

The SixGun



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President's Message:

Dear Shipmates,

We had a very busy summer where Fran and I re-stained our cabin up north over 4 weekends. We also spent a couple of weeks in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons and my camera is probably still smoking after shooting over 4,000 images. Last week Fran and I went to Edgerton, MN where our son Greg teaches school and they had a Pumpkin Festival he started when he got there.

As usual, he had a job for dad and that was to drive a tractor and wagon to the corn maize and then the pumpkin patch and back to school. We had five separate units going and we only stood still to load and unload people from 11:00 to 4:00 o'clock. I had a ball.

Hope everyone is excited for the upcoming reunion in Columbus. Fran and I wish all of our shipmates Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cal Dyk, President

Vice President:

Hi Shipmates,

It is a beautiful fall day here in Mississippi. I am still searching the websites for shipmates. I had a chance to visit an old shipmate Ed Portwood (1968-1969). We had a great visit. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts to contact shipmates. Keep up the good work! Hope to see everyone in Columbus, GA Reunion 2014.

Wishing all a very Happy Holiday.

Robert Dykes, Vice President

**U.S.S CHARLES S. SPERRY DD697 ASSOCIATION
 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT & BANK ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

ACTIVITY FROM APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013:

MARCH	<u>ENDING FIRST QUARTER BALANCE</u>	\$17,446.60
	ERROR IN INCOME FOR MARCH DUE TO A MAY DEPOSIT BEING COUNTED FOR MARCH----->	(\$333.76)
	<u>APRIL 1, 2013 BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	\$17,112.84
APRIL	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$200.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SHIP'S STORE: VARIOUS (CASH ONLY)	\$780.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> REUNION REGISTRATION FEES	\$717.76
	<u>INCOME:</u> DONATION: (JOE FRIEND 50/50 DRAWING)	\$197.50
	<u>INCOME:</u> 50/50 DRAWING	\$197.50
	<u>INCOME:</u> SURPRISE PACKAGE (BEVERLY RAYFIELD)	\$450.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SILENT AUCTION (CASH ONLY)	\$456.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> WINE AUCTION (CHARLES BUCCINO)	\$40.00
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> REUNION (HOSPITALITY ROOM SUPPLIES)	(\$584.40)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> REUNION TOUR (BUS & LUNCH)	(\$950.00)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> REUNION BANQUET	(\$2,202.92)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> MARCO LEMUS (SHIP'S STO. PO 686267 HATS)	(\$155.88)
MAY	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$150.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> REUNION REGISTRATION FEES	\$283.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SILENT AUCTION (CHECKS ONLY)	\$334.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SHIPS STORE (CHECKS ONLY)	\$158.50
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> GARY CHESSER (WINE FOR REUNION)	(\$214.00)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> GARY CHESSER (NEW JERSEY TOUR)	(\$392.00)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BAUER VISUAL GRAPHICS (REUNION BADGES)	(\$172.30)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> GERARD JURY (REUNION BUTTONS)	(\$55.80)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (REUNION SHIPPING)	(\$73.17)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (SHIPS STORE SHIPPING)	(\$28.33)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> MARCO LEMUS (SHIP'S STO. PO 686290 HATS)	(\$155.88)
JUNE	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$100.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SHIP'S STORE: VARIOUS	\$208.75
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> ICHI-BON TROPHY (REUNION EXP.)	(\$20.46)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (POSTAGE SHIPS STORE)	(\$92.18)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (POSTAGE REUNION EXP)	(\$17.36)
JULY	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$25.00
AUGUST	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$25.00
SEPTEMBER	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$50.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SHIP'S STORE (RICHARD COMSTOCK)	\$20.00
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (POSTAGE REU. & SIXGUN)	(\$100.10)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> BOB JENNINGS (POSTAGE SHIP'S STORE)	(\$12.33)
	<u>SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 ENDING BALANCE</u>	\$16,278.74

Gary Chesser
 Treasurer,
 U.S.S Charles S. Sperry DD697 Association



We will remember

James Thomas Doucett ('56-'58), Jim Schollin ('65-'68), and Kenneth Wayne Ralston passed way this year. They sailed through life's cruises meeting their share of calms, storms, adverse tides, and favoring winds. Their ship of life has now come to its final anchorage in a harbor unknown to mortal man.

We who remain do not know the course to steer and we believe our shipmates are setting their course by those beacons that were given to them and have found their harbor safely.

To those loved ones who our departed shipmates left behind, awaiting their own day of departure and voyage to that same harbor of eternal mercy, we can offer our sincere condolences in this time of separation and loneliness.

NASHVILLE WINS THE 2015 USS CHARLES S. SPERRY REUNION

Ship Store Manager Is Retiring:

Over the past several years, I have been handling orders for merchandise for the ships store. Because of the small quantities that are placed on order, it has become harder and harder to find suppliers who handle small quantities at a reasonable cost. (Many suppliers in the Houston area require purchases in quantities greater than we can use.) Also, none of the suppliers we have dealt with are willing to ship merchandise directly to members.

Based on the above and the fact that the Sperry membership has continued to fall during the past several years resulting in fewer orders of merchandise, I feel it is time to pass along the responsibility of the ships store. Effective December 31, 2013, I will no longer handle the Ship's Store. I appreciate the opportunity I have had and trust that another shipmate will assume responsibility for this function in the future.

Bob Jennings

Crew's News:

George Hambley ('49-'52) called to advise that his wife Dotty passed away on June 26, 2013. Cards of condolences may be mailed to George at 2805 LAKE RD., APT. 504, Huntsville, TX 77340.

Jerry Smith ('52-'53) and wife Sara are selling their home and have decided to down sized. They are currently deciding what to keep and what to take to their new home.

Snowbird **Jim Roden ('49-'51)** will be headed south to Hobe Sound, Florida soon. Says he has had enough snow. Ha. He is planning to connect with his shipmates in Columbus, GA in 2014.

Gloria Hosterman, wife of shipmate **Gordon ('44-'46)** reported that Gordon had recently had hernia surgery but was home doing well. She had been in the hospital three weeks before he had his surgery. Gloria is happy to report they both are on the mend and plan to see everyone at the 2014 reunion.

Charlie Quehl ('54-'55) was excited to share that he had entered his 1918 Model T Ford in a car show recently. Out of 24,000 cars, his Model T was in the top 50. **Charlie** is also the proud owner of a 1924, one-seater, hard top Model T.

Elliott Clayton ('60-'62) has a safety tip for anyone who burns his or her trash. That tip is **“do not put glass of any kind in the trash to be burned”**. While burning his trash in April **Elliott** was poking the fire, to be sure, everything was burning and while looking down into the barrel a bottle exploded cutting his right eye. He had surgery on April 23 and still has the stitches. **Elliott** said he could see colors but was very sensitive to the light. Doctors will soon begin to take the stitches out a few at a time. Cards of well wishes maybe mailed to 81 Aldridge Rd., Leoma, TN 38468

Bob Henk ('52-'54) phoned to advise that Harriett had surgery for breast cancer recently. Harriett is doing okay. Bob did say that she is suffering from Dementia. Bob is her primary care taker. He wanted everyone to know he misses the reunions. Cards of encouragement may be sent to Bob and Harriett at 4722 Sandra Lane, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Adaria Smith, widow of **Galen Smith, ('44-'46)** wanted to let everyone know that unfortunately her knee replacement surgery, which was to take place on September 23 has been postponed for a few months. Adaria's daughter will advise when she has the surgery.

Bob Jennings ('49-'51) and Barbara want to thank everyone who prayed for their daughter, Tami when she was in the hospital showing signs of rejection on her double lung transplant. Tami is home and doing very well.



Linda Quehl Friedrich & Rose Quehl with Rose's grandson and family in Maryland

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