



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 reunion in Nashville was great! We had several first time people come to this reunion. The hotel was good, so were the tours. Nashville is a great reunion town. Our turnout was improved compared to the last couple years. I would like to thank Harriett Goodmuth for writing an article for this issue of the Leaky Weeks Almanac and all of the people that helped out in Nashville.



Our destination for 2012 will be Jacksonville Florida. The top two designations were Colorado Springs and Jacksonville, with Baltimore in a distant third. After considering several factors, I concluded that this year's reunion should be held in Florida. One thing that I considered was poor attendance for reunions held west of the Mississippi. However, I decided to take a chance, and plan for a 2013 reunion in Colorado Springs. We got a lot of work ahead of us to make this location a success. A lot of associations do a two year plan, I decided to give it a try. Another thing that I took in to consideration was the number of people we have living in Florida; 48 members, more than any state. Reunion information and forms are included in this newsletter.

At our business meeting, I announced that Dave Kurtz will be our new Newsletter Editor. Also he will work on other projects involving recruiting new members and cost effective ways to improve our Association. Dave is a talented individual, he will bring a lot to our Association. Dave's biography is included in the issue. He will assume responsibility for the next newsletter.

Our VP Jim Fariello proposed a change to our bylaws that would create a position of "associate member" for a person not a crew or family member. After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed to create a position of honorary member, the applicant would need to be approved by the board, 75% favorable. A honorary member would have no voting rights and would not pay dues. The vote by a slim margin was approved. Dave Kurtz will work on the changes to Bylaws.

Another issue that was discussed briefly was the issue of dissolution of the Association, in the far future. Let's face it, it is going to happen someday, and we need to be prepared. Dave has a friend that served on the USS The Sullivans, and their Association (USS The Sullivans DD537/DDG68) has a dissolution plan spelled out in their Bylaws. Dave will investigate a plan for our Association and propose it to the board. Any changes to the Bylaws can be viewed at our website under Association Bylaws and Constitution.

Gary Nelson gave a brief presentation on Honor Flight . Basically, The Honor Flight Network's mission is to fly World War II Veterans to Washington DC to visit their Memorial. It is a well worth organization to donate to. I will place a link on our website to their website.

Our Treasurer Bruce Neidemire proposed that the Association purchase a USS John W Weeks memorial plaque to be displayed at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. The cost \$350. The motion was passed. The last time that I talked to Bruce, he told me that the plaque is currently being built and will be finished sometime in February. A dedication will be held the next time we have a reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

I received an email from our Treasurer Bruce Neidemire to remind our members to send in their dues for 2012. Our dues are still \$25 per year. Our policy is same as it 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 it 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. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let me know.

The finances of the Association are in good shape, a financial report can be viewed on our website. If you have any questions please contact Bruce Neidemire.

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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Reunion Forms are enclosed in this newsletter. Additional forms can be found on our website.

**Attention!
Please make sure that we have your correct home address! If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, contact Dave Kurtz.**

**It is time to pay your 2012 Dues. Please send your Dues to Bruce Neidemire.
7166 Big Bend Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34606**



Dave Kurtz our New Newsletter Editor



I joined the Navy in 1963 with three buddies from high school. Two weeks out of high school and there we were at Great Lakes Boot Camp. I served aboard the Weeks from 1964 to 1966. I initially was assigned to First Division where I spent my first six months before transferring to the Ship's Office as a personnelman striker and later becoming the lead personnelman aboard ship. I liked serving in Mount 51 as my GQ station, on bridge detail during embarkment/debarkment and served on the Honor Guard as needed.

Despite some nice offers from the Navy including the possibility of the Academy or six years of shore duty in my home town of Mechanicsburg, PA among others, I was intent on being a civilian again. I did join the Naval Reserves upon release from active duty where I attended school to be a personnel classifier and received an offer from them to go active duty Naval Reserve. Instead, I worked in private industry for three years before enrolling at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) under the GI Bill. I graduated from there in 1970, from Penn State-Harrisburg in 1972 and earned my Masters Degree in Governmental Administration in 1977.

With the Vietnam Era GI Bill being enacted while I was on active duty, I had an interest in helping fellow veterans use their GI Bill to prepare for better jobs and better income. I worked for several state agencies doing this before I returned to HACC as the Veterans

Affairs Officer. I later taught Government and Politics on a part-time basis and was appointed as the college's first Alumni Affairs Officer. In 1979, I was impressed with Governor Dick Thornburgh and his goal to "reinvent government" so I went to work in his Budget Office. After eight years there, three senior analysts and I transferred to the State Senate Appropriations Committee to enhance their analytical and computer capabilities. I retired from there in 2005.

In addition to my involvement with the Weeks Association, my other interests and activities include family, friends, landscaping, traveling this great country of ours, the Chi Gamma Iota (XGI) Fraternity Alumni Association, the Fisher House, good movies, freemasonry, crossword puzzles, continuing education, HACC Alumni Ambassador and the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

I met my lovely wife Judy on 8-8-88 knowing that the date was probably a sign. I have two daughters who live in Colorado Springs and New Orleans. There currently are ten grandchildren and still counting. I believe the first reunion that Judy and I attended was in Charleston in 1992? I so enjoy spending time with my former shipmates and their spouses as well as all the new friendships I have formed with shipmates from other eras. The John W. Weeks was one special ship and experience.

Readers Response to U.S. 'Big Stick' Seen in Cuban Incident Article

From James A. Cole

My name is James A. Cole; I was a Seaman or Seaman Apprentice at the time. I served aboard the Weeks from Sep 1960 to around Jul 1962, in 2nd Division under BM2 Miller. I have now retired long ago as a SKC.

As this incident unfolded, we the Weeks was in the San Juan area and the Capt. made an announcement on the PA that this was no drill and we were ordered to action regarding a Western Union Cable Ship having to be taken over by a Cuban Ship. At the time we were in company with two destroyer escorts. It was like the rooster tail came up behind the ship and soon the escorts were nowhere to be seen.

I was a hot shell man during GQ in mount 53. When we arrived on site, we had changed ammunition at least 3 times figuring what we were to use. As it turned out, we never fired and escorted the Western Union Ship out of harm's way.

When we arrived back in San Juan, word was we were authorized to make a free phone call anywhere we wanted to call.

From Gordon Bredel

As I remember the Cuban Incident. We were in the Gitmo Op Area conducting training with the other ships at Gitmo when all ships got a message from the Commander of Gitmo to make for Windward passage at best speed. The Captain announced that we better be the first ship there, which we were. We were directed to proceed to intercept the cable laying ship Western Union. Cuba had declared a 12 mile territorial limit and the international territorial limit was only 3 miles. When we arrived on the scene the Western Union was inside the 12 mile limit that Cuba had declared but still outside the international limit. We were in contact with the Navy aircraft that were on scene. We were also in contact with the Commander of Gitmo who was in contact with the CnC in DC. We were ordered to relay to the Western Union via signal light: using morse code; which the Cuban could read; from the President to turn to the North and make for open water and if the Cuban tried to stop them we were authorized to open fire to protect her. This message was also relayed to the aircraft also. The Western Union turned North and one of the gunboats started to make an intercept but broke off before it got close and then they turn South and went back to port. We escorted the Western Union halfway back to the Florida Keys before returning to Gitmo.

I was in CIC the whole time because when we got close to the scene we went to General Quarters. We also heard all of the voice communication between the bridge and commander of Gitmo.

From Jan Power

I live on Lake Norman. About 20 miles north of Charlotte, NC. Jack Cooper RM2 lives 20 miles east of me in Concord, NC. Lewis Justice MM3 lives in Charlotte, NC (a real city slicker). We all are in close constant communication.

We all remember the Cuban incident very well and all have vivid memories. Jack Cooper on the other side of the bulkhead in the Radio room and I in CIC. We were both at GQ during the entire showdown and vividly remember the apprehension that we all felt. There were a lot of things that happened in a short period of time and Jack and I were both on about 6 live frequencies from all the big wigs and the fighters that zoomed over us at the end. A lot of scary and a lot of humorous happenings. Thanks again from all your shipmates.

For More Stories See www.ussjweeks701.org



The Nashville Reunion: A Shipmate wife's view by Harriett Goodmuth

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Ray and I arrived at the 24th USS John W. Weeks reunion in Nashville, TN by car which was being held at the at the Holiday Inn Select Opryland. We were greeted by Len and Bea Budzynski, Bruce and Jan Neidemire and many others at the Weeks welcome table. There were lots of hugs and it seemed like the conversation picked right up where it left off at the previous reunion in Providence. We received our information packets which included tour tickets, breakfast coupons, a John W. Weeks necklace and a key chain. I think most of us wore the necklace during the entire reunion. A very nice touch. At 7:00 p.m. there was a group welcome buffet dinner in the Hermitage Room which was followed by a special guest appearance. Yes, just when you thought Elvis has left the building, he showed up at the dinner. Ray and I didn't attend, but everyone said he was very good and they enjoyed the evening.

Thursday, September 22, 2011

After a tasty breakfast buffet most everyone boarded the bus for the Best of Nashville City Tour. We started our tour at the Grand Ole Opry which offered an interesting backstage visit. They have done a remarkable renovation of the Opry after the flooding that took place in 2010. Since we were early for the tour, we were able to do some shopping at the gift shop. After our Opry visit we boarded the bus for the Nashville City Tour which included stops at both the Centennial and Bicentennial Parks. At Centennial Park along with the beautiful grounds and lake there is a replica of the Greek Parthenon. Bicentennial Park included a World War II Memorial which we took time to walk and view the many scribed granite stones. An interesting highpoint of the memorial is a two thousand pound granite globe of the earth showing where the soldiers and sailors from Tennessee served in WWII. The globe is held in suspension by 1/8 inch of pressured water and it can be rotated like a beach ball. Earl Thomas and Jack Conklin have both served aboard the weeks in WWII so we had them pose for photos in front of the globe. Our tour ended around noon which gave us time for lunch and shopping on our own. Some of us took our tour guides suggestion and ate at Jack's BBQ on Broadway. Broadway is an interesting stretch of city road in downtown Nashville that contains many eateries, shops and honky-tonk bars blaring out some great live country music.

Friday, September 23, 2011

Today was the paddle boat cruise down the Cumberland River on the General Jackson. The bus departed at 11:00 a.m. We did not go on the cruise, but Nancy Hyde sent me a nice letter so I could let you know how the trip went. They had a great luncheon and entertainment featuring Steve Hall and his puppet, Shotgun Red. As Steve quoted, "It's not a puppet show. It's a great show with a puppet". It sounds like everyone had a really beautiful trip down the Cumberland River. A few of us headed back downtown for a closer look at Centennial Park. The Parthenon, a replica of the original in Athens, Greece is a site to behold. It was built for Tennessee's centennial celebration. Along with an art museum it houses a giant replica of the goddess Athena and other related Greek statuary. We spent a few hours exploring both the Pantheon and surrounding park and gardens taking lots of photos. We followed the park visit with a tour of the Ryman Auditorium which has a rich history of early country music. An interesting note to mark the continuation of Nashville's country music tradition was the relocation of an 8' diameter section of hardwood that was taken from the Ryman in 1974 and placed center stage in the new Opry house built to replace the Ryman in 1974. Following the Ryman visit it was back to Jack's BBQ for lunch. It was so good the first time we had to go again.

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Breakfast was as usual followed by the Association Business Meeting at 9:00 a.m. There was a discussion of where the next meeting will be held and other business. Suggestions for the next reunion were Colorado Springs, Chicago, Norfolk, Baltimore and St. Augustine. Afterwards the bus departed for the Country Music Hall of Fame & Studio B Tour. Once again, we did not go but thanks to Nancy Hyde's letter I can tell you about the tour. There was time on their own at the Country Music Hall of Fame – taking in many displays of famous country singers. Then they went on a behind the scenes tour of the Hall of Fame Studio B where they saw where and how many country singers recorded their music. It was said that it was worth going to see. Some of us who hadn't taken this tour drove to the water front site where the General Jackson is moored and then over to the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Spa Hotel. It was truly elegant and I am sure I could never afford to stay there. We grabbed a quick lunch and went back to the Holiday Inn for the officers and directors business meeting which was held in the hospitality room. A few of us girls headed to the hotel indoor pool. Some did water aerobics and others just relaxed. It was very enjoyable. Next it was time to get ready for the Banquet dinner served in the Hermitage Room along with a DJ. We enjoyed a good dinner which was followed by a 50/50 raffle. This time the pot was divided 3 ways giving more folks a chance to win. We had a lovely evening.

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Today was filled with tearful farewells! We wished all a safe trip home and expressed our hope to see everyone at the next reunion. The Westers and the Goodmuths headed for Black Mountain which is just outside of Asheville, NC to visit with Bill Pinyan. He was not able to make the reunion this year, so we took the reunion to him. He wanted to hear all about it so we filled him in with the facts. We had a wonderful visit and he is doing well in his new home. Upon leaving Asheville we headed north where we drove a large portion of Skyline Drive before turning off to explore the caverns at Luray VA. Skyline Drive was very beautiful with the trees just beginning to show color. We continued driving north arriving at our house on the Eastern Shore of Maryland late that same evening. The reunion was a wonderful time and it is our hope that all shipmates that were not able to attend this reunion in Nashville will be able to make the next one, wherever it may be.





USS JOHN W. WEEKS

2012 REUNION

Jacksonville, FL ~ September 26th – 30th, 2012

Welcome to Jacksonville

Known as Florida's First Coast, Jacksonville is a city adorned in fountains, parks, plazas, and peaceful neighborhoods lined with hundred-year-old oaks draped in Spanish Moss – very reminiscent of Old Florida. America's largest city by landmass, Jacksonville consistently places on Fortune & Money Magazine's "best places to live" list. Reunion tours include *Mayport Naval Base*, and the opportunity to spend the day in historic *St. Augustine*. Jacksonville is the perfect location for the USS Weeks Reunion, and will provide many opportunities to relax and enjoy your family and friends in this ideal setting.

Hotel Information

The reunion officially begins on Wednesday, September 26th and ends on Sunday, September 30th. You will be staying at the full service **Crowne Plaza Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront**, located at 1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207. The *Crowne Plaza Hotel* is ideally located on the south bank of the St. Johns River, in downtown Jacksonville. The hotel offers spectacular views of the city and the river, and is located close to many of the city's top attractions. While staying at the hotel you may consider taking the water taxi, from the hotel, across the river to *Jacksonville Landing*. Located along the north bank of the *St. Johns River*, *Jacksonville Landing* offers several restaurants, an extensive food court, and unique shops. View the hotel on-line at www.cpjacksonville.com.

The room rate is **\$102.00** plus tax per night, based on single or double occupancy. (Triples are available for \$112 plus tax and quads are \$122 plus tax per night.) The room rates include complimentary continental breakfast served daily in the Hospitality Room. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available 2 days before and 2 days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations **NOW** by calling the hotel directly at **904-398-8800** ext **4027** between 9 am-5 pm EST and ask for in-house reservations. Mention that you are with the USS John W. Weeks Reunion to assure you are associated with your group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 4:00pm; please don't expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations today; you can cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty. 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 17, 2012**, whichever comes first. Don't delay.

Transportation & Directions

The closest airport is Jacksonville International (JAX); the hotel is located about 15 miles from the airport. Transportation to and from the airport is available via Express Shuttle. The one-way cost is \$20 for the first passenger and \$8 for each additional passenger. No reservations are necessary for transportation from the airport to the hotel. Express Shuttle is located outside of Baggage Claim B, and across the street where they have a dispatch booth. Reservations are required for your return trip from the hotel back to the airport. Express Shuttle can be reached at 904-353-8880. For those of you driving to the reunion, you will receive complimentary self parking for the duration of the reunion. Valet parking is also available for a fee. Contact the hotel directly if you need specific driving directions.

Travel safely and we will

See you in Jacksonville!



USS JOHN W. WEEKS ~ 2012 REUNION EVENTS

GROUP WELCOME DINNER

Wednesday, September 26th (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 A: U.S. NAVAL STATION MAYPORT TOUR & LUNCH

Thursday, September 27th (9:00am-2:00pm)

Welcome aboard *U. S. Naval Station, Mayport*, this is the second largest naval base on the East Coast, which serves over 20 ships and several helicopter squadrons. The Aegis class destroyers stationed here were built at a cost of over \$1 billion each. **A ship's tour has been requested and is not guaranteed.** If a ship's visit is confirmed, touring the ship is optional; you can still take this tour and not tour the ship. (There is considerable walking and/or climbing on the ship tour.) Lunch on base is included in the tour price.

Please note: You must have a government issued picture ID (like a Drivers License) to get on base.
*****This tour is always subject to availability and security clearance.**

EVENT B: HISTORIC ST. AUGUSTINE TOUR

Friday, September 28th (9:00am-4:00pm)

You will learn about the incredible history of St. Augustine and Florida; how they grew and prospered under Spanish, British, French and American rule. Your professional guide will show you the sites and regale you with captivating historical accounts of the Native Indians, Spanish Galleons, Pirates and the Revolutionary War. You will ride through the *Fountain of Youth* property and hear the fable of the Fountain, Ponce de Leon's discovery of *La Florida*, and his encounter with the native Indians. Regarded as the oldest city in the United States, you will find the area's history a fascinating story. Following the guided tour, there will be time for exploring, shopping, and lunch, on your own, in this quaint little town. *St. George's Street*, which is a reconstruction of Old World Florida, is lined with stone houses with overhanging balconies and walled garden patios. St. George's and its neighboring side streets is where you will find many historical spots, boutiques, gift shops, restaurants and cafes. This will be a wonderful day in Old Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, September 29th (8:00am at the Hotel)

Enjoy the complimentary continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room, then gather in the meeting room for the Annual Association Business Meeting. Check your itinerary at registration for the assigned room. The meeting will adjourn in time for those who are interested in taking the tour.

EVENT C: AMELIA ISLAND AND FERNANDINA BEACH TOUR

Saturday, September 29th (10:00am-3:00pm)

Amelia Island is known as Florida's Golden Isle. One of a chain of barrier islands stretching from South Carolina, Amelia Island is a charming place - 13 miles long and two miles wide. Settled by the French, developed by the Spanish, named by the English and tamed by the Americans, Amelia is the only location in the United States to have been under eight different flags. Today, Amelia Island is a quaint, unique and upscale destination of many visitors. Your day begins with a guided tour, which will highlight some of the Island's most historical attractions, including the "Silk Stocking District", which boasts some of Florida's most elegant Victorian homes, and *American Beach*, the only beach open to African Americans until the 1960's. The afternoon will be spent at *Fernandina Beach*, which



is the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, the shrimp boats depart the docks on most days. The 50 block historic district, with classic Victorian architecture, makes a stroll through the city a delight. You will have time to explore the boutiques, shop, watch the boats, and have lunch on your own by the water. This is a nice relaxing day in Old Florida.

BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, September 29th (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 17th, 2012. Late reservations accepted on a space available basis. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: 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.



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2012 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	REUNION REGISTRATION FEE – Per Person Everyone Please Pay ~ Non-refundable	\$35 pp		
Wed 9/26	Welcome Dinner (7:00pm at the Hotel)	\$45 pp		
Thu 9/27	EVENT A: Naval Station Mayport Tour & Lunch (9:00am-2:00pm)	\$49 pp		
Fri 9/28	EVENT B: Historic St Augustine (9:00am-4:00pm)	\$46 pp		
Sat 9/29	EVENT C: Amelia Island & Fernandina Beach Tour	\$36 pp		
Sat 9/29	Banquet Dinner (7:00pm at the Hotel)			
	Beef	\$49 pp		
	Chicken	\$42 pp		
	Non Refundable Late Reservation Fee (If mailed after Aug 17)	\$10 pp		
	Tour Cancellation Insurance (non-refundable)	\$10 pp		
	TOTAL:			

>>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): _____
 Spouse: _____
 Guest(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (Home) _____ Phone:(Other): _____
 Email Adresss: _____
 Emergency contact during the reunion: _____ Ph: _____
 Years Served: 19 _____ to 19 _____

Reservations are due by August 17th, 2012.

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.

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New Members

Stanley Bryn	RM	45 - 46	Roy Pruitt	SN	47
John P (Jack) Cress	Mid'n 3/C	63	Robert H Snyder III	BT3	68 - 70
Richard Dainty	FN	48 - 50	Vernon C Spires	RD2	67 - 69
William Gillespie	LTJG	68 - 69	Ron Suprenant	EM3	55 - 57
John Metroka	FN	58 - 60	Charles Tumey	ET	60 -63
Claude Minton	SN 1/C	44 - 45			

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

Sick Call

Jerry Brown - Jerry had a Stroke back in November. I talked to Jerry, he is home and is currently going through rehab. He served on the Weeks 1958 - 1959 as an ET. You can send a note to 2811 Tulip; Columbus, IN 47203.

Joe Cayea - Joe was recently involved in a motorcycle accident while taking part in a motorcycle ride and fundraiser for Hospice of Marion County. He said that he had a lot of road rash and a broken ankle that required surgery. Joe is home and is doing well! His email address is opd13retired@yahoo.com if you want to send him a note.

Harriett Goodmuth - Harriett had surgery that involved a double laminectomy on her lower back. She's doing pretty good! She's still experiencing some numbness and weakness in both legs but the leg/knee pain was immediately relieved with the operation. The doctors are optimistic that the problem is corrected. Harriett's address is 150 Harmony Way; Centreville, MD 21617 .

Kate Johnson - Kate had surgery in December on her neck, and she is currently going through therapy at home. Kate is the wife of the late Tony Johnson who served on the Weeks 54 - 59. You can drop her a note at 214 Ridgeland Dr; Rutherfordton, NC 28139-2062 .

Gus Mark - I received an email late last year from Gus, that he had surgery to repair the gastrointestinal valve between his stomach and the small intestines. Gus is currently going through chemo. He told me that he is feeling great and would like to hear from his shipmates. His address is: 25 Manatee Ave; Sidney, NY 13838. If you prefer to contact him by email use mark2@frontiernet.net .

Larry Requarth - Larry sent me the following: I was making arrangements to attend the Reunion in Nashville, until the VA discovered that I had a abdominal aortic aneurysm. Needless to say they had me in the hospital asap and sliced and diced me until I can no longer wear my bikini. Larry served aboard the Weeks 1962 - 1964 as a RM2. You contact him at LRequarth@cfl.rr.com.

Taps

John Demyan - Bill Margetich sent me a note that John passed away. He served aboard the Weeks during WWII as a TM3. He was a member of the original crew. Also, he was a loyal supporter of the Weeks Association and attended many reunions. Cards can be sent to his daughter at 21437 Hawley Rd, Wellington, Ohio 44090 .

Frederick Hugh Hart - I received the following from Douglas Hart. My father, served on the board the Weeks from 1950 - 1952. He attended several reunions and was proud of his naval service in WWII (USS Thornhill DE 195) and the Korean War on the Weeks. I remember him telling the story of Captain Carlson and the Flying Enterprise. Pop passed away January 13, 1996. You can reach Douglas by email at batjac1@hvc.rr.com .

Corwin (Cork) D. Minick - I received the following from Bill Minick. My father recently passed away. As I was going through his things, I came across a lighter he had. On it is the name USS John W Weeks DD701. He served during the Korean War 1948 - 1952. You can reach Bill at bminick@comcast.net .

Seymour Charles Sandhaus - I received the following from a family member, no other information is available. Seymour was a SN 1/C and served in 1943. *There was an error in the last newsletter where Seymour was listed as a new member.*

David John Sarver - Alan Cutcher sent me an email to let us know that David passed away August 10, 2011. He served on the Weeks 1955 - 1956 as a YN2. You can send cards to Carol Sarver; 103 Grayling DR; Marietta OH 45750.

Richard Schwartz - I got a call from Bob Godley the other day. He received a note from Richard Schwartz's sister. Richard passed away in October from COPD, and numerous other health problems. He served aboard the Weeks 58 - 61 as a MM3. Richard came to the first reunion opened to post WWII shipmates. Cards can be sent to Joan Wolf; 1053 Sutton Rd, Cincinnati Ohio 45230 .

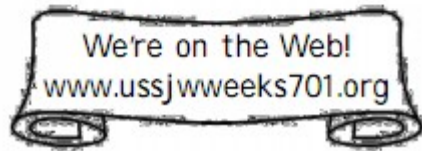
Alice Thatcher - Bill Fleming notified me that Don Thatcher's wife Alice passed away on November 25, 2011. Over the years Don and Alice attended many of our reunions. Cards can be sent to Don Thatcher; 64Stark Road; Columbia, NJ 07839 .



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