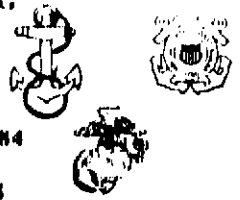




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NEXT MEETING: Will be held on Sunday 25 August 2002 at the Army Reserve Training Center, 3120 PARKWAY ST. NW, Canton, Ohio. Doors open at 1:30 PM, meeting starting at 2:30 PM. In case of illness or death, please notify one of the above Officers. **NOTICE:** We will have a special guest at this meeting. PRPSW RICHARD "DICK" DE LESDERNIER, San Diego Branch 9, Candidate for **NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT 2002-2003**. Please make plans to attend this meeting and hear what he has to say about the Association.

FREE COFFEE BREAK: We had excellent weather for the Coffe Break on July 19-20 and 21. A special thanks to Boats and Cordie Taylor who was with me all three days working at the trailer. Wife Martha helped set up supplies inside the trailer, but was too ill to work the weekend. Thanks to the other Shipmates and Ladies who helped. Mose & Helen Wimbley, Barbara Shoemaker, Grace Havenfield, Mac McCalla, Joe Prusacik, John Demeter, Sam & June Vechter and Elsie. You all helped make it a success.

MEMBERSHIP: 200 total members, 4 past due, 196 in good standing. **PAST DUE:** William Byers, Richard H Squier, Rosario J Vairo Jr and Robert Wiley. **NEED TO RENEW:** Glenn Brown, Jack Conkle, Roy Diminno, Francis Eddy, Ronald Morris, John Roll Jr and Clayton Wright. **WELCOME ABOARD:** AWC Joseph A Prusacik who was reinstates for three years. **THANKS:** To the Shipmates who have renewed. If you have already sent in your dues, please accept our thanks.

IN MEMORIUM

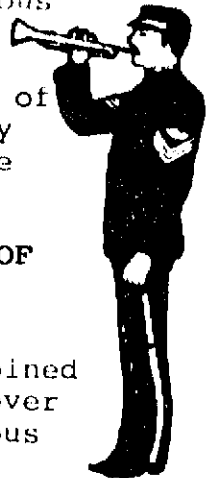
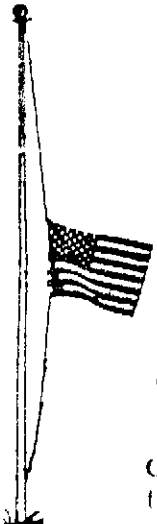
BURKHART, KENNETH G., MRC USN RET. of Canton joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander 19 June 2002. He had benn a continous member since April 1977.

FERNWALT, HARRY, SK1 USN RET. of Barberton joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander. Received notice from National in July printout from National. He had been a continous member since September 1969.

WE extend our deepest sympathy to their families. **THE TOLL OF THE SHIPS BELL REMINDES US OF THE REVERENCE WE OWE TO OUR DEPARTED SHIPMATES.**

COOVER, JACK A, EMC(SS) Past National President 1989-1990 joined the Staff of the Supreme Commander July 4, 2002. Shipmate Coover was a member of Vallejo, CA Branch 8. He had been a continous member since 1957.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONVENTION: Held 11-13 July, hosted by Milwaukee Branch 14 was attended by S/Ms Bryan and Yale. The new NCR President is Donald L. Gage, Branch 161 Kansas City and the new RVPNC is Paul Holtmann, Branch 227, West Siloam, OK. Branch 324 took 3rd place, group 4 in Hosp/Welfare and 1st place in Public Relations, Group 4. S/M Yale was named Shipmate of Year North Central for Public Relations.



CONGRATULATIONS: Margaret "Peggy" Schmidt was presented the President's Navy Pin for recruiting one active Duty Navy Shipmate which was her husband Larry, this was at the July meeting. Branch President Richard E. Yale was presented his 20 year pin.

LOCAL TRICARE OFFICE INFORMATION: (1) Take Route 77 to Route 224 West. (2) Route 224 west to South Main Street Exit. (3) Turn Right onto South Main St. (4) Go $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile and on left side is a Shopping Mall ("L" shaped Strip Mall). Tricare Office is in the Mall. Phone Number (330) 724-9082. Point of contact: LAURIE/DEBBIE.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: Will be attended in Kissimmee, FL by S/M's Yale, Vechter and Bryan. Items that will be discussed are (1) Open the FRA membership to anyone who has served honorably (non career) in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. (2) Change in National Headquarters-- (a) Do away with National Treasurer-- (b) Do away with the NPS position and hire Controller. (c) Have the NPS hired by the NBOD and the NPS would be in charge of the NATIONAL Headquarters and report to the National Board of Directors. Sounds like it will be an interesting Convention.
