



# Leaky Weeks Almanac

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Dear Weeks Shipmates and Friends

First, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year! Our destination for 2010 will be Providence Rhode Island. After considering several factors, we concluded that the Southern New England area would give us the best bang for our buck. When I looked at this area last year, the prices of rooms were \$109 per night, this year we were able to get rooms at the same hotel (Crowne Plaza, Warwick) for \$99 per night and that includes a hot breakfast buffet. I received several excellent referrals from other military associations that held their reunion at this hotel. From everything that I could get my hands on showed that this hotel has an outstanding reputation and a good working relationship with reunion groups. If you go to our website under this year's reunion there is a link to the hotel. In this newsletter you will find forms for signing up for this year's reunion. In addition, forms can be found at our website.



When we put together the type of tours, we try to include something for everyone. For example, there are two tours of the Newport area, one covers Newport City plus the Newport Naval base, the other is tour of the Newport City; but also includes a tour of a mansion along Millionaires' Mile. We also scheduled a tour of Battle Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts which has the largest collection of historic naval ships. If you enjoy Casinos, there is a trip scheduled for Foxwoods. Like I stated in the pass, the number of tours you take is up to you! If you would rather do something else that's up to you.

To help make this reunion a success, we are looking for volunteers to help out. It won't require a lot of time or work if we get several people to participate. We will need people to setup and take down the memorabilia in the hospitality room, man the check-in table for a short time on Monday or Tuesday, help out at our business meeting on Thursday morning, and take pictures for the website and newsletter. By doing some of the minor work ourselves we can hold down our registration fees to our attendees. More information will follow on the web and in the next newsletter.

Since the beginning of our associations back in 1986, we have had twenty-two reunions throughout the United States; the last being in Charleston, SC. So far our reunions have been enjoyable and fun for everyone. There are things for everyone to do, not just shipmates. The wives or friends are important part of association and have been helpful in making these yearly events successful. If you are new to our Association, and want to meet a great group of people; give it a shot and come to this year's reunion! Also, if you want to learn more about our reunion, visit our website and look at the reunion section.

I received an email from our Treasurer, Bruce Neidemire who is on vacation in sunny Puerto Rico; to remind our members to send in their dues for 2010. Currently our dues are \$25 per year which was voted in by our members in 2008. Our policy is same as it has always been, if a member cannot afford to pay dues, just let Bruce know so that it can be waived in order to keep your membership active. All monies should be sent directly to Bruce, made out to the USS John W Weeks Association; his address is on the last page of the newsletter. Your dues support the newsletter, website and functions that further the work of our Association.

In the meantime, if there are concerns or if you just have questions; feel free to contact me or other members of our committee. I'll keep you informed of the business of the association by means of the newsletters and our website.

Thanks again for your support,

Len Budzynski

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## Attention!

**Please make sure that we have your correct home address! If you moved please let me know. If your newsletter is returned, your name will be removed from our mailing list until you contact us.**

**If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, contact me.**

**Also, if you have an email address, or you changed your email address, please update us with this information.**

**If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, let me know!**



## Operation Strike Back - Feedback

*I received several good recollections of operation Strike Back that appeared in our October 2009 newsletter. If anyone else remembers this operation, I would like to hear from you. If you lost your copy, it is posted on our website.*

### Joe Mahar

Reference Oct. 2009 issue. I was on the Weeks from Jan 1957 until March of 1959. I remember the Operation Strike Back. We took a better than 60 degree roll in the Irish Sea, lost engines for a short time. a 2nd class MM who was taking the 1st class test on the mess decks left his test and got to the engine room and helped reestablish power. We also lost an anchor in Dundee, Scotland.

### Tom Wilson

We lost the anchor because there was a mix-up in the length of anchor chain. One anchor had longer chain than the other one. As the anchor was being let out they realized, too late to stop, that the shorter chain was at play. Ergo, the anchor and chain are, I imagine, still resting at the bottom of the Firth of Clyde, off Dundee. Capt. Lovejoy, at one of our reunions, told me that an admiral gave him some grief over the incident.

### Nick Guerrera

I read the newsletter story about the NATO cruise in '57. I remember parts of it very well. I'll tell you a story re: the Wasp. We had a Chief EM I don't remember his last name but I think his first name was "Jack" because we called him "Smilin' Jack". He had a very nervous twitch and was very nervous. He said it was from some kind of welding accident-the flash got him or something. He was a nice guy and smiled a lot (hence his nickname). Anyway, when he heard we were operating with the Wasp he was very upset. It seems that the Wasp hit at least one (maybe two) "cans" and one collision resulted in the death(s) of his old shipmate(s). He was scared to death of the Wasp. He called it the "can opener". When he heard of the near miss he was mortified. Really scared and he scared us. I think Ltjg. Brock was the O.D. and he saved the ship (and us) by taking evasive action at the last minute-we heard. I also remember Liberty in Scotland and Cherbourg France. We all had a 3 day "basket leave". I used to "stand by" for the married guys when in Norfolk and one or two of them offered to give me their "basket leave" so I could go to Paris and London. Our Division officer (Mr. Bennett) said this wasn't possible so I chose Paris over London; I think this was the way it went.

I remember the Russian trawlers cutting in and out between our ships. They were "ratty" looking but had all types of antennas and radar gear on them. I didn't know the Nautilus was there. It seems that the Iowa was with us also. I remember we went close to Norway and could see it in the distance-that's as close to a "Northern Europe cruise" that we got (always heard they were great).

I hope I got these facts straight. I may have mixed them up but I don't think so. We anchored in the Firth of Forth I think in Scotland. I seem to remember the name Dunedin and always thought that was the town.

## Officers Early Fifties - Feedback



*I would like to thank Jack Joyce , Hayes Kennedy, and Ed O'Neill for helping me identify the officers in the October 2009 newsletter.*

### Standing From Left to Right

ENS Barry Cruickshank; LTJG William Sheldon;  
LTJG Tom Lane; LTJG Charlie Brown; ENS Berndt ;  
LTJG Lloyd Brassaw

### Seated from Left to Right

LT Gene Drabent; LT Pete Olenick; CDR Milty Morgan;  
LT Claude Tyler; LT Bayless; LT Lee Stickler

## Navy Terms and Trivia - For more trivia see [www.goatlocker.org](http://www.goatlocker.org)

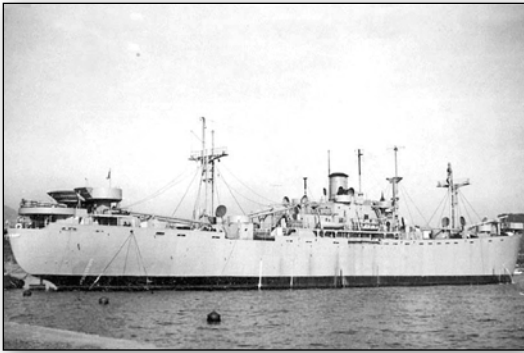
**Ahoy** - This old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry.

**Between the Devil and the Deep** - In wooden ships, the "devil" was the longest seam of the ship. It ran from the bow to the stern. When at sea and the "devil" had to be caulked, the sailor sat in a bo'sun's chair to do so. He was suspended between the "devil" and the sea -- the "deep" -- a very precarious position, especially when the ship was underway.





## Did you know that there was another ship named John W Weeks?



Every so often I get an email from someone that discovers our website and tells me about their father or grandfather who served on a ship named the John W Weeks. And the person will tell me that there were army troops on the ship crossing the Pacific during WWII. I thought that was strange since I didn't recall hearing anything from our WWII shipmates about carrying troops and I couldn't find anything in the ship's logs for that time period. I did a search and found that a Self-propelled Barracks Ship was laid down, 9 December 1942, as SS John W. Weeks and launched, 2 January 1943. It was delivered to the War Shipping Administration for operation under contract to the US Army Transportation Service. The ship was acquired by the US Navy in 1951 and placed in service as DuPage (APB-51). Later it was placed out of service (date unknown) and returned to the Maritime Administration for disposal. Final disposition, scrapped in 1959 period.

## Does anyone remember this accident in the fifties from Paul Hutko?

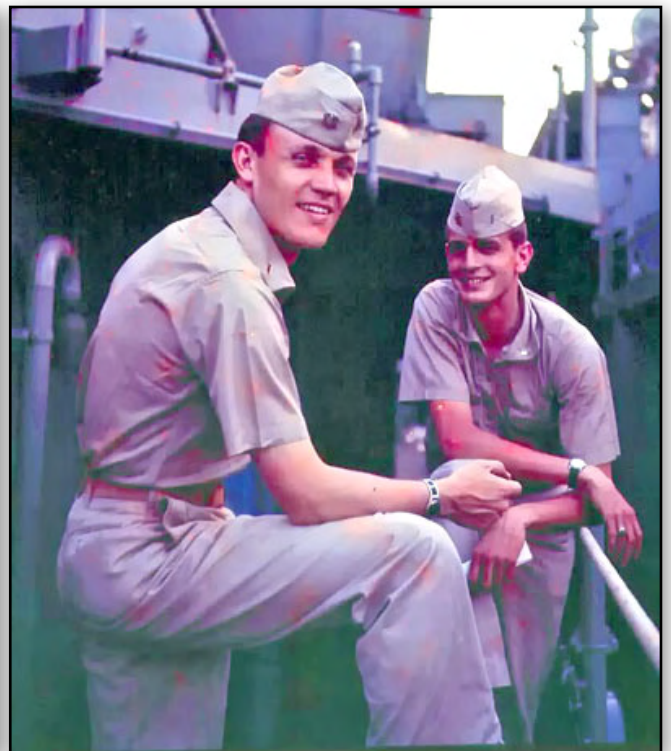
Does anyone recall the death by electrocution of a shipmate while showing a movie in the officer's quarters in 1953 during a shake-down cruise in the Caribbean? If I remember correctly the shipmate's name who was electrocuted was Eggelston. A few weeks later we were notified that a similar event took place on one of our sister ships. Does anyone remember when this event took place and who was involved? I would appreciate it. Paul Hutko can be contacted at [Phutko@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Phutko@twcny.rr.com)

**From the late fifties - Pictures submitted by Bob Nida; Bob was a LTJG aboard the Weeks.**

*Weeks in Massawa 1958*



*LTJG Parnell and LTJG Charlie Wilson 1958*



## New Members

A Kirven Addison	MM2	44	Thomas B Mayo	STG2	67 - 68
Robert Arnold	MM2	68 - 70	John W Miller	BMSN	59 - 62
Larry O Blakeley	SHB3	62 - 64	George Moreland	RM3	67 - 68
James A Cole	SN	60 - 62	Robert Nida	LTJG	57 - 59
Paul Hutko	PN2	53	Frank Scarlata	ETR3	68 - 69
James M Johnson	RD2	54 - 57	William G Stuart	MM3	56 - 58
Edward D Kahler	ETN3	65 - 66	Jim Wiley	EN3	65 - 66



## USS JOHN W. WEEKS REUNION

### Southern New England

### October 11<sup>th</sup>– 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

#### Welcome to Southern New England

Southern New England is one of the most picturesque areas of the United States. The northeast area is abounding with culture, natural beauty and incredible history. Situated in the heart of Southern New England, you will find yourself close to some of the most popular and interesting sites in this part of the country. For those of you who choose to arrive early, consider spending the day at the *Foxwoods Resort & Casino*, the largest casino in the world. Reunion tours begin on Tuesday with a trip to *Battleship Cove*; home to the country's most complete collection of WWII fighting ships. Wednesday, there will be a day trip to Newport, Rhode Island where you will have the opportunity to tour one of the famous Newport mansions or visit the *Newport Naval Base*. The tour program concludes on Thursday afternoon with a tour of Providence, known as the *Renaissance City*. Your reunion tour program will provide many opportunities to spend time with shipmates, friends and family.

#### Hotel Information

The reunion officially runs from Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through check-out on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. You will be staying at the full service **Crowne Plaza at the Crossings** located at 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886. The *Crowne Plaza* is located close to many of the area's most popular attractions.

The room rate is just **\$99.00**, plus tax per night. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet, served daily in the hospitality room. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days prior and three days after, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at **401-732-6000**. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations NOW, you may cancel your hotel room up to 24 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. Be sure to ask for the USS John W. Weeks Reunion rate. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, whichever comes first.

#### Airport Transportation & Parking

Please note the hotel is actually located in Warwick, RI; if you are flying, Providence Airport (PVD) is the closest. The Crowne Plaza hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle from the airport. For those of you driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking. The hotel is conveniently located at exit 12 off of Interstate 95.

***Travel safely and we will.....***

## ***See you in New England!***



## USS JOHN W. WEEKS

### 2010 REUNION EVENTS

#### **EVENT A: EARLY BIRD TOUR: FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO**

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-4:00pm)**

Board your coach for a beautiful ride through Rhode Island and Southeastern Connecticut to the *Foxwoods Resort & Casino*. In 1986 the *Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation* opened the original high-stakes bingo hall. You will find lots to keep you busy; don't miss the 12 foot figure of the Rainmaker as he kneels with the bow and arrow aimed to the heavens to bring down the rain, there are many unique shops, and over 30 different places to eat. The resort also offers six casinos that collectively offer more than 7,000 slot machines and over 400 table games. With over 340,000 square feet of gaming space in a complex that covers 4.7 million square feet, this is the largest casino in the world.

#### **WELCOME DINNER**

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at the Hotel)**

Join everyone for a casual get together featuring an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner. This is a great chance to catch up with your friends and kick-off the reunion.

#### **EVENT B: BATTLESHIP COVE TOUR & LUNCH**

**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-3:00pm)**

Board your bus bound for fabulous *Battleship Cove*, in Fall River. Here you will find the country's most complete collection of World War II navy fighting ships including the *Battleship Massachusetts*, the *Submarine Lionfish*, the *Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy*, a landing craft, and 2 PT boats, among other attractions. There is also a great video and many exhibits to experience. While on board the *Battleship Massachusetts*, you will have an awesome buffet lunch. Not to be missed, this is a special treat for all.

***Please Note: There is no complimentary or discounted admission for Tin Can Sailors. The cost for Battleship is primarily for the lunch, which cannot be discounted for Tin Can Sailor Members.***

***Please Select Event C or Event D for Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>***

#### **EVENT C: NEWPORT CITY & BASE TOUR**

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-4:00pm)**

Spend the day in Newport, Rhode Island, known as the playground of the wealthy. You will spend the morning at the *Newport Naval Base*, here you will visit the *Naval Museum*, the *Surface Warfare School* & enjoy a special lunch at the Officer's Club. Then board your luxury coach for a riding tour of this famed "City by the Sea". You will enjoy a wonderful riding tour of rich and majestic Newport. Hear about *Hammersmith Farms*, JFK's "summer White House" retreat, and all of the fabulous homes along famous *Millionaires' Mile* and scenic *Ocean Drive*. Enjoy the water views while hearing about the considerable history and influential families that make Newport famous.

#### **EVENT D: NEWPORT CITY & MANSION TOUR**

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-4:00pm)**

Spend the day in Newport, Rhode Island, known as the playground of the wealthy. You will start the morning at one of the famous Newport Mansions. You will have a guided tour of the Mansion, a first hand look at the lifestyles of the wealthy. Following the tour, your coach will take you to downtown Newport where you will have time for lunch and browsing on your own. Then board your luxury coach for a riding tour of this famed "City by the Sea". Enjoy a wonderful riding tour of rich and majestic Newport. Hear about *Hammersmith Farms*, JFK's "summer White House" retreat, and all of the fabulous homes along famous *Millionaires' Mile* and scenic *Ocean Drive*. Enjoy the water views while hearing about the considerable history and influential families that make Newport famous.





## **GROUP BREAKFAST & BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (8:00am at the Hotel)**

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat hot breakfast buffet with your shipmates, which will be followed by the Annual Association Business Meeting. The breakfast will be served in the Hospitality room at 8:00am, the meeting will be at 9:00am. The meeting will adjourn in time for those who are interested in taking the Providence City Tour.

## **EVENT E: PROVIDENCE CITY TOUR**

### **Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-3:30pm)**

The capital city of Providence is known and loved for its abundance of historic and cultural attractions. Three-and-a-half centuries of history are alive and well on the streets of Providence, as evident in the scores of immaculately preserved Colonial, Federal, Greek revival and Victorian houses located throughout the city. Your luxury coach will travel down Benefit Street's "Mile of History" and view the impressive concentration of colonial homes. You will see such historic buildings as the *Rhode Island State House*, *the Arcade*, *John Brown House* and the *First Baptist Church in America*. You will then visit Federal Hill, Rhode Island's own "Little Italy". You will tour the *Scialo Bros. Bakery*; open since 1916, where little has changed over the years. Of course there will be samples for all. You will have some time to browse the unique shops & Italian markets. Lunch will be on your own at a suitable location.

## **BANQUET DINNER**

### **Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at Hotel)**

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

## **TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

### **Important Reunion Notes:**

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- ~ Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances, to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.
- ~ Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events.
- ~ All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary is available at registration.

**Reservations are due by August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a non refundable \$10 per person late fee. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. There is a \$10 per person refund processing fee. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.

# USS JOHN W. WEEKS

## 2010 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	<b>REUNION REGISTRATION FEE – Per Person</b> Everyone Please Pay ~ Non-refundable	\$37 pp		
Mon 10/11	<b>EVENT A: Early Bird: <i>Foxwoods Casino</i></b> (9:00am-4:00pm)	\$39 pp		
Mon 10/11	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> (7:00pm at the Hotel)	\$32 pp		
Tue 10/12	<b>EVENT B: <i>Battleship Cove Tour &amp; Lunch</i></b> (9:00am-3:00pm)	\$65 pp		
	<i>Please select Event C or Event D for Wednesday</i>			
Wed 10/13	<b>EVENT C: Newport City &amp; Base Tour</b> (9:00am-4:00pm)	\$60 pp		
Wed 10/13	<b>EVENT D: Newport City &amp; Mansion Tour</b> (9:00am-4:00pm)	\$60 pp		
Thur 10/14	<b>EVENT E: Providence City Tour</b> (10:30am-3:30pm)	\$42 pp		
Thur 10/14	<b>Banquet Dinner</b> (7:00pm at the Hotel)			
	Beef	\$46 pp		
	Chicken Picatta	\$42 pp		
	LATE RESERVATION FEE (If mailed after August 27, 2010)	\$10 pp		
	Tour Cancellation Insurance (non-refundable)	\$10 pp		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>			

>>> **Complete and mail this entire form with a check payable to:**

**Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034**

>>> **PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

Name (As you want it to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact during the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Served: 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$10 per person late fee.**

**For information call 817-251-3551.**

Date Rec'd:	Check #	Amount \$	XCL #
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## Sick Call

**Clarence Hughes** - I received the following from Clarence's daughter Cathy Fletcher. Just wanted to let all of you know that we had to place dad into a nursing home. I am sending his address and we hope that you will take the time to send him a card every once in a while or if you e-mail him a message I will print it off and take it to him. Please pray for Dad that he finds peace. (and us kids too). Cathy's email is [gfletcher@woh.rr.com](mailto:gfletcher@woh.rr.com) . Clarence served from 1944 - 1946. His address is Fair Haven Nursing Home; Clarence Hughes, 2901 Fair Rd.; Sidney, Oh. 45365

**Bruce Campbell** - I received a phone call from Bill Fleming, Bruce Campbell broke his hip and was recovering in the VA Hospital in Maryland. You may want to give him a call or send him a note. Bruce served on the Weeks 51 - 54. His phone number is 301-779-4812. His home address is: 3533 Otis Street; Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

**John Demyan** - John sent me a note telling me that he will be going into surgery shortly for a hip replacement. He would like to come to our reunions; however, his wife Millie has dementia, making it difficult to travel. John served on the Weeks from 1944 thru 1946 he was a TM3. Please send John a note or card to let him know that we are thinking of him. His phone number is 440-327-8270 and address, 38174 Sugar Ridge RD; North Ridgeville, OH 44039.

**John Stewart** - John is currently undergoing treatment for recurring prostate cancer. Please give John a call or send him a note to let him know we are thinking of him. His number is 610-965-7866 and address is 2785 Terrwood DR, East; Macungie, PA 18062

*If you know of any of our shipmates or family members that are sick, in the hospital, or deceased; please contact Bob Miller or Len Budzynski.*



## Taps

**Alvie Stanley Arnold** - I received an email from Alvie's son Victor, informing us that his father passed away in 1961. He served aboard the Weeks from 1944 to 1945 as a Shipfitter First Class. No other information is available.

**Wes Budenski** - Dawn Smith send the following. My Father passed away May 19, 2009 from pancreatic cancer None of us knew how sick he was, we think he did but kept it to himself. By time we found out, he went he pretty quickly. When he died we had all five of his kids and most of his fourteen grandchildren around him. He went peacefully. He loved being in the Navy and was very proud of that. Questions can be directed to Dawn Smith at [dawn@floridapropertymanger.com](mailto:dawn@floridapropertymanger.com) or at 1131 Camaree Place; Pensacola, FL 32534 .

**Milton Camille** - I received an email from his Son that his Father passed away September 15, 1963 from Hodgkin's. He served aboard the Weeks from 1950 through 1951 as an Engineman 2nd class. You can contact Milt at [mjcamille@gmail.com](mailto:mjcamille@gmail.com) .

**Dave Denny** - We received an email from a shipmate David DeGanne requesting that we place Dale's name on the ship's "In Memoriam" page. Dale died on a construction job in Idaho just after he got out of the Navy. Dave served as a SM3 from 1962 - 1964.

**Guido Angelo DeMatteo** - Passed away unexpectedly on September 20, 2009. Guido served on the Weeks from September 1950 through July 1951 as a MML1. After leaving the Navy he went to work at the Boston Naval Shipyard; he retired after 30 years service. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Edna. You may contact his grandson at [jpower\\_01@verizon.net](mailto:jpower_01@verizon.net) .

**Martha Fels** - I received a note from Fred Fels that his Wife Martha passed away in January 2009. Fred served on the Weeks during WWII. Martha and Fred came to several of our reunions over the years. Fred can be contacted at [fefels@msn.com](mailto:fefels@msn.com) or 1406 S.Oregon Circle; Tampa, FL 33612-6565

**John H Foster** - I received the following from John's son Tim. My Dad served on the Weeks from 1960 to 1963 as a SK1. He passed away March 10, 2007 at home; he was 76 years old. He was buried in his uniform, a proud Tin Can Sailor. Also, Tim added the following; I am a Deputy Sheriff assigned to a L.E. Gable Middle School in Roebuck, SC. Each year we remember veterans here with a big bulletin board display and an assembly program. I wanted you to know that the John W. Weeks is displayed in a place of honor on that board. God Bless you all. You can email Tim at [FosterJT@spart6.org](mailto:FosterJT@spart6.org) .

**Harold Patraw** - Harold's daughter notified us that he passed away June 1, 2009. He served on the Weeks from 1951 - 1952. He is survived by his wife Alma. Cards can be sent to Alma at PO Box 822553; Vancouver, WA 98682.

**George Krasson** - George passed away October 9, 2009. He served aboard the Weeks as a Seaman from 1958 - 1962. For farther information please contact George's brother John Krasson at 184 Vanloon St; Plymouth, PA 18651-1612. Phone 570-779-4967

**Claude Maxwell** - Claude passed away on July 2009. He served on the Weeks from 1950 - 1954 as a Chief Petty Officer. He is survived by his wife Theresa. Cards can be sent to Theresa Maxwell at 58 Hillside Drive; Anacoco LA 71403-2667 .

**James Noska** - From Kent Noska. I am writing to inform you that my Grandfather passed away on February 10, 2010. He spoke fondly of his service and often shared his memories of his time on the ship. He served as an FN from 1956 - 1957. You can contact Kent at [knoska@prairiepride.org](mailto:knoska@prairiepride.org) .

**Charlie Wilson** - Charlie passed away on February 10, 2010. He served on the Weeks from 1956 - 1958. Later he served as a 12 term United States Representative from the 2nd Congressional district in Texas. He was best known for leading Congress in supporting, the largest-ever CIA covert operation, which supplied military equipment, including Stinger missiles, and CIA operatives to the Afghan Mujahedeen during the Soviet war in Afghanistan. His behind-the-scenes campaign was the subject of the non-fiction book Charlie Wilson's War by George Crile and a subsequent film adaptation starring Tom Hanks as Charlie Wilson. Cards can be sent to his wife Barbara at the following address: 305 Augusta Drive; Lufkin TX 75091



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