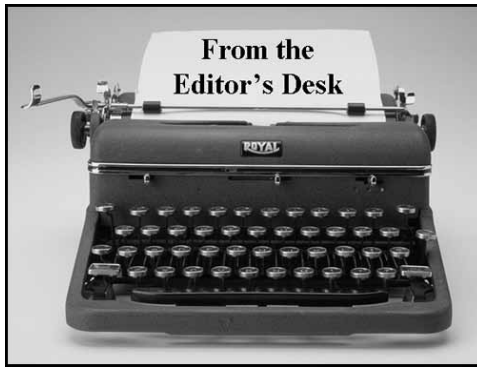
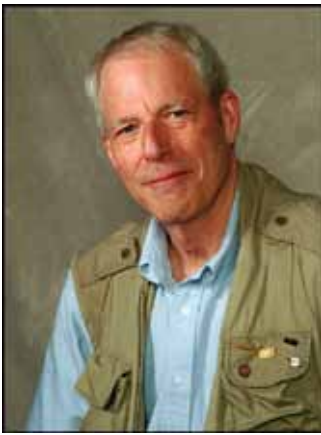
for our Country and our Military.

Please remember to check our Summer Website on a regular basis, for items under the “What’s New List.” Remember all of our Shipmates and Families on the Binnacle list and keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well as communications.

Well, it won’t be long before Connie and I see you all in Cleveland. MAY will be here before you know it!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Frank DiBello, President & Connie





By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

servation about an impact tremor.

Well, like the movie when the T-Rex comes charging along, here came his metal cousin in the form of a huge shovel attached to a tank-like vehicle.

The shovel picked up chunks of what used to be the street and deposited them into an endless (or so it seemed) line of dump trucks to be carted away to God-knows where.

But with an insatiable appetite, it continued to dig deeper (about four feet) emerging with countless cubic yards of dirt.

All the while came those beep, beep, beeps.

Once the surface was scraped smooth, what seemed like miles of tarp-like material was rolled out to cover the dirt.

For a big chunk of October, my wife and I felt like the proverbial James Bond vodka martini - shaken not stirred.

Reason being - street rehab.

We're not talking about filling potholes here . . . but rather removal of the entire roadway.

Living close to a new Tulsa Gathering Place we are constantly aware of the beep, beep, beep of huge motorized equipment backing up.

But for several weeks, that beep, beep, beeping was just outside our door.

First this small-wheeled vehicle with a big punch like a plumber's friend on steroids beat the street into pieces. A cylinder attachment went up and down, crashing into the street.

Each time it hit the surface with a huge thump, it literally shook the house and reminded me of Jurassic Park when Jeff Goldblum makes an ob-



Mechanical T-Rex gobbles up street.

Then came a succession of dump trucks filled with tons of gravel which deposited their loads in piles along the roadway.

Then came small (by comparison) front-bladed vehicles which smoothed out the gravel in forward and reverse and the ever-present beep, beep, beep.

It got so that after awhile, you don't even

hear it.

Then a grader came along and smoothed out the gravel.

Then a large roller vehicle pressed the gravel down further.

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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</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, 2XL, 3XL)	\$20.00
	All Sweatshirts Circle Size - S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	\$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
	US Navy Wallet	\$ 7.00
	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
Total Enclosed		

All Sumner Assn members may deduct 10% from order (before shipping charges are added unless is designated "No Discount." Please add the following shipping charges; Merchandise up to \$20 - Add \$3 \$21-\$50 - Add \$5 \$51 and Up - Add \$7. Checks made payable to Sumner Reunion Association.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 (A/C) _____ PH # _____ E-Mail _____

Send Orders To:
 Sumner Assn.
 301 Park Lane
 North Syracuse, NY 13212

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. It will (for the moment) be an honor system. Our membership year is based on a regular calendar year. If the year '16, '17 or L, etc. after your name on the newsletter mailing label does not reflect the current year, you need to renew your membership.

This form will appear in this and the next issue of this newsletter and note that you need to renew your membership in the USS Allen M. Sumner Reunion Association.

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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 Drooms, Reunion Association Treasurer at 301 Park Ln., North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

Name_____ Spouse_____
Address_____
City_____ State_____ Zip_____ - _____
(A/C)_____ Primary Phone_____ Other Phone_____ Fax_____
E-Mail Address_____
Years on Sumner - From_____ To_____
Rate/Rank on Sumner_____
Retired from Navy (Yes/No)_____
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

Do You Want to Continue Receiving the Sentinel

Note to shipmates, wives and widows, especially those with an “L” designation on their address label:

We know that the “L” means Life member and usually is associated with widows of Sumner shipmates.

What we don’t know is if you really want to keep receiving the ship newsletter - the Sumner Sentinel.

For those and others with a different designation

on the address label if you do not want to keep receiving it and you have an e-mail address, please use it to contact the editor (address on the top of the back page).

If you don’t want to keep receiving it and you don’t have an e-mail address, please contact the editor with a post card or other stationery (return address on the back page).

Thanks, The Editor

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.

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301 Park Ln.

North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

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

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Then more dump trucks with more gravel; more smoothing

and more grading, more rolling and more beep, beep, beeping.

And, since we couldn’t get out of the driveway from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., we had to park cars in the next block and resort to hiking.

Don’t get me started on the actual paving.

Just a whole lot more beep, beep, beeping.

Aaah; progress!



Driveway ends; chaos begins.

Decorated Captain of Sumner Dies

Alfred Richard Olsen, Jr., Captain, USN (Ret) died on Oct. 31 at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington at the age of 91.

In 1953, he was executive officer of the Allen M. Sumner (DD-692) en-route to Korea. His commanding officer was critically injured in an automobile accident in Colombo, Ceylon. Then-Lieutenant Olsen remained in command until the ship arrived three weeks later in Yokosuka, Japan.



Born in Atlantic City, NJ, Olsen graduated from the Naval Academy in 1944 (Class of 1945) and earned an MBA from George Washington University.

He was a surface warfare officer, serving in eight ships, of which he commanded six.

He took part in World War II in the Pacific, the Korean War, the 1958 Lebanon Landings, the 1962 blockade of Cuba, and the Vietnam War.

In addition to the Sumner he commanded the USS Quachita County (LST-1071), USS Lester (DE-1022), USS John Paul Jones (DD-932), USS Sierra (AD-18) and USS BIDDLE (CG-34).

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Vietnamese Distinguished Service Medal.

He retired July 1, 1974 and for the next 12 years worked for Raytheon Service Company, primarily in logistics planning.

He is survived by six children: Frances (Bob Houston), Alfred, John, Elizabeth, Charles (Susan Mitchell) Olsen and Dorothea (Ted) Olsen DeHon; 10 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, 5300 10th St. Arlington, VA 22205 was held on Nov. 21.

Burial with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in the spring of 2016.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Ann's.

Reprinted in part from the Nov. 17 issue of The Washington Post.

A Cruise Might Be Just What We Need

Our Cleveland hosts Scotty and Linda Kopfs-tein note that one tour could be on Monday after our Business Meeting. It takes us to the Nautica Queen located at 1153 Main Ave. for a ship ride down the river and out to the lake.

Boarding begins one hour prior to cruise.

On the Nautica Queen, you'll enjoy a delicious meal while cruising along Cleveland's waterfront.

All cruises include an unlimited buffet meal, coffee, tea or iced tea, and musical entertainment.

We strongly recommend making advanced reservations as our cruise schedule is based on availability. To make your reservations, call 216.696.8888

The price Monday cruise from noon to 2 p.m. for adults (w/tax & service charge) with buffet is \$24.95 (\$29.65).

Seating is pre-assigned by the restaurant manager with tables for 8 and tables for 4. Parties may be seated together. You will be escorted to your reserved seats when you board the ship.

More details will be included in the next issue.



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