

USS ALBACORE (AGSS 569)
NEWSLETTER # 26
January 2010

Dear Shipmate,

The winter shutdown of Albacore Park began on 12 January. This is the time when various projects around the park and within the museum building and the boat get taken care of. The park will reopen on Thursday, 18 February. New light poles are in place in the parking lot. The cupola that sits atop the museum building was lifted, rotting wood removed and the cupola was reset on the roof. Leaking cupola windows have been replaced and four of the new windows can be remotely opened to release the heat that builds up inside the building in the summer.

To date, we have placed 68 memorial blocks in the Garden. Two additional blocks have been ordered for Wm. St. Lawrence and Robert Freytag. If you would like to order a block for yourself or to honor a shipmate, a form is provided at the end of this letter and also on our website. Each 4 X 8 granite block has room for three lines of up to 13 spaces per line. The engraving is highlighted in black. The cost is \$60 for a block. You can view a sampling of blocks by going to our website "ussalbacore.org", click on the "News & Events" page and then click on "Memorial Block Program." With the winter months upon us, any blocks ordered now will be held for placement until early spring. There is time to have your block prepared and placed before the May 2010 reunion.

The Albacore Reunion Committee has completed the planning phase of our next reunion. The Albacore Shipmate reunion will occur on May 21-23 in Portsmouth, NH. You all should have received a communication from Frank Lyons regarding the details and cost of the reunion. Please remember to send in your responses to Frank by the end of February so we can complete the local arrangements and get the jackets on order. If you have not received either an email or letter from Frank, you can find reunion information and the registration form on our Albacore website at "<http://ussalbacore.org>", then open the News & Events page. If you need a hard copy of the form, please contact Frank Lyons at 973-735-4439. As a reminder, the University of New Hampshire is having their graduation ceremonies the same weekend as our reunion. We recommend you make hotel accommodations as soon as possible to avoid any inconveniences. We hope you are able to make this reunion and re-connect with your shipmates.

Several area hotels have set aside blocks of rooms and offered us special reunion rates that are good only if you book before the end of March. These hotels are:

Best Western at \$105 per night per couple + 9% tax. Tele. 603-436-7600

Anchorage Inns at \$109.99 per night per couple + 9% tax. Tele. 603-431-8111

Holiday Inn Thursday & Sunday nights at \$129 + 9% tax; Friday & Saturday nights at \$149 + 9% tax per night per couple. Tele. 603-431-8000.

Shipmate Directory updates have been received for the following: John Hall's new email address is "jksahall@gmail.com". Bill Naples' new contact info is 4341 Riverview Rd #7, Peninsula, OH 44264, (330) 310-9374(H) and (216) 357-5428(W).

Bill's E-mail is unchanged. Stan Isquith has surfaced at 1448 Pawnee Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89139, "stani8@embarqmail.com", (702) 516-3940. John Conlin lives in Fleming Island, FL not Orange Park. Roy Morrow's real email address is "roy@roymorrow.com".

New additions to our Missing List of shipmates are: Agbayani, J.C. SD1; Arnold, Larry J., LT.; Berckman, W.F. EN3; Bresee, L.E. RM2; Bryn, Eugene QMC; Budge, M.S. EN3; Coulston, T.R. SN; Flynn, Frank T. SA; Friend, William EN3; Gill, R. SN; Grove, R.P. SN; Hunter, E. RM1; Ison, F.M. SD3; Jacobs, G.W. IC3; Jacobs, R.J. EN3; Jergensen, S. EMFN; Lavigne, Donald SN; Neece, David EN3; Nici, Carl EN3; Parker, B.G. EN3; Rowe, R.F. EM1; Skolrood, R.J. SN; Smith, K.E. FN; Sobek, D.A. RMSN; Steen, A.R. EM3; Swinburnson, J.A. QMSN; Waldron, Daniel STS3; Wallack, J.R. ET1; Webster, Robert FN and Welp, W.A. QMSN. If you have any information about these shipmates, please contact Jack Hunter.

If you would like to attend a Friends of Albacore meeting, the next one is scheduled for 1100 on Saturday 13 February in the museum building.

Finally, two of our shipmates encountered some rough weather this winter. "Shakey" Graves is at a rehab facility in Kittery recuperating from a severe bout of pneumonia. "Butch" Jordan is recovering at home from emergency surgery. Both are doing better and are expected to make full recoveries.

If you are receiving this newsletter via Uncle Sam's postal service, it is because we do not have an e-mail address for you. We would prefer to deliver the newsletters electronically to save on paper and stamps. So, if you have recently gotten on-line, or had a change of address, telephone number, e-mail provider or if you just have something you would like to submit for posting on the website, please pass that information along to Jack Hunter at one of the below addresses.

Until next time, shipmate.

Jack Hunter
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FRIENDS OF ALBACORE MEMORIAL BLOCK ORDER FORM

Please Print the Following

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Rate/Rank & Calendar Years Onboard: _____

Other (Nickname, position, etc.): _____

NOTE: There is room for 13 characters/spaces on each of three lines. If adjustments are required due to space limitations, we will obtain your approval before placing your order. Cost is \$60 for each block.

Your Address: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

Make check payable to "Friends of Albacore"

Mail to: Jack Hunter, 37 Namquid Drive, Middletown, RI 02842-4569