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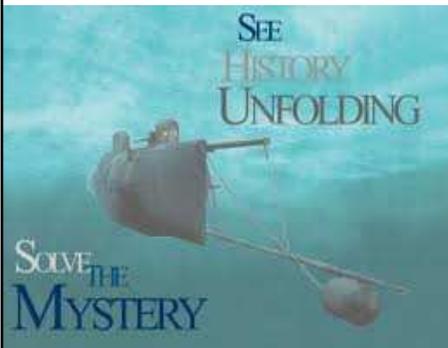
Next Stop:

Historic Charleston, South Carolina

Preparations are nearly complete for the 4th National Old Salts and Assorted Spies Reunion, **September 8 -11, 2011** in downtown Charleston's Francis Marion Hotel. Make your reservations now at www.francismarioncharleston.com or 877-756-2121. *Ask for the Old Salts and Assorted Spies reunion rate.*

Your reunion registration form is on page 7. Please fill it out and mail it in as soon as possible as interest is growing. With the reunion posted in the March issue of *Military Officer Magazine*, we're getting calls from all over! See who's currently registered for the reunion at www.os-as.com/homebase and your name will be added to the list as soon as you register.

The reunion begins Thursday afternoon with name tag and information pick-up in the hospitality suite and an opportunity to walk to the Charleston Visitor Center a couple of blocks from the hotel along with local sightseeing. The OS&AS President's Reception at 1800, includes an open bar and allows time to swap a few sea stories before dinner at one of the nearby restaurants. **See the tentative reunion agenda on page 6.**



Friday begins with a motor coach tour from the hotel to visit the first successful combat submarine, *HL Hunley* at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center. Lost at sea for more than 130 years, the *Hunley* was located in 1995 and raised in August 2000. The submarine is in essence a time capsule, holding a wide array of artifacts from the 19th century including a Union ID tag and Lt. George Dixon's \$20 dollar engraved gold coin that stopped a bullet at the Battle of Shiloh. This tour provides historical background for Saturday night's presentation at the hotel by Senator Glenn McConnell, Chairman of the *HL Hunley* Commission. As reunion participants will witness, the *Hunley*, according to Senator McConnell, "is more than a submarine ... it is a message that continues to tell us that duty, honor, and valor will endure forever." The scientific discoveries, wartime personalities and maritime archeology associated with this story are truly fascinating.

Chairmans Corner

Final planning for this year's conference is well underway. This will be another great opportunity to expand our membership and I'm confident we will have great attendance from the East Coast contingent. Having coordinated last year's event, and I'm sure Gary Ryan would confirm the hardest part is guaranteeing rooms and participation numbers. I'm sure Bill Anderson has already made some credit card and contract commitments. Registering early will give Bill great relief.

I look forward to a great event in Charleston and have a couple updates that would be worth your time. First, the continued considerations of changing the way reserves serve that will impact our folks currently active in the command. Second, I've been approached by the Wounded Warrior Project seeking volunteer help for mentorship. It turns out that many receive treatment in the Texas medical centers and end up staying. While there are plenty of mentors in the DC area they need help in Texas. It may just be the kind of community service for which members of OS&AS and even our current active reservists may want to volunteer. Just a thought.

See you all there. V/R Jim Manzelmann

Social Security Numbers Taken Off ID Cards

To protect privacy and personal identity information, your Social Security Number (SSN) is being replaced with a DoD ID Number on all ID cards.

- ★ As of June 2011, SSNs will no longer be printed on any new ID card.
- ★ SSN removal will occur in three phases.
- ★ Your new ID card will have a DoD ID Number in place of your SSN.
- ★ Your DoD ID Number will be used as the Geneva Conventions serial number.
- ★ If you are eligible for DoD benefits, there will also be a DoD Benefits Number printed on your new ID card.

Q. Who will get a new ID card?

A. All DoD ID cardholders will get a new ID card with a DoD ID Number in place of their SSN.

Q. When should I go get my new ID card?

A. Current ID cards should not be replaced until your card is within 30 days of its expiration date. If your ID card has an INDEF expiration date, and you would like your SSN removed, contact your nearest RAPIDS ID Card facility for an appointment.

Q. Will my ID be rejected without a visible SSN?

A. Your ID should not be rejected but you may be asked to verbally state your SSN or sponsor's SSN to access benefits.

Q. Will my medical provider use my DoD Benefits Number to process my claims?

A. Until all ID cards are replaced, providers may use either your SSN or DoD benefits number.

Q. Where can I get my new ID card?

A. ID cards are available at over 1,500 RAPIDS ID card centers worldwide. Visit the RAPIDS Site Locator at (www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home) to find a location near you.

Q. What should I bring?

A. Bring two forms of identification. One must be a valid (not expired) federal or state issued photo ID. Visit (www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf) for more information.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2011 – Mar. 20, 2011

OS&AS Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2011 \$6,952.29

DONATIONS/INCOME:

Contributions	\$665.00
Bank Account Interest	\$5.71
Reunion Deposit	\$0.00

TOTAL INCOME \$670.71

Total Operating Fund to Date: \$7,623.00

Expenses, Jan. 1, 2011 – Mar. 20, 2011:

Newsletter Printing	\$0.00
Postage to Mail Newsletter	\$0.00
General Postage /Postal Box	\$0.00
Other Printing & Printing Supplies	\$0.00
WEB Site	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$0.00

Ending Balance, Mar. 20, 2011 \$7,623.00

OS&AS Ship's Store Operations:

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2011 \$1,494.91

Bank Account Interest	\$2.43
Matching Donations	\$0.00
Ship's Store Sales	\$30.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$32.43

TOTAL Ship's Store to date \$1,527.34

Fund Expenses:

Ship's Store Inventory (2011)	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Sales tax	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$0.00

Ending Balance Mar. 20, 2011 \$1,527.34

- Lester A. Alfortish, Jr. Treasurer

Decision to Make — Made

Mike Winkler is still considering the 2011 reunion. "Should Shirley and I go to Germany - again—or to Charleston in September?"

Think they might have containers this big in Charleston?

Hmmm Better find out so we will be there!?"



VP Thoughts

What have Bill and Ronda been up to in recent months, other than the farm? Well, some fishing at the new farm. Like being a kid again.



Turkeys feasting under the bird feeders.



"Catch of the Day"

A critter CAM for Christmas has been interesting in capturing photos of some inhabitants around the Georgetown land.

Then our 6th wedding anniversary with a wonderful evening at the Steiner Ranch Steakhouse overlooking Lake Travis west of Austin. Some really beautiful romantic sunsets there.



Happy Anniversary 2011



Jordan, our next generation Patriot.

After some work down at the Sweeny farm brought spring break and Jordan, one of Ronda's grandsons, for most of the week in Georgetown. A refresh in gun safety and range safety made for part of one day of shooting. After some initial rounds and aiming and shooting technique instructions he soon zeroed in on the bull's eye.

Immediately after this week was time for our first trip of the year. Departed Georgetown for a four thousand mile trek to PA, VA, IN and back. Took furniture to Ronda's son in PA, then to VA to see my 2 year old granddaughter and family, where we also picked up antique furniture pieces to take to Ronda's sister in IN. One of the days in VA was a visit to the Norfolk zoo with granddaughter. We got our exercise keeping up with her.



Grampa with Nathalie at the zoo.

A couple of days in IN with Ronda's family then back home to the real world. Returning to Georgetown brought reconciliation. After years of putting it off, I finally had some surgery on the left foot (Achilles). So now, significant un-productivity for many weeks. However, I will be fully restored for Charleston. See you all there.

Bill Kelberlau

Next Stop: Historic Charleston, SC

The second tour Saturday afternoon takes the reunion to the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum and the Medal of Honor Museum aboard the *USS Yorktown* on the other side of Charleston Harbor. For those who toured the *USS Midway* CV-41



USS Yorktown CV-10

(1945-1992) during our last reunion in San Diego, the *USS Yorktown* CV-10 (1943-1970) is the famous "Fighting Lady" from the WWII era. The 10th aircraft carrier to serve in the Navy, she began life as the *Bon Homme Richard* on 01 December 1941 & was renamed in honor of the first aircraft carrier *Yorktown* (CV-5) lost in the epic Battle of Midway in June 1942.

Although the flight deck holds Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War era aircraft, the focus of the Maritime Museum is on World War II. Pilots and crew delivered punishing blows in the capture of the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa with airplanes displayed on the hangar deck. Kill ratios of some of these WWII planes (e.g. F6F "Hellcat") are incredible! In December, 1968, the *Yorktown* recovered the crew of the Apollo--the first manned spacecraft to circle the moon.

Experience the Navy flight simulator on the *Yorktown's* hanger deck as it lets you see what it's like to maneuver an F/A-18—launching, combat scenarios and landing on a moving deck. In addition, the Patriots Point Maritime Museum includes the *USS Clamagore*, the last remaining Guppy class submarine and the nation's only full-sized replica of a U.S. Naval Vietnam support base camp.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY



MARCH 25TH, 2011

The *Yorktown* has the unique privilege of serving as the national headquarters to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, located adjacent to the Medal of Honor Museum. Visiting the interactive museum on the hangar deck is a humbling experience as it describes in vivid detail the eight wartime eras of the Medal of Honor in our nation's history, beginning in 1861 when President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill that created the first (Navy) Medal of Honor. Recipients include such well-known heroes as Audie Murphy, Sergeant Alvin York and Jimmie Doolittle.

In addition to the two scheduled tours, time is available to enjoy reunion camaraderie in the hotel's hospitality suite, stroll King Street shops and

boutiques, take a horse drawn carriage tour, visit Fort Sumter, the South Carolina Aquarium, tour ante-bellum homes, take a walking tour along the Battery and dine in the numerous nearby restaurants—whether southern seafood or eclectic international cuisine. Bottom line: there's really too much to do in too little time, so the Charleston reunion hosts will provide concierge assistance for your desired activities.

Named for General Francis Marion, "Swamp Fox" of the American Revolution, the 12 story hotel is located adjacent to Marion Square, 387 King Street, with museums, antique shops, restaurants and historic homes all within an easy walk. OS&AS's reunion Bridgeview hospitality suite is on the 12th floor and overlooks Charleston's historic church steeples and harbor.

Free Dash trolleys pick up visitors at the corner of the Francis Marion Hotel and take you anywhere on peninsular Charleston. We will have a list of recommended restaurants within walking distance and others accessible by Dash trolleys. The Charleston area has, many say, more exceptional restaurants per block than any destination in the world.

Visit Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website www.explorecharleston.com and view the videos for reunion preparatory intel and an overview of the many opportunities available, whether dining, shopping, touring or relaxing.



Golf at Kiawah Island

Want to play golf? There are numerous possibilities as golf is a revered pastime along the South Carolina Coast. The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island will be the site of the 2010 PGA Championship. Plan ahead. Develop your own golf excursion at www.charlestongolfguide.com or call 800-774-4444 .

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Airline connections: Southwest is now flying into Charleston seven flights/day via four non-stop airports: Baltimore/Washington (BWI), Chicago (Midway), Houston (Hobby) and Nashville (BNA) with connections to 62 other cities. The addition of this highly reputable low cost carrier is expected to depress ticket prices into Charleston by other airlines as well. Make your Southwest reservations at www.southwest.com.

Airport Transportation: Standard cab fare from Charleston International Airport to the Francis Marion Hotel (12 miles) is \$26 (www.chs-airport.com/taxi.htm). Recommended transportation is suggested through Mitch's Limo Service (843-270-690) or Black Cab Company (843-216-2627; con-eriege@charlestonblackcabcompany.com) and should be arranged in advance for usually lower rates. Charleston's Airport has the standard rental car companies www.chs-airport.com/rentalcars.htm. Hotel parking at the Francis Marion is \$12/day.

Sound like a good time?

Wait until you get here!

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CAPT Nadel's Employer Excels

Marshall Nadel, CPCU/Managing Director, Aon Global Power Specialty, announces Aon's accomplishment of winning more risk & insurance power broker awards than any other firm.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Aon-Wins-More-Risk-Insurance-prnews-3614761737.html?x=0>

Marshall is pictured from the balcony of their second home in San Diego, where a celebration is in order.



Best wishes to all my former spy friends.

Marshall Nadel
CAPT, USNR (Ret)
(from RIA 6 Area)

FINAL ORDERS

★ Barbara Joan Mishler, YNC, USN (Ret)

1942 - 2011

Mrs. Barbara Joan Mishler left this world and all the illness behind her at her home in Holiday Island, Arkansas. Barbara was born in Leadville, Colorado to her parents Richard and Mable Curnutte. Barbara served her country faithfully in the United States Navy. She worked in the administrative and bookkeeping industry for many years. In 2003 she was ordained as a Messianic Jewish Pastor which she held very dear. Barbara enjoyed reading, sewing and studying Gods word. She is survived by her husband: Wayne Mishler, 1 son: Arthur W. Mishler, 1 daughter: Renee Saladin, her mother, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 2 grandchildren and a host of longtime friends, neighbors and congregational family. She had a private burial at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma.

I had been in loose contact with Barbara since she retired, even spending a weekend in her home in Arkansas shortly after she and Wayne moved there after her Navy retirement. Barbara was as sweet a woman as I've ever met, full of life and full of love for everyone around her. I'll miss her, for sure.

- CAPT Joe Reid Scott

★ CAPT Max Allen Hair, USN (Ret)

December 21, 2010

I regret to report to you that Max died Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. As some of you know, Max's wife, Jeanne, kept me updated on Max's condition. According to her, Max had 4 major heart medical procedures since October and was scheduled for another. However, due to a fungus infection, his doctors were unable to operate. He died of congestive heart failure there at the hospital. His funeral services were conducted on Monday, December 27, 2010 in Savannah, GA at the Fairhaven Funeral Home.

- Bill Hoyle

★ CAPT Richard D. Clark USN (Ret)

1940-2010



Inurnment will be at the Columbarium, **Arlington National Cemetery**, on May 6, 2011. Full honors will include a band, six body bearers, bugler, caisson, escort, and firing party. Service will begin at 1100 in the Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer. Arlington requests that attendees be at the chapel at 1030 with transportation, as you will have to drive from the Chapel to the Columbarium. (All vehicles without DoD decals must enter through Joint-Base Myer-Henderson Hall Hatfield, Wright, or Henderson Hall gates. Proper identification includes government-issued photo ID/valid driver license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. Be sure to obtain a pass that allows you to return through the same gate back to Fort Myer for the reception at the Officers Club, 214 Jackson Ave., 1230-1500.)

For additional information: www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/funeral-information/guide The service for CAPT Richard D. Clark, USN, will appear on Arlington's website after May 2, 2011.

Tentative Old Salts & Assorted Spies Reunion Agenda

Final agenda will be in registration packet

(times subject to change)

Thursday, September 8, 2011

- 1400 – 2100 – Reunion Registration in Francis Marion Bridgeview Hospitality Suite (12th floor)
Visit the Charleston Area Visitors Center, 375 Meeting Street
Afternoon sightseeing opportunities
- 1800 -1900 - OS&AS President's Reception – Open Bar – Bridgeview Hospitality Suite
- 1900 – Dinner in downtown Charleston

Friday, September 9, 2011

- 0730 - Reunion Registration in Hospitality Room
- 0845 – Meet passenger coach in front of Hotel
- 0900 - Enroute to Warren Lasch Conservation Laboratory
- 0930 - *HL Hunley* site visit
- 1130 – Arrive Francis Marion Hotel
- *Afternoon & evening sightseeing opportunities

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 0800 – Breakfast Buffet – Francis Marion Hotel
- 0900 – OS&AS Business Meeting
- 1345 – Meet passenger coach in front of Hotel
- 1400 – Enroute to Medal of Honor and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point
- 1630 – Arrive Francis Marion Hotel
- 1800 – Cash Bar – Francis Marion Hotel
- 1830 – Old Salts and Assorted Spies Reunion Dinner with Senator Glenn McConnell,
Chairman HL Hunley Foundation

Sunday, September 11, 2011

- Morning and afternoon sightseeing opportunities
- 0900 – Optional memorial service observing 10th Year Anniversary of 9/11-Cathedral Church of
St. Luke and St. Paul (two blocks from hotel)

4th National "Old Salts and Assorted Spies" Reunion Registration Form

Experience "Holy City Hospitality" in downtown Charleston, South Carolina

Name: _____ Rank/Rate/Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

RIA or NRIC/NRIP Staff retired from: _____ Year of retirement: _____

Name of Spouse/Companion/Guests attending:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Notes: (1) Each person attending the reunion must pay the registration fee. The fee will be used to pay for reunion incidental costs. (2) Each person attending the business meeting must pay for the meeting's breakfast.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># People</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sep 8	Registration (Bridgeview Hospitality Suite)	1400 – 2100	\$35	_____	_____
<i>Friday</i>					
Sep 9	<u>HL Hunley</u> Tour	0900 – 1145	\$30*	_____	_____
<i>Saturday</i>					
Sep 10	Business Meeting Breakfast	0800 – 0900	\$15	_____	_____
Sep 10	Medal of Honor & Maritime Museum Tour- <u>USS Yorktown</u>	1400 - 1630	\$30*	_____	_____
Sep 10	Evening OS&AS Reunion Dinner in Francis Marion Hotel	1830	\$45	_____	_____
	<i>*Transportation cost included</i>				

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Registration instructions:

Complete this form and enclose total amount due
 Make check payable to: **Old Salts & Assorted Spies**
 Mail Registration form and check to:
Bill Anderson,
1315 Martins Point Road
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

Registration form and check must be received by August 1, 2011

You are encouraged to stay at the Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston as the passenger coaches will embark/debark for tours in front of the hotel. A special rate of \$139.00 per night, per room, has been negotiated. Call the hotel and register, requesting the "Old Salts & Assorted Spies" reunion rate. Make your own reservation prior to August 8, 2011. 877-756-2121; www.francismarionhotel.com



Update from Retired Intel in Baghdad

Things are really moving out in our advisory effort now, We have a big intelligence planning meeting tomorrow with high level command staff from the U.S. and high level command staff from the national intelligence authority - I think I am ready to brief. My team has pulled some good training and advisory material together, and we are going to move out with the Iraqi's and get this done.

The Federal Police have been listening in our meetings, taken our advice, and have turned in some significantly improved and valid plans. And, they want to work with us some more, to improve even further. Another (not to be named) directorate is just not going with the planning program. Oh, well, nobody said it would be easy.

I gave my Iraqi senior leader counterparts "recognition" coins from the Clearinghouse, my old intelligence center in L.A., and they were very appreciative. I told them it was presented in appreciation for their leadership in police planning, especially intelligence planning, and they were pleased.

The State Department is moving in, I have briefed the 2 senior leaders from the U.S. State Department, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement program (also know as "INL") and they appreciate the strategic planning effort that we have underway. They take Command 1 October of this year, and will spend the time between now and then moving into the job. The State Department takes over for the Defense Department on 1 Oct., in total.

Now, on to camp life -

The really nice Romanian woman who ran the laundry, and who knew everybody's name and last 4 of their serial number (and I mean everybody's!) has been promoted and move to another base in the country. We will all miss her and her smile, friendly greeting, good music in the laundry, etc. They threw her a going away party, and the people who have been here for years say it was the biggest one they had ever seen, bigger than the parties for Generals and Admirals, etc. It's the little things, believe me, that make life livable here! (But, sad as we were to see her go, they barbecued some GREAT RIBS for that event. I had heartburn for days, and it was just fine! I miss TEXAS!)

Last Wednesday, there was another prison riot just over the fence, must have been no more that about 30 yards from where I stood. The gunfire broke out and lasted for 4-5 minutes. Had to be hundreds of shots fired. As usual, no briefing was broadcast, but the word got out. I ducked to avoid strays and ricochets!

We have just not heard any close attacks lately, thank God! Although I am told there was one about a week and a half ago, I think I slept through it. Attacks on other bases, some injuries, some damage, etc. But overall the attack rate has lowered.

There is no Minister of Interior. The new Prime Minister, seated after a very contentious election, has been slow to name the ministers of interior and defense. Some of us are of the opinion that he is waiting until after the Arab League Summit, which is tentatively scheduled for Baghdad in mid-May we may be the reason. We think after he installs those leaders, it will tick somebody off, and they'll start a new vote, this one

with bombs and guns. That could cause havoc with the leaders that show up from those peaceful, quiet, non-violent Arab nations..... oh, wait, I was dreaming. We are all wondering just which Arab leader is gonna' feel safe leaving home to go to Iraq for a few days and then return? How many of them might not be able to return, much less even get out of their country safely. Big problems out there folks!

On a lighter note, they have renewed the supply of "Frosted Mini-Wheats" for breakfast, so I'm a happy camper!

And, it rained yesterday, all day, then stopped. Beautiful day today, even made it over to the Ministry of Interior and back without stepping in any big puddles! It's the little things!

More as it develops!

Your Friend and Family member,
- Michael A. Barnes



Christmas Eve Greetings

A few musings on a Christmas eve in a far-away land that recognizes Christ as a prophet but does not celebrate Christmas.

Forward Operating Base JSS Shield is a small base, as I have told. It is a close knit community, so there were a lot of exchanges of seasons greetings, and I had dinner with a couple of friends in the chow hall. BIG meal is tomorrow, with ham, turkey, probably prime rib, and all the fixins except cranberry sauce, which I love.

BUT, after dinner I discovered that there is a Santa, and he arrived tonight in the form of a big connex (shipping container) box full of mail for the base! So, at mail call, under the Christmas trailer I was blessed with 3 boxes, one of which contained cranberry sauce! So it's Christmas dinner, with "bring your own" cranberry sauce! It's the little things. (Thanks Santa Karen and Santa's elf Robin)

The most touching thing, for me, was when the ITAM Police Command Sergeant Major passed out a Christmas card to each of us, from the residents of a senior citizens retirement home, individually signed, sent for the troops, but no return address so no thanks expected. It sits on my desk and reminds me of just how much one little Christmas card can mean on such a special holiday in a far away land.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!
- Michael A. Barnes

CDR Felps is Retired-Working

The E-mail newsletter form makes sense to me. No postage required. I enjoy seeing the get-togethers. I had the impression that your organization thought that I was USNR. I am a retired USN 1630 with 10 years of sea duty, mostly aboard the carriers, starting with USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS ESSEX, USS RANDOLPH, USS AMERICA, USS INDEPENDENCE, USS CORAL SEA, USS VINSON. These ships were assigned tours.

When I retired, I had been aboard all of the afloat carriers at that time...1985. No brag, that's just the way it was. Started with OCS, then flight school, then to VS-32 aboard USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS ESSEX, & USS RANDOLPH; FICEUR.; USS AMERICA; COMNAVAIRLANT; USS INDEPENDENCE; DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COLLEGE (instructor); COMCARGRUONE; COMNAVELEX RETIRED.

In civilian life after the USN included 17 years Aircraft Program Manager with E-SYSTEMS, RAYTHEON, & L-3 COMMS, and another 2.5 years as a Greenville HS science teacher. Retired, retired, retired. Board of Adjustments, Planning and Zoning Commission for 17 years ... and still at it.

Regards,
Douglas Felps, CDR USN (Ret).

MOAA recommends you get a new military ID card at age 65. Technically, it's not required, but it might save you some unnecessary grief .

ID cards for retired service members have an "indefinite" expiration date on the front of the card. On the back of the card is an expiration date for medical benefits that expires the month before your 65th birthday. While your entitlement and access to medical benefits do not end after the expiration date, it could cause problems if you don't update your card.

In this fast-paced, ever-changing world, military ID cards have undergone several updates, photos get old, and some service providers don't understand the date on the back doesn't mean the card has expired. People aren't ID card experts. An expired date means one thing to most: game over. Save yourself the potential grief by getting a new card.

Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF-RET., CFP Benefits Info & Financial Education

News from the Alexanders

This is my son, Nathan Alexander, on cruise last summer with the California Maritime Academy onboard their training ship Golden Bear.

Nate is the closely cropped, hatless individual, in the jacket, and wearing the large sunglasses. This photo was taken as the ship prepared to man the rails for entry into Busan (formerly Pusan), Korea. Nate is a third class cadet in the Marine Engineering Technology Department. He is, also, a USMC officer candidate who has orders to OCS at Quantico, VA this upcoming May 20th.

This is the vessel Kanaloa, (photo below) shown before her re-fit, now underway at Port Townsend, WA. The Alexanders are proud owners of a very small portion of this vessel and look forward to sailing her this summer in the Puget Sound area. To prepare for this sailing trip, Richard has taken courses and passed his USCG tests for a

license as a skipper, with more courses and tests to become a licensed Master of 100 ton vessels on inland waters. Although the president and congress can appoint a person as a Captain, USN, only the USCG can license one as a captain, a task the Coast Guard carries out vigorously.

Thanks and looking forward to Charleston in September.

w/r, Richard Alexander



Warrens Sail South

Steve and Debbi Warren spent a month over Christmas and New Years cruising South America from Santiago, Chile to Antarctica. "Then we went up the eastern coast to Buenos Aires, Argentina, meeting unusual creatures and seeing magnificent sights. If you haven't sailed that far south, we highly recommend



An unusual creature



Debbi & Steve Warren enjoying the Antarctic

From the President

Greetings Intelligence professionals. It is a comfortable feeling to reflect on what a wonderful country the U.S.A. is. Regardless of the many differences we share, we still have opportunities that are not available in most other countries. After the earthquake and tsunami in Japan we saw many disaster aides proudly wearing U.S. flags and insignia. That has been a horrible disaster that will continue to have worldwide consequences for a long time. Thanks for the help to all those who render aide across the world. I pray for positive results for the latest U.N. "No Fly" orders, which is to be led by France but it seems apparent that the U.S. military will continue to provide more action than any other country. We also are unsure of the future leadership of countries like Libya who may be heavily influenced by terrorist organizations rather than peaceful groups.

Jan and I enjoyed a week at Playa del Carmen in January and a week in Aruba in February. Both were great escapes from our unusually cold weather in Texas. Both trips were very nice but we preferred Aruba. Beautiful weather every day; extremely friendly people; good food and language that is a mix of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, and mixed with street slang called Papiemento; resulting in unique communications and customs. We could also drink the water in Aruba. Aruba has the second largest desalination plant in the world. The three products they manufacture and export are water, aloe vera and beer.

We both have been busy with church, community and family activities. A sauce and roux company with which we have been shareholders since incorporation in 1991, and I have been a board member for several years, was successfully sold to a large Irish company resulting in one less board of directors job for me and a wonderful business success. However the largest local bank elected me to serve on their board of directors which has kept me pretty busy. The banking industry, similar to military and medical, have acronyms, federal regulations and oversight that are a challenge to learn when you are new to the business.

Jan had surgery to fuse three vertebrae in her neck a few weeks ago and the hip and leg pain from her bone donor site has been pretty severe. She plans to be feeling great to go to Charleston in September. We have sent in our registration and made airline reservations. Since we haven't visited Charleston, we plan to stay some extra time as tourists after which we have a Kenyan safari and a trip to Hawaii planned. We look forward to seeing everyone in Charleston and encourage attendance. For those who have not attended one of our reunions this is an opportunity to enjoy time with old and new friends.

Thanks very much to all who have generously contributed funds to OS&AS. As you all know the future of our organization depends upon the support from our members. According to our financial reports, which are closely monitored by Lester

Alfortish, OS&AS is financially sound as we approach our next reunion. To date we have not implemented membership dues or fees because of the strong support we continue to receive through donations. That speaks well for you stellar Intelligence professionals who provide support.

The board has had email discussions about the advantages/disadvantages of incorporating OS&AS as a nonprofit organization. To date we seem to not have enough reason to make that change. The most mentioned question topic was that it might allow some tax advantages for board members who travel to meetings. If any of you have topics you would like to have included in our next business meeting in Charleston please send appropriate information to any of our board members. Realize however that this meeting will be the first for Bill Kerberlau as president and we don't want him to take the hit for a long business meeting. The objective of our reunions is to have fun.

There was a very positive review in the Dallas Morning News, 20 March 2011, of the Kokopelli B&B in Farmington, N.M. owned by Bruce and Margie Black. Congratulations!

God Bless America

Pat Merrill

Martinez Sees New Camo in Action

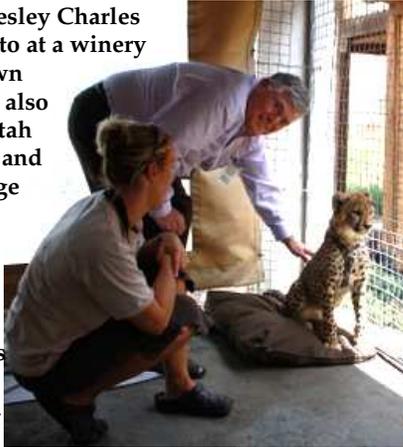


CAPT Rick Martinez, always a guy for details, spotted this demonstration of the practicality of the new Navy camo uniforms. "I've not been too enamored by the new working uniform. Its camo, but camo for what? Now I know."

Charleses See South Africa



Cheryl and Wesley Charles pose for a photo at a winery near Cape Town last fall. They also visited a Cheetah rescue facility and were in the cage petting the cheetahs.



"We came upon a couple of lions in Kruger National Park, only about 15 feet from our jeep."

- Wesley W. Charles

I was in Las Vegas for a conference in Feb. & had dinner with Anna Mae Clark and Russ & Carol Dyer. We had a delicious dinner and told lies about how great things were in the good old days. We talked about many of you who weren't there, and if we couldn't think of anything to say we just made up something. Overall a great evening. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Charleston where you will have an opportunity to refute the falsehoods we may have spread.

- Bill Craig

Lela and I also visited Anna Mae Clark, just a few days after Bill Craig, and we also had dinner with Russ and Carol Dyer. We spent the whole evening talking about Bill Craig and have a picture at Anna Mae's. Bill's the character looking over our shoulders. At least that's how many of us undergoing Bill's thorough staff inspections remember him.

- Tim Kathka



Front (l-r) Russ & Carol Dyer, Anna Mae Clark, Lela & Tim Kathka. Back center: Bill Craig

CNIRC Transition Update

I'm sure that many of you are curious to hear where we are in the process to disestablish the command and establish an RC Information Dominance Corps (IDC). I want to start out by saying that the one constant around here is change. So what I relay to you today may very well change next month.

For those who don't know, the IDC is comprised of the following communities, Intelligence (1830's and IS's), Information Warfare (1810's and CT's), Information Professional (1820's and IT's), Space Cadre (Unrestricted Line Officers with special skills in the Space Domain), and METOC or Meteorology/Oceanography (1800's and AG's). These domains, with the exception of METOC, all fall under the IDC Type Commander (TYCOM), Navy Cyber Forces for man, train, and equip purposes.

In order to change/disestablish a command, an Official Change Request (OCR) must be submitted and in our case, requires 3-star approval. Navy Network Warfare Group's (what most of you remember as NAVY Security Group) submitted their OCR to disestablish as a command a couple of months ago. That OCR is progressing through the chop chain and will most likely be approved leading to their decommissioning in September 2011.

CNIRC's OCR is a different matter and it is currently held up at the OP-NAV level. Part of the issue is that our OCR is not as cut and dry as NNWG's and we are asking for some unique changes. The intent of our OCR is to disestablish as a command and reestablish two activities, Information Dominance Corps RC Fort Worth and Information Dominance Corps RC TYCOM Support (Norfolk, VA). The heads of those two entities are still to be determined. Both activities will fall under the operational control of the TYCOM while being under administrative control of Commander Navy Reserve Force. If approved, the span of control will grow from supporting approximately 4,000 RC intel reservists, AC/FTS officers and enlisted, and civilians to supporting over 6300 RC IDC reservists, et. al. We will also transition to six regions from the current number of eight. This means that we will eliminate Fort Worth, TX and Fort Dix, NJ as regions and will be left with: Bangor, WA; San Diego, CA; Great Lakes, IL; Jacksonville, FL; Norfolk, VA; and Washington DC. Because we have Navy production facilities at San Diego, Millington, Detroit, New Orleans, Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Denver, and Minneapolis, we will maintain a presence (Det) at locations that are not already designated regional HQ's. The goal is to have this approved and in place by 30 Sep 2011. Further, the goal is to eventually transition the Information Dominance Corps RC Fort Worth activity into the Information Dominance Corps RC TYCOM Support activity. It will most likely be a few years before this will be accomplished due to budget constraints.

As you can see, there are many moving parts to this transition. A successful transition to this organization model will bring us closer to the "prominence and dominance" in the information warfare domain that VADM Dorsett envisions. Further, it better aligns the RC IDC with the TYCOM. The goal of course is to do this smartly in order to "do no harm" so that we can continue to provide the outstanding operational support that we have been known for since standing up as a command in 1988.

I must admit that right now, we still have a picture made of sand and the winds continue to shift from time to time. I hope to provide you all with another update and a clearer picture very soon.

CAPT Mike Kautz – Deputy Commander
Navy Intelligence Reserve Command

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