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Message from President Brad Senter

Dear Shipmates, family members & friends,

The year 2019 turned out to be a banner year for our association. 12 new members signed up at the Charleston reunion. There were about 250 in attendance. A hearty well done to Ed McCready for putting on one of the best reunions yet. I know someone else will want to talk about the stern nameplate, so I won't get in to that.

One thing I want to hit on is, we have a vacancy on the executive board, the position would be the historian. We would like to fill it before we get to San Diego. Contact any board member for more information. Everyone have a great 2020 and we'll see you in San Diego. Brad Senter CVA-60 1961-64

Charleston Reunion Wrap Up

The Charleston reunion ended up exceeding attendance expectations with many new 1st timers in attendance. The Saratoga Spirit is alive and well as evidenced by all the wonderful help we had in Charleston: Special thanks goes to new member **Bill Roten** and his son, **Chief Bryan Roten** for spearheading the effort to deliver the Saratoga stern plate to the reunion for all to enjoy. Special thanks to shipmate **Hugh Flanagan** and his son **Christopher Flanagan** and the team at **DIAGEO** for the incredible donation of distilled spirits that were used exclusively at our hospitality room. Also special thanks to **Pam Humphries** for her amazing work coordinating the quilters and presenting Quilts of Valor to all Board Members. Special thanks to professional singer, **Nancy Krebs** for her stunning rendition of our National Anthem at the banquet. And finally, hand salute to shipmate **Michael Richardson** (Mouse) for the amazing photograph of the attendees and the stern plate.

This reunion was truly a team effort. Ed McCready CVA/CV60 '72-75

USS SARATOGA Scholarship Program

On behalf of your Scholarship Committee, I am extremely pleased to announce that we had a very successful 2019 Program. We awarded (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships.

We are very pleased and excited to announce that Mr. Bill Lack has volunteered to join our committee. We thank Bill for his willingness to step up and contribute his time and talents to this committee. With Bill joining us, we have reached our committee membership limit.

During our business meeting at the reunion in Charleston, our Board of Directors voted to increase the value of each of the (4) scholarships awarded, to the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2020 year applications. Scholarship application time frame opened up on 1/1/2020 and it will close on 4/30/2020. We want to bring attention to the fact that as part of this program, any High school senior, who has been accepted to an Accredited **TRADE SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

We want to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to everyone who has made a donation to the scholarship program. Please know that your contributions continue to support the legacy of our Association and are truly appreciated. Please consider sending your tax deductible donation check made payable to and mailed to: **USS Saratoga Reunion Association Scholarship Fund**

Remember, our children are our future. Take care Shipmates - Stephen Katz



Secretary Message

Shipmates, with this January 2020 newsletter, you may notice the insert explaining that the 2020 dues are now due. Please remember if you are a **LIFE MEMBER or have already paid your dues at the Charleston reunion, you do not need to pay again**. Please look at the mailing address on the envelope this newsletter came in. There is a notation on the envelope. If it says “**Life Member**” you do not need to pay annual dues (although many Life Members do choose to make donations). If it says “**Dues paid 2020**” that means you paid your dues at the reunion (or thereafter) and do not have to pay again. **If it says any other year: like 2017 or 2018 or 2019**, you do need to send in dues. Our Bylaws specify dues must be current to continue to be on the mailing list. We cease sending mailing and directories once dues have elapsed 3 years. Note: existing **Honorary** members were grandfathered into the Association with no annual dues required. Goring forward we are asking for Honorary members remit annual dues.

2020 SAN DIEGO REUNION

CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MISSION VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

From Captain Steven Medina:

As voted on by the Association Membership, during the 2018 Annual Reunion, the 2020 Annual Reunion will be held in **San Diego, California**.

Once announced as the Chair of the 2020 Annual Reunion, I met with our Reunion Coordinator, Ray, to begin planning for the Reunion. Thus far, we know the following:

WHY: **2020 USS Saratoga Association Annual Reunion**
WHERE: **Crown Plaza Hotel, Mission Valley**
WHEN: **Wednesday, 7 October through Sunday, 11 October 2020**
HOW: **From San Diego Airport: Super Shuttle; Uber; Lyft**

Thus far, we are also discussing:

WHAT:

An active Navy Aircraft Carrier Shipboard Tour
Welcome Reception and formal Welcome Aboard for New Members (Member feedback)
Sequence of Events for the Banquet
Finalizing of Banquet support (DJ; Navy Region Band; Navy Color Guard)
Potential additional/alternative tours (San Diego City, Little Italy, MCRD, Valley Center Mall)
Alternatives to Shipboard Tour and “Stay or Play” Options

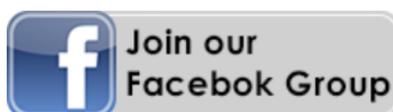
Because travel cost is always a factor, we will work to itemize Annual Reunion costs (hotel rates; parking; to-and-from transportation expense; tours, etc.) as soon as possible. We will strive to maximize the Reunion experience, all while keeping expenses in mind. Lastly, as this is our Reunion, we will strive to take-in your thoughts and recommendations, so that the Reunion will be memorable and enjoyable. With everyone’s help and support, we can make it happen. ***Semper Fortis***

USS Saratoga Association’s video information update

The Board would like to announce a new and updated USS Saratoga information video. As of the time of this publication, everyone can go on the USS-Saratoga.com website and find a new video presenting information about the Scholarship Fund, a reminder about how to become a member, a few words from the Chairman of the 2020 reunion in San Diego, CA, and the Association’s president recapping the past year and plans for the future. - Mark Beecher
(P.S. Don’t forget to jump at the deals in the ship’s store)

USS Saratoga Association on Social Media

As many of you already know, we have a very active and lively Facebook group where Saratogians can share stories, post photos and communicate over the World Wide Web. We have several “Admins” who maintain a “tight ship” and make sure members follow the site rules to keep it family friendly. If you’ve never seen it, you might be surprised at how many members are in the group. As of this writing, 3,891 people are members of the group. This has proven to be one of our best outreach efforts for new members.



Christians around the world have entered into the season of Advent, a time reserved by Christians to celebrate the birth of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah of Israel and believe Him to be the savior of humanity. This did not come about as a result of idle musings or the wishful contemplation of naïve thinkers, or the conclusions by a group of individuals who were playing a guessing game.

Let me explain. It is widely known that many people are good at guessing things. For example, some are good with crossword puzzles in guessing words, or while watching the television program Wheel of Fortune, they accurately guess a word or phrase. When you were somewhat younger, say in your teens or early 20s and you were thinking about your future, were you able at that time to guess in specific details the most important future events that have since transpired in your life exactly as you predicted them to occur, say 20 or 30, or 40 years later? I would say most likely, no. I know that I did not accurately predict my current health or marital status. I never predicted the name of my wife or where I would meet her or where I would make my home with her. Certainly, my DNA had something to do with the health part, but the marital part was brought about through cabinet level negotiation. I never accurately predicted my future work status or where I would be working or the date of my retirement. Now, rewind the clock back to the times of the prophets of Israel, a time period from 740 B.C. and 530 B.C. There was a time when the prophets began to speak about a future Messiah who would arrive upon the world scene and change everything in Israel. In fact, the prophets predicted that the future Messiah would initiate changes of such magnitude that he would impact and influence everything on the stage of human history from the time of his advent until the end of days. Eventually, the prophets did begin to write in specific details the Messiah's future arrival and significance to people and specific details pertaining to his life circumstances including the end of his physical existence.

Around 740 B.C. the prophet Isaiah spoke of a future final heir of King David who would enlighten the Gentiles (non-Jews). We could say that the nation of Israel was created for this purpose. As time progressed the prophets spoke in specific details about the future Messiah. In the book of Isaiah, the future Messiah is noted as one born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14). The 53rd chapter of Isaiah offers graphic detail of the death of the Messiah and it is particularly notable that among the ranks of humanity, only Jesus of Nazareth has the fingerprint of the individual spoken about in Isaiah's descriptive account. Additional details of a future Messiah are revealed in the visions of Daniel in the 6th century B.C. (Dan. 7-12). Daniel's predictions concerning specific events of the remote future that would take place in the life of the Messiah are so accurate that those events can be historically connected to the events themselves in real time more than half a millennium later. Micah, who prophesied in Israel in the 8th century BC, specifies the place where the Messiah would be born – Bethlehem (Micah 5:2-5). Zechariah who prophesied in the 5th century B.C. prophesied the Messiah's entrance into Jerusalem as one riding on a foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9) which Jesus did on Palm Sunday. Malachi who prophesied in the mid-5th century B.C. stated in chapter 3:1 that the Messiah's entrance would be preceded by a messenger to prepare His way. This messenger is known as the cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist (Mathew 11:10; Mark 1: 2-4, 7); Luke 7:27-28. In all, more than a hundred prophecies recorded in the Old Testament speak about a particular, future Messiah which Jesus, Son of Mary alone, has literally fulfilled the prophetic details. I have barely touched on particular prophetic texts which speak to a future Messiah. Many would say that what I am saying is just a guessing game or mentations of an overactive imagination. There is much more information available to help answer any of a number of religious questions this message has prompted. In the meantime, ponder the implications of this challenge: If an individual is correct that Christianity's claims about the advent and life of Jesus are false, then that individual has nothing to be concerned about regarding his or her personal eternity. On the other hand, if the individual is incorrect in his belief concerning what Jesus claimed about Himself, the unbeliever's eternity with Christ is lost. So, from a Christian perspective, it is infinitely important that individuals accurately "guess" or "predict" whether or not the claims Jesus made concerning his identity, mission, and future of humanity are true. As the Christmas season envelops us, I would encourage people to ponder the prophetic predictions above and particularly what Jesus Himself claimed according to John 14:1-6 and John 3:16.

As a person of faith in Christ, I do not believe that Jesus was confused or just guessing about His identity or the future of humanity. I am convinced that the fingerprint of His identity is inscribed in the prophetic texts, and that the biographies of Jesus (the Gospels) affirm in a convincing way His messianic and other claims as well as many of his promises.

May the advent of the Messiah Jesus, Savior and Lord embrace you and dwell in your soul that you may see Him face to face in his eternal Kingdom. John 20: 24-29.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Lee Martin, Ph.D Chaplain

USS SARATOGA DUES NOTICE & DONATION FORM

Mail form to : USS Saratoga Association, 447 Land Or Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Your Name:	Spouse/Relative Name:		
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Years on Board:	Div/Squad:	Plankowner:	
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Enclosed: \$ _____ DUES **2020** Make Check or Money Order payable to USS Saratoga Association
 Enclosed: \$ _____ DONATION **2020** (Tax deductible) GENERAL FUND (May be combined with Dues amount)
 Enclosed: \$ _____ DONATION **2020** (Tax deductible) SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Write separate check please. Make check or money order payable to USS Saratoga Scholarship Fund)

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$25.00

Life Membership Section:

Age	Fee		Age	Fee		Age	Fee	
Up to 49	\$ 350.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-55	\$ 300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	56-60	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
61-65	\$ 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	66-70	\$ 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	71-75	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
76-80	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	81 and up	\$ 15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>			

OPTIONAL: Spouses only have a 1-time *Lifetime* Membership Fee: \$25.00 ea.
Children and relatives can join as *Honorary Members* with standard annual dues

SARATOGA SHIP'S STORE ITEMS

[Check Website for more items and information... WWW.USS-SARATOGA.COM](http://WWW.USS-SARATOGA.COM)

ITEM NUMBER	SALE ITEMS	PRICE
81	License Plate Frame	\$2.00
82	Motorcycle License Plate	\$2.00
190	Shot Glass	\$1.00
215	10" X 14" Metal Plaque USS Saratoga Awards & Medals	\$5.00
83	License Plate with Awards & Medals	\$5.00
90	Mouse Pads USS Saratoga	\$5.00
116	US Flag 2"x3"	\$1.00
117	US Flag 2"x3" (waving)	\$1.00
100	Coffee Mugs	\$3.00
154	Button-Up Dress Shirts – White	\$10.00
156	Freedom Polo Shirt	\$25.00
157	Freedom T-Shirt	\$20.00
159	Marine Detachment T-Shirt Red	\$20.00
160	Lady's Freedom Polo Shirt	\$25.00
161	Marine Detachment Freedom Polo Red	\$25.00
174	Blue Denim Button Up Shirts Long & Short Sleeve	\$25.00
176	Khaki Button Up Shirt Long & Short Sleeve	\$10.00
70	5-Function Cambridge Knife (black, blue or red)	\$3.00
29	USS Saratoga Association Cap (limited availability)	\$10.00

USS SARATOGA STEEL (When they're gone, they're gone!)

1001	1 ¼" Steel Embedded in 5" Diameter Lucite – Shiny Clean	\$74.00
1002	2" Diameter "Coin" ¼" thick, lazer etched	\$22.00
1003	3"x5" Engraved Bulkhead (limited # available, rough)	\$32.00
1004	½" x 3" Steel Conduit (no engraving) Rough	\$5.00

OTHER

10	Cruise Books – Various Years (call for availability)	\$100.00
271	12"X18" Garden Flag – Ship's Crest "Veteran"	\$16.00
272	Garden Flag Stand	\$10.00
273	US Flag with Ship's Crest "Veteran"	\$39.00
214	Saratoga Ship's Crest Decal	\$6.00
217	Zippo Lighter Side 1: US Navy; Side 2: Ship's Crest	\$26.95
269	CVA-60 Silver or Gold Belt Buckle	\$25.00
26	CVA-60 Cap Solid or Mesh – Special Price	\$15.00
24	CVA-60 Cap Solid or Mesh – Special Price	\$15.00
30	2" Challenge Coin	\$10.00
33	1 ½" Challenge Coin	\$10.00
110	PATCH – 6 th Fleet	\$8.00
112	PATCH – Ship's Crest	\$10.00
113	PATCH – CVA/CV-60 Gone But Not Forgotten 5"	\$8.00
114	PATCH – Original Reproduction CVA-60 Ship's Patch 5"	\$10.00

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VETERAN

12" x 18" Garden Flag



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