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Message from President Sammy King

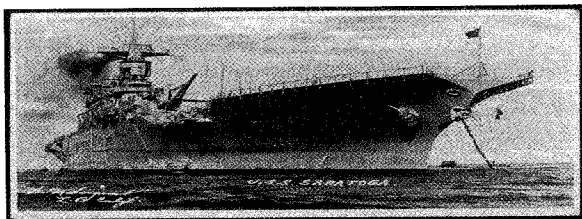
Greetings Sara Shipmates, our Ladies ,and our Association Friends. Well we now turn the page on 2016 and put it in the books, as we look forward to 2017. As we start the New Year it is always nice to "look back a little too". 2016 was a good year for your Association in that we have made progress and are moving forward with things. We had a good turnout for our Reunion in Branson in October. The membership voted to go to San Antonio Texas in 2018 and your Reunion committee has done a good job in getting you a nice "package" right on the Riverwalk in SA. The Branson Business meeting was very productive in that several By Laws changes/clarifications were approved. A Membership Growth and Development Committee was established with the new Liaison Officer (John Lipscomb) heading it up. The committee will be focusing on a program for reaching those shipmates that served in the 90's and specifically the 1994 Decommissioning Group since that is our 'target market' for new and long term members and leaders of our Association. Your Board is fully committed to this effort and as the committee formulates "the plan" you will be hearing and seeing more about it. 2016 was also our year for election of officers, your officers for the next two years are listed here in the Newsletter, but one note that should be made is that our long time loyal supporter and Liaison Officer Harvey Hirsch decided to "step down" in that capacity. Those of us that know Harvey know that he did/has dedicated and devoted many years to help make our Association what it is today. When you see Harvey extend your gratitude and kudos to him please. "Bravo Zulu Harvey". Thanks to everyone that helped make Branson another very successful reunion, too many to name!!

We have a new Newsletter Editor. His name is Bob Zarse. Bob is a Life Member and served on CVA 60, 1959-1961 and was in the Navigation Department. Thanks for stepping up Bob.

Each year the Treasurers books and the Ships Store books are audited and 2016 was the time for the Ships Store and a select three member committee audited the SS books and found them to be in good order. In 2017 at Saratoga Springs our Association Treasurers books/records will be audited.

The Association is putting a "shout out" to anyone interested in taking on the duties of managing the Ships Store. TC and Emma Chastain have indicated they wish to 'give up those duties" between now and San Antonio Reunion in 2018. So if this is something you think you could and would want to help the Association with let us know. Our ships store is one of the things that make our Association unique as you all know. Some of the other Association's Ships Stores come to their reunion in the trunk of a car!

As I mentioned earlier we now have in place a Membership Growth and Development Committee and I am asking each of you to help the committee by using the "insert" in this newsletter. Please cut out



A few years back the Membership approved the idea of going to an "every other year" on our Directory to cut costs. That was 2015, so this is the year for our next edition of the Directory which should be coming out a little later.

The 66th annual USS Saratoga Association reunion this year will be in Saratoga Springs, NY. September 27th through October 1st at the Holiday Inn. We were there 19 years ago and I have heard that "it was the largest attended Reunion ever", so having said that I would encourage you to get your Hotel reservations made early. Once our block of rooms are gone or the hotel sells out your options get rather limited. As of this writing I can say that the committee has been hard at work in their effort to "give you a good show in Saratoga Springs" this year.

As to the tours/meals, your registration forms, and, more information will be forthcoming in our June Newsletter and the new "Midrats" electronic mailings that are going out to those that wish to receive it and have provided a valid email address to the Secretary. Saratoga Springs (2017) reunion Chairman Bill Phelps and his committee are putting together a nice venue for us in Saratoga Springs.

On the subject of our reunions and all of the hard work and planning that goes on and into them for upwards of two years by the Chairman, Your officers, and Committee members, I am reminded of the definition of "reunion" Webster defines it thus "the act of bringing together again after a period of separation.

"What we tolerate today, our children will embrace tomorrow" Author Unknown.

Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year to all our Shipmates, our Ladies and our Association friends, and a toast to a successful 2017 for your Saratoga Association. *"Semper Fortis..."*

Message from Secretary Ed McCready

First I wish to thank the membership for once again voting me to remain as your Secretary for another 2 year term. With this January 2017 newsletter there is an enclosed Dues Notice. As a gentle reminder, if you are a Life Member you do not have to pay dues. Should you wish to make a tax deductible donation to the USS Saratoga Association, I will provide a receipt that you may use at tax time. If you are an annual dues paying member your 2017 dues are due at this time and are not tax deductible. If you paid at the Branson reunion I gave you a 2017 card and marked the roster accordingly. Any annual dues paying shipmate that is 3 years overdue is removed from the roster and will not receive another newsletter.

The new Directory which will be printed this summer, will ONLY be sent to CURRENT PAID MEMBERS. If you are a Life, Honorary or 2017 paid member you will receive a Directory. If you have not paid your 2017 dues you will not receive a Directory. Over the past 2 years I have kept a running list of all address changes, changes in membership status, new members, etc. etc. I have also communicated these changes to our printer so the new directory should reflect current information. If you noticed an error in the last directory and have not yet mentioned it to me, please let me know so we can correct the new edition.

For those of you who provided the Association with a correct email address should have already received several issues of MIDRATS the "Occasional Electronic Communication" from the USS Saratoga Association. If you have no idea what I'm speaking about it means either (1.) I do not have the correct email address for you or (2.) You do not have an email address..... Ok let's take them one by one; if you have an email but have not received the communication than somewhere along the line there's a problem with the address. Most likely I typed something wrong (I am known for that). So if you're reading this newsletter and would like to have the MIDRATS sent to you, send me an email (emc0853@yahoo.com) once I have your address I'll put it in the roster and bingo bongo we're rocking and rolling. If you do not have an email or a computer and have no plans to get one, please disregard this paragraph.

As your Secretary I want everyone to understand you may contact me should you have any questions. I still answer my phone even if the caller ID is unknown. (Just like in the old days when every caller was unknown. FYI, life's an adventure, answer the phone. It may be someone you want to talk to - and if not, you can still hang up). My personal employment status is in upheaval at the moment so without a doubt my cell number will be changing. As of this printing I do not yet know my new cell number but will communicate it via MIDRATS once it's known. I sincerely hope my address and land line remain as it currently is - moving again is not something I want to do. Stay safe and be well.

Message from Newsletter Editor Bob Zarse

When I attended the USS Saratoga Decommissioning Ceremony in August of 1994 I discovered a large group of

Ship's Store

Item #	Description	Price
190	Shot Glass (\$4 each or 4 for \$14)	\$4.00

Stickers

Item #	Description	Price
214	USS Saratoga CVA60 and CV60 Ships Crest Decal	\$6.00

Books

Item #	Description	Price
010	Cruise Book	\$125.00 - \$175.00

Caps (Call for Availability)

Item #	Description	Price
020	Extreme Embroidery Ship on Bill of hat CVA60 or CV60 on back	\$18.00
021	Extreme Embroidery "We Own The Seas" CVA60 or CV60	\$18.00
023	Gamecock Embroidered on front CV3, CV60, CVA 60 Made in USA	\$18.00
024	Mesh with Silhouette of ship on front CV3, CV60, CVA 60 Made in USA	\$18.00
025	Marine Red, Silhouette of ship & USMC embroidered on front	\$18.00
026	Silhouette of ship on front CV3, CV60, CVA 60 Made in USA	\$18.00
028	U.S.S. Saratoga: Lady and Youth	\$15.00
029	USS Saratoga Association Logo Hat	\$18.00
031	Embroidered Hats	\$18.00
032	Embroidered Gamecock Hats	\$18.00

Coffee Mugs

Item #	Description	Price
100	Coffee Mugs	\$7.00
101	Port Hole Beer Mugs lined in 22K gold (\$22 each or 2 for \$40)	\$22.00

Coin

Item #	Description	Price
030	Challenge Coin Saratoga 2"	\$10.00
033	1 1/2" Challenge Coin	\$10.00

DVD

Item #	Description	Price
040	USS Saratoga Decommissioning DVD Limited Quantities	\$10.00

Jackets

Item #	Description	Price
060	(Call for Size!) Windbreaker CV3, CVA60, CV60 Silhouette of Ship Left Chest Limited Quantities	\$45.00
061	(Call for Size!) Marine - Red M - XXL Limited Quantities	\$45.00
175	Navy Blue Jacket (Mesh Lined Body, Fleece Lined Collar, Detachable Hood)	\$55.00
177	White Jacket	\$45.00

License Plates

Item #	Description	Price
080	License Plate - Metal	\$10.00
081	License Plate Frames	\$13.00
082	Motorcycle License Plate	\$5.00

Mouse Pads

Item #	Description	Price
090	Mouse Pads USS Saratoga	\$8.00

Patches

Item #	Description	Price
110	6th Fleet	\$8.00
112	CVA 60 Crest	\$10.00
113	CVA/CV-60 Gone But Not Forgotten 5"	\$8.00
114	Original Reproduced CVA-60 Ship's Patch 5"	\$10.00
115	Rocker USS Saratoga 3.50€□	\$5.00
116	US Flag 2" x 3"	\$5.00
119	USS Saratoga with Gamecock 9"	\$10.00

Pens

Item #	Description	Price
120	Ballpoint Pen (3 for \$10.00)	\$4.00

Pins

Item #	Description	Price
140	Ball Cap Pins	\$8.00
141	Hat Pin - 3rd Class through 1st Class Chevrons Large Shiny Silver Metal	\$9.00
143	Ships Silhouette - CV60, CVA-60	\$5.00
144	Text Only USS Saratoga, Ships Crest - CV3, CV60, CVA 60	\$5.00
146	USS Saratoga with Ribbon	\$7.00
148	Plank Owner Pin	\$7.00
240	USS Saratoga Navy Veteran Pin (New Larger pin)	\$7.00
242	Petty Office Collar Devices	\$5.00
243	U. S. Flag Pin	\$5.00
244	Ship Crest Key Ring for the CVA/CV-60	\$7.00
245	USS Saratoga Flight Deck Pin (New larger pin)	\$7.00

Shirts

Item #	Description	Price
154	Dress Shirts	\$35.00
156	Freedom Polo Shirt	\$36.00
157	Freedom T Shirt	\$27.00
158	Freedom T Shirt - Youth sizes	\$21.00
159	Red T-Shirt - USS Saratoga Marine Detachment	\$27.00
160	Lady's Freedom Pique Polo	\$35.00
161	Red Marine Detachment Men's Freedom Pique Polo	\$36.00
165	Sweat Shirt - Hoodie	\$35.00
170	T-Shirts Short Sleeve Angle Deck Carrier	\$26.00
171	USS Saratoga Association Logo T-Shirt	\$22.00
172	Denim Long Sleeve USS Saratoga Association Logo	\$35.00
173	USMC Logo T-Shirt	\$22.00
174	Dark Blue Denim Work Shirts	\$36.00
176	Khaki Shirt	\$40.00 - \$48.00
178	Denim Blue Shirt	\$40.00 - \$48.00
179	USS Saratoga Association Dress Shirts	\$35.00
266	Hoodie	\$40.00

Photographs (Call Before Ordering)

Item #	Description	8x10 Photos		4x6 Photos	
		Color	Black & White	Color	Black & White
130	Photos Assorted Photos Available See Ship Store on Website	1 for \$10.00 3 for \$25.00	1 for \$8.00 3 for \$20.00	1 for \$6.00 3 for \$15.00	1 for \$5.00 3 for \$12.00

Closeout Items (Call for Availability - Items Will Not Be Reordered)

Item #	Description	Price
001	Belt Buckle - US Navy Belt Buckle (Pewter & Enamel 3 1/8" x 2 1/2") "Made in the USA"	\$12.00
013	Navy Days by Eddie Jon Spear	\$15.00
022	Extreme Embroidery "We Own The Seas" (Call For Availability)	\$18.00
027	Call For Availability	\$18.00
050	Led Flashlight Keyring (3 for \$10)	\$10.00
070	Cambridge 5-Function Pocket Knife (\$5 each or 3 for \$12)	\$5.00
102	Travel Mugs Wood grain with handle CV3/CVA60/CV60 (Close out special)	\$5.00
111	Crows for 3rd Class through 1st Class Petty Officers	\$8.00
117	US Flag 2" x 3" (Waving)	\$5.00
118	USS Saratoga Association CV3, CVA 60/CV60	\$8.00
121	Clarion Flightlight Pen and Stylus (3 for \$10.00)	\$10.00
142	Lapel Pins	\$5.00 - \$7.00
145	USS Saratoga Logo Medallion, or USS Saratoga Gamecock	\$5.00
147	SEABEE Pin	\$5.00
149	USS Saratoga Pin	\$5.00
150	Denim Light Blue faded or stone washed light blue work - Long Sleeve	\$35.00
151	Denim Light Blue faded or stone washed light blue work - Short Sleeve - CVA/CV60	\$35.00
152	Denim Long Sleeve	\$35.00
153	Denim Short Sleeve	\$35.00
155	Gildan Ultra Cotton Lt. Wt. Sweatshirt/Long Sleeve Tee's	\$24.00
162	Polo - Men's White, Navy or Gray USS Saratoga	\$35.00
163	Polo - LIMITED TIME AKWA (Few Left)	\$26.00
164	Sweat Shirts - Heavy Duty	\$35.00
166	Sweat Shirts - Light Weight Gildan Heavy Cotton	\$26.00
167	Sweat Shirts - Crewneck	\$26.00
168	T-Shirts Gamecock	\$22.00 - \$28.00
169	T-Shirts - Long Sleeve Angle Deck Carrier	\$26.00
180	9" Frisbee (3 for \$10)	\$10.00
201	USS Saratoga Dog Tags	\$5.00
210	USS Saratoga Combat Vietnam Vet Sticker	\$6.00
211	Proud SeaBee 5.5" Sticker	\$6.00
212	SeaBee Sticker	\$6.00
213	USN Shellback King	\$6.00
241	US Navy Pin	\$5.00
502	Outer Banks Nylon Golf Vest (Call for Colors/Sizes)	\$15.00
503	CV3 Ship's Crest Key Ring	\$7.00
504	Kamp Shirt (Call for Sizes)	\$20.00
505	CV3 Polo Shirt - Only 1 Left!	\$25.00
506	6 Pack Cooler with Side Pocket and Hand Strap	\$5.00



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

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Item Num	Quantity	Size	Item / Options <small>(Specify CV3, CVA60, CV60, etc.)</small>	Color	Price
Subtotal:					
Credit Card Orders Add 3%:					
Shipping:					
Total:					

Shipping charges below do not include multiple cup orders or oversize items. You will need to call for a shipping quote.

\$1.00 - \$10.00 = \$5.95 | \$10.01 - \$30.00 = \$8.75 | \$30.01 - \$50.00 = \$10.85 | \$50.01 - \$100.00 = \$14.95