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President's Message:

Greetings to all my shipmates from the frozen state of Southwest Michigan. This has been a brutal winter here with record cold temperatures and the second highest snowfall on record. We are surviving quite well but we are anxious for spring. We are also anxious for our 24th ships reunion. It will be exciting to our shipmates after a year of absence and get caught on any news and just visiting with each other. If you have not yet registered I encourage you to do so soon. Hope you are all well and Fran and I are looking forward to seeing you in Columbus next month.

Cal Dyk

Vice President:

Hope all shipmates attend the 2014 Reunion. It should be a lot of fun. We are still checking all the websites for shipmates. Most everyone has at least one ship buddy that he can contact. Keep up the good work. Hope all has safe travels to the 2014 reunion. See you there!!

Robert Dykes

Treasurer:

I'm excited about the Columbus reunion. It has been quite an experience to serve the Sperry Association as treasurer for the past four years. We've come through some trying times as a social military reunion organization. The members have endured some not so happy times. Our economy has been in the tank, health problems plague many of our aging membership, and traveling has become more difficult for many, whether for health problems or economic difficulties. However, we remain strong as a group and continue to reach out to shipmates that have fallen by the wayside, or reach out to those we've yet to invite into the association. Since my first reunion in 2005, I've looked forward to each next reunion. I've met some great people who served aboard the Sperry and their families. I've reunited with some of my own shipmates and renewed friendships.

I'm excited about turning over the duties of treasurer to the next shipmate and I'll do all I can to make this transition as easy as possible. Chris Christenson has volunteered to step up to take over Ship's Store duties from Bob Jennings and I'm sure you all will enjoy working with Chris.

Gary Chesser

**U.S.S CHARLES S. SPERRY DD697 ASSOCIATION
 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT & BANK ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
 MARCH 12, 2014**

ACTIVITY FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 12, 2014:

	<u>OCTOBER 1, 2013 BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	\$17,057.48
JANUARY	<u>EXPENSES:</u> SHIP'S STORE: ACE T-SHIRTS (PO 686271 INV. 5564)	(499.50)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> SHIP'S STORE: ACE T-SHIRTS (PO 686297 - INV. 27)	(90.50)
	<u>EXPENSES:</u> DEER PARK PRINTING (NEWSLETTER)	(127.50)
	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$325.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> SHIP'S STORE: BOONE	\$174.52
	<u>INCOME:</u> REUNION REGISTRATION (8)	\$673.54
FEBRUARY	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	\$350.00
	<u>INCOME:</u> REUNION REGISTRATION (7)	\$547.46
MARCH	<u>EXPENSES:</u> JENNINGS, BARBARA: NEWSLETTER	(\$187.57)
Incomplete/ Partial Month	<u>EXPENSES:</u> JENNINGS, BOB: SHIPPING SHIP'S STORE	(\$20.85)
	<u>INCOME:</u> MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (7) (2 LIFE)	\$575.00
<u>As Of 3/12/14</u>	<u>INCOME:</u> REUNION REGISTRATIONS (9)	\$869.24
	<u>MARCH 12, 2014 ENDING BALANCE</u>	<u>\$19,646.32</u>

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

Crew's News:

Marty Irons from Fair Haven, VT is writing a book about the USS Haynsworth. The USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697 will be featured. One of the contributors, Lt. Philip Wilmot a downed USS Bunker Hill pilot, was pulled from the Pacific ocean by a “**big blonde sailor**” Sperry crewmember. The pilot wishes to find him or someone who knew him. The date was February 17, 1945. The rescuing sailor got two bottles of medicinal whiskey and the Sperry got a 50 gallon tub of ice cream.

Marty Irons can be contacted at ironsrx@aol.com.

Rose Quehl, wife of **Charlie Quehl ('54-'55)** reported that their grandson who had been in a terrible care wreck and suffered brain damage is doing excellent. He is current spending his Spring Break in North Dakota working on an Indian Reservation.



Walter Beattie ('72-'73) posted this on

The USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697 Facebook account. Hauling down the colors December 15, 1973. The old girl is decommissioned after over 29 years of service.

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Mgr. Chris Christenson
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Plenty of items to purchase at reunion.

Reunion Deadline extended to March 31.

Get on board and sign up now to attend
the reunion.

**Be sure to bring Silent Auction
items and DOOR PRIZES**



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