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We will be together for the west coast reunion in Renton, Washington, about 10 miles outside of Seattle in approximately three more weeks. So far, we have a list of 79 paid participants, with the list included in this issue, for your review. Many of you have attended numerous reunions over the years since Paul Bergeron started the USS Walke Association. The idea of meeting on the west coast, east coast and somewhere in the middle of the country is to allow shipmates to travel to at least one in three get-togethers, with the minimal amount of expense. Richard noted that we will be missing several members from the west coast, especially Oregonians and Washingtonians, all of whom we were hoping would attend this year. Next year the reunion will be hosted by Charles Murphy and his committee in Detroit, Michigan. We know the economy's ills will be keeping many of you closer to home this year. We want to remind you that there is a fund to help pay expenses so more of you can attend. For those of you who have opted to stay home this year, you will be sorely missed.

Nancy Richard wrote from Covington, LA that her husband Phillip (45-46) has been having a "nagging hip, so he had surgery—a complete hip replacement on March 31st of this year. He's finished with rehab and is learning to get around OK, but developed an ulcer on his backside... and she further says he's been dealing with a real pain in the 'behind'." Nancy Richard further says that unless a reunion is close enough for them to drive their car, they won't be able to attend.

Louise Jefferis will be attending this year with one of her daughters. She is asking for anyone who has stories or thoughts that they would like to share about her husband Allen, that they log onto the guest book at www.mem.com. If you have questions, you can contact daughters Diana Radcliffe (adradcliffe@cox.net) or Nancy Jefferis at njefferis@cox.net.

One item that Richard Williamson tracks for us on the roster is the years in which we attend the reunions. New rosters will be given out at the Seattle business meeting.



For all of you who have been rehabbing with various joint replacement surgeries, we can relate to the trials of new knees and hips. Bill Hardesty has been dancing every dance at the last two parties we attended, and he's ready to compare scars in Seattle. (Judy Henderson, look out!!!) Furthermore, when Bill was 17 years old, five shipmates got tattoos on their ankles. It seems that one or more of these buddies will be attending the Seattle reunion and they will be seeing each other for the first time in over 45 years...



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Salt's Night
(bring tales)

LETTER FROM WALKE'S PRESIDENT

Ahoy all Walke sailors, spouses and friends. I hope this finds you preparing for our Seattle reunion this September 25 – 30th. We look forward to spending time with old friends and welcoming several new ones. If you haven't contacted Richard Williamson, call (920) 788-4916. We will enjoy tours, great food and camaraderie as we explore the beautiful Pacific Northwest (bring an umbrella, just in case). Come join the fun!

The hospitality room offers extended hours, hosted by Walt Holderman. Volunteer bartenders will be some of your favorite shipmates. They'll have everything from your favorite drink of choice to bottled water. They serve with a smile, too.

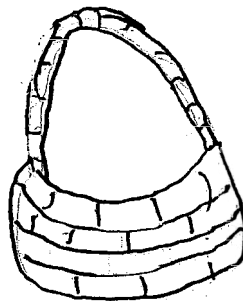
Many entertaining stories are told in the hospitality room. Old Salt's Night will be your opportunity to share them with everyone. You can even exaggerate.

Charles Murphy will give us an update on the 2009 reunion in Detroit. If you have some news to share call me; your input is welcome.

See you in Seattle!

John Henderson

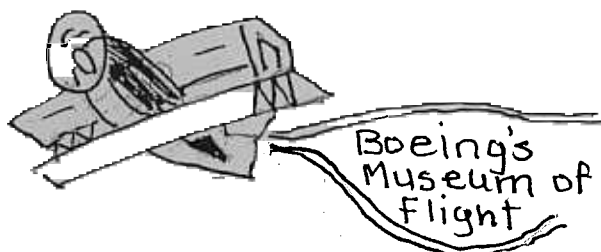
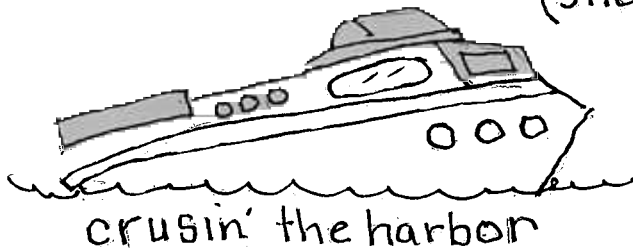
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Sshhh
(silent auction)



Book Exchange



(Seattle Reunion Attendees as of 9/08)
per Richard Williamson

Svoboda	Walter	Mabel	44-45
Murphy-Valentine	Charles	Betty (+2)	67-69
Nava	Jose	Kitty	45-47
Williamson	Richard	Mary Lou	54-57
Ciesinki	Rita	Leonora	
Harris	Wayne	Jamie	54-57
Harves	Ray	Pat	62-64
Williams	Marion	Shirley	53-56
Henderson	John	Judy	51-53
Jernigan	Larry	Yvonne	67-69
Licari	Philip	Jennie	44-46
Violette	Russ	Carole	61-63
Faux	Wayne	Linda	68-70
Billingsley	Herbert		43-46
Blake	Ted	Agnes	45-46
Willis	Guy	Dottie	50-51
Holderman	Walt		52-54
Groth	Frank		52-55
Lehares	Dino	Barbara	45-46
	Charles		
Stephens	(Steve)	Barbara	57-59
Bork	William C.	Pam	55-58
Patton	Monica A,		
		Regina T.	
Ellsberry	Jim P.	Duran	61-63
Hardesty	Bill	Nancy	61-63
Warrington	Dave	Midge	52-55
Dawson	Robert	Arlene	50-52
Hoffman	Robert		50-53
Gamechee	Frank	Delores	55-57
Meyers	John D.	Carole	68-70
White	Donald W,	Doris	52-53
Anderson	Eyler	Delores	51-54
	Delores		
Ploutz	Dee"		
Ober			
McClung, Jr.	Guy	Louanna	43-47
Rose	Don		54-58
Radke	Elmer Deane	Ginny	68-70
Normans	Sarge	Joyce & Julie	57-60
		Kelley	
Jefferis	Louise	Radcliffe	
Jackson	Wayne	Nancy	61-63
Seivert	Edward	Dana Brandt	43-45
Carlson	Herb	Marveen	54-55
			45-
Bergeron	Paul	Margaret	47
Earle	Lloyd	?	51-55
Cantell,	John	?	
Stengel	John	?	
Gurrier	William R		54, 55
Schwarzer	James		54, 57