



THE SEAWEED

Publication of the
USS CHAMPLIN REUNION GROUP
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

GEORGE STYLES RESIGNS AS EDITOR OF SEAWEED, TED JOHNSON TO TAKE THE HELM,

We have been fortunate to have such wonderful Editors of the Seaweed. To follow the last two, BILL GUSTIN and GEORGE STYLES will be difficult BUT, we are willing to try.

NOW COMES THE BIG IF

We will do all the detail work if you ALL are willing to cooperate and give us your stories.

The stories used, will be those received—or some researched.

The fun of reading so often entails stories that you have been involved with, and that is what we prefer to write about.

MEN:

We are asking for the following: Stories about you, starting back on what you were doing when you decided to join the service. What are your first memo-

ries of boot camp? What was it like when you first went on board ship. What happened on board that stands out. What about your Liberties? How many years did you serve? What did you do when you got out. What are you doing now or what are your plans. These are suggestions we are interested in any part of YOUR story.

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Also

LADIES: What is your history, were you in school, dating, married, what was your life like while your "Guy" was in the Navy? What was it like after? What are you doing now? How do you compare your life with the younger women of today? What would you be willing to

share? You can also include

FAMILY MEMBERS: What are the stories your family has told you? How were your lives changed because of family members serving in the Navy?

If we are willing to do the work of the Seaweed, you have to do your share too.

Write YOUR happy, sad, crazy stories, your remembrances, the stories of your wishes and your hopes.

We hope to put out an interesting Seaweed, but we need your help. Your orders: Do it Now! This message may self destruct!

Remember how much you enjoy reading stories, it is even more fun when you read something that you had a hand in writing. We can't impress you enough, on how important it is to send in your stories.

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NOW HEAR THIS!

We are sorry to tell you that at this time we do NOT have the details for the Charleston Reunion. The Historic Embassy wanted \$210.00 per night, the Embassy Airport \$176.00, plus tax, we had them down to \$156.00 but a hospitality room \$150.00 per day plus tax of over 20%, is not financially acceptable.

Embassy advised us that October is Charleston's busiest time of the year and they are unwilling to deal. We are working with Becky Medvedeff and White Star, her contact, to see if they are able to come up with some suggestions. We will hopefully have everything lined up for publication in the next SEAWEED.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR DUES OR SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you wish to be a member or remain a member of THE CHAMPLIN REUNION GROUP, we need a check from YOU for \$15.00. This means that you will receive the SEAWEED for the next year. This also affords you the Memorial that is paid to the NAVY RELIEF in your name at the time of your passing. Also you are included in the memorial

service at the yearly reunion.

If you receive this SEAWEED and have not paid DUES—then in order to continue to receive the SEAWEED, we need a check from you for \$5.00, to cover printing and mailing of the Seaweed. Honorary Members & Widows Excepted.

PAY YOUR 2006-2007 DUES OR SUBSCRIPTIONS TODAY.

WE ASK YOU TO MAIL YOUR DUES OR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Checks to:
 CHAMPLIN REUNION GROUP

Mail the Treasurer:

NORMAN PREWITT
 2049 EASTRIDGE DRIVE
 EXCELSIOR SPINGS, MO.
 64024-2869

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 9-16-06

The annual meeting of the Champlin Reunion Group was held at 9:30am September 16th, 2006 in the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Robert Maitre in the absence of President Richard Berman at 9:35. We Pledged our Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Invocation was given by Norman Prewitt.

Those in attendance were: Max Carpenter, Jerry Estes, Lou Gilbert, Sidney Hotard, Ted Johnson, Bob Maitre, Tom Morton, Nate Lerner, Norm Prewitt, Larry Suter, Dick Valentine and Honorary Hal Medvedeff.

Secretary Prewitt read the minutes of the September 24, 2005 meeting, the minutes were accepted as read. Motion to accept Larry Suter, second Nate Lerner, approved.

Treasurer Prewitt advised as of August 30, 2006, we have a balance on hand of Two thousand nine hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,917.98)

Larry Suter, member of the auditing committee asked that the Treasurer include a check of \$80.00 to the hosts of the reunion be included to cover

added expenses, Estes motion made to increase to \$100.00, seconded by Suter and approved.

Books were audited by Nate Lerner and Larry Suter, found books to be in proper order. Audit was accepted.

Correspondence: Letter from George Styles resigning as Seaweed Editor also advising of the death of Ruth Staller; also Black, Ecklund and Tricarico unable to attend Colorado Springs.

Unfinished Business: Merger: Vice President Maitre gave a report from President Dick Berman regarding the joining of the Champlin Reunion Group with other ships. There was a good deal of discussion prior to the meeting and also during the meeting by the members in attendance. Motion made by Larry Suter against the merger, Sidney Hotard second. Unanimous.

New Business: Subject for discussion only: Associate membership, non voting member, charge of \$5.00, allowed to receive Seaweed. Making it easier for family members to be aware of news and reunions;

also allowing friends of shipmates that wish to attend reunions have the information given in the Seaweed. Associate membership to be brought up at the 2007 meeting for approval or decline.

Next Reunion: Myrtle Beach or Charleston, South Carolina? Charleston was the unanimous choice. First or second week of October is preferred. The Prewitts were asked to host, they accepted.

Seaweed: Phyllis Prewitt had advised VP Maitre that she would put out a December issue of the Seaweed. Ted Johnson volunteered to accept the editor-ship of the Seaweed for 2007.

Mini-Reunion: Larry Suter advised that he will be hosting the Mini-reunion May 15th for five days, four nights for \$220.00 per person, inc. breakfast and dinner. Hospitality 2006: Suggested that five dollars donation would help alleviate cost.

Dues of fifteen dollars are due and will be accepted following the meeting. Motion to adjourn by Larry Suter, second Tom Morton, accepted at 10:25 a.m.

Secretary.
Norman Prewitt

AIR FORCE ACADEMY and GARDEN OF THE GODS TOUR

9:00am we were on the bus. Larry our driver checked to see who would meet us. Sgt. Stoney was to meet us and take the handicapped to the Chapel, he was not in. Via telephone and help from Commander Frank Cole, Mr. Ortiz advised that he would meet us with a vehicle. The drive in was impressive. The lack of guards was a surprise. The walk to the Chapel just a bit longer than expected, but the inside of the Chapel was awe inspiring. The cross bar of the cross looked like wings. We arrived first and were seated on the right side. The 60 shipmates from the USS Prichett were seated on the left. Dr. Galema, the organist played until 10:00 am when he opened with the

Navy Hymn. In the absence of the "hoped for" Chaplin, Norman Prewitt opened with a welcome. He spoke about the USS Champlin the ribbons and medals she had received. Then spoke of the death of it's Captain, the only shipmate lost during it's tenure. Norm listed the three shipmates that had passed this year, a bell rang for each. The Prichett's shipmate listed their six mates, followed by the bell. Then Taps was played. The Honor Guard stepped forth, removed the flag from its place on the altar. They proceeded with the silent unfolding of the flag, the bell chimed, they refolded the flag and replaced it on the altar table. Norm concluded with portion of 39 Psalm, and

advised that the Memorial Service was completed. We then had to pass through a Security stop, where the Lt. Col. Becky Medvedeff's identification card passed us through. He then went to the Officer's Club for buffet lunch. Frank Cole gave a short speech thanking the men of the Champlin for saving his dad, and how much it meant to him and his mother. Then we took a tour through the Garden of the Gods, viewing the Kissing Camels, the Balancing Rock, and some of the group took a stroll among the Red Rock formations. We returned to the Embassy about 2:30 p.m. then the Hospitality Room opened for business.

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COLORFUL COLORADO TOUR

Everyone was on the bus by 9:00. Construction everywhere. Driver explained about buildings, statues, important people of the area. Then into the mountains and the Gold Camp Road. Driver explained he learned to drive on the roads fifty years ago, which helped some to relax. No

railings, one car wide roads, met a coupe of trucks, they backed up to let us through. Hairpin curves in a bus doesn't work easily. Out the left you couldn't see the road, we were that close to the edge, the call was "Lean to the right". On the way down we stopped at Helen Hunt Falls & used the Johnny stalls.

Toured the Broadmoore complex, condo's & more condos. Beautiful homes, 2 golf courses. Drove by the Olympic Complex, Manitou Springs & Santa Claus land on Pike's Peak road We arrived at the Trading Post for lunch on the veranda. Everyone shopped, some purchased. Back at 3:00. We relaxed.

George Styles has entered the name
"Captain John J. Shaffer III"
to be considered
to have a
ship named
after him.

"THE FLYING W" Western Dinner and Show

Picked up at 5 which was way too early for a dinner at 7:00, but we had a biscuit snack and did stroll through the shops. Watched the blacksmith shoe the horse, looked at the collection of cook books, tasted the array of dips for chips. Did check out the train, we rode it back in 2001. We

were seated in sections 70-71-72, not too far from the buffet. Beans, BBQ Beef or Chicken, apple sauce and Biscuits, coffee, tea or lemonade. You could have your fill, some of us could have used doggy bags for our biscuits. Oh yes forgot the carrot or spice cake for dessert.

Western tunes, good fiddler,

several guitars, and some very good singers. The jokes were corny but clean. They acknowledged all the veterans in the building. Funny skits, variety of songs. In 2001 they played only Patriotic songs. When it was time to leave, we finally found the missing wheel chair, back to the Embassy about 9:30. Hospitality

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ALWAYS DID,
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GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE ALL YEAR ROUND

THE GIFT OF PRAISE

Compliment a person right in front of him for a job well done.

THE GIFT OF CONSIDERATION

Putting yourself in the other person's shoes and trying to understand their point of view.

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE

Never forget to say THANKS, and never fail to mean it.

THE GIFT OF YOU

In joy or sorrow, nothing quite equals the giving of yourself, your personal expression.

THE GIFT OF INSPIRATION

Plant seeds of courage and strength in your friends,
Your reward will be when you see it grow.

These are gifts you can bestow throughout the year and be much richer for the giving.

