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Post-Reunion Issue



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A Recap of the 2018 Reunion in San Diego November 5-9, 2018

We have just returned from a delightful reunion in San Diego. Our hosts arranged for several interesting and meaningful outings for us, including a visit to see the newly installed USS Savage plaque at the Mt. Soledad Memorial, a tour of the USS Midway, a harbor cruise, and a memorial service and lunch at the Southwestern Yacht Club, where the concluding banquet was held. Good food, great weather, beautiful sights, and wonderful companions. What could be better!





Election Results:

At the business meeting a vote was taken for a replacement for Ed Stone, who announced his retirement as Secretary. Vice President Mike Burkhart accepted the nomination and was elected. He will continue to be Vice President as well.

Next Reunion:

Following a discussion of three locations, it was decided to hold the next reunion in Honolulu from August 12-16, 2019. The Geiermanns and Stones will serve as hosts. So far eleven couples have said they plan to attend this reunion.

2020 Reunion:

Jim and Gail Murphy have volunteered to host the 2020 reunion in Fall River, MA as a USS Savage-only event, subject to approval by the membership.

Your Dues are Due

2019 dues for the USS Savage Reunion Association are now due and payable. Those who attended the reunion in San Diego have already paid. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send a check for \$20 payable to USS Savage Reunion Association to Tom Hendricks, Treasurer, at 5217 35th St, SW, Great Falls, MT 59804-4712.

Reunion Attendees:

Allen, Joe (Tiny) & Verna Allen	CS2 1966-1968
Burkhart, Mike & Kim (son of John Burkhart)	GM1c 1943 - 1946
Callahan, Jim & Marcia Cron	YN2 07/62 - 07/64
Dykstra, Dan & Fran	YN2 06/66 - 05/68
Ewing, Ray & Bettye	EN2 1955 - 1956
Farley, Dan Jr. (son of Daniel P. Farley)	RM2c 01/44 - 10/45
Geiermann, Dick & Linda	LTJG 06/65 - 03/67
Hanson, Curtis	DK3 3/63 - 7/64
Hendricks, Tom & Judy	RM3 05/65 - 04/67
Krieger, Ron (brother-in-law of Victor Belaire)	EM3 1956 - 1957
Merila, Ron & Tawny	SM3 04/66 - 04/68
Mestas, Frank & Maria	GMG3 1963 - 1966
Murphy, Jim & Gail	STG3 1966 - 1969
Pizzola, Alan & Elaine (daughter of Daniel P. Farley)	RM2c 01/44 - 10/45
Portillo, Arturo & Nancy	Seaman 8/64 - 4/66
Rego, Ed & Pat	BT3 08/63 - 08/66
Stone, Ed & Ginny	LTJG 05/61 - 04/63
Vanderburg, Jerry & Claudia	E5 1966 - 1968
Velez, Ernie, Mary & John	TM3 1966 - 1968
Wilson, Mack & Gloria	RM3 12/63 - 12/67

Letter from the President:

Hello USS Savage members, families and friends. I would like to thank all those of you that attended the 2018 reunion in San Diego. We had a wonderful time visiting the Mt. Soledad Memorial and the USS Midway.

A special thanks to the reunion committee including Elaine Pizzola, Paul Doster, Alan Pizzola and Dan Farley Jr. They did a great job.

I would like to say to all who read this that the current executive committee is trying very hard to increase the number of people who are members but more importantly that will eventually attend the reunions.

Our next Reunion is scheduled for Hawaii from August 12-16.

Dick and Linda Geiermann and Ed and Ginny Stone will be co-hosting the reunion.

We would like to invite as many of you who can attend to do so. We would like to see a very large turnout. This was the homeport where USS Savage spent most of its life after recommissioning.

As many of you know, the number of original crewmembers is slowly declining, and even fewer are supporting our Association. Therefore, we have begun enlisting the help of family members of the crew, not only to be a part of the association as members, but we have also opened the door for them to become executive members to help plan and support the reunion association by holding positions as officers.

If you, as original crew members of the Savage cannot attend reunions or support the association, maybe you can contact other members to help support us - or invite your children to become a part.

At our last reunion our VP Michael Burkhart brought a donation to our organization from one of the companies he deals with on a regular basis. Although we are not a nonprofit, we, as members, can approach our friends, associates and companies that we may know and ask if they would contribute to our cause, which includes providing money to help with repairs and maintenance of USS Stewart (DER 238), the only Edsall Class Destroyer Escort to be donated as a museum ship (to the City of Galveston in 1974).

The association also provides pictures and information along with a small annual contribution to the USS Savage website established by Diane Day in honor of her dad, Gerald O. Day, QM1c, USCG.

Any contributions our members can get will strengthen our association. Please help support the USS SAVAGE (DE/DER 386) Reunion Association, your ship's association.

We look forward to hearing from you via snail mail, email, phone, signal flag - whatever.

Have a beautiful, blessed and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**Ernesto 'Ernie' Velez, Jr.
TM-3,
President
USS Savage Reunion Association**