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November 2023 Newsletter



President's Corner



36TH REUNION UPDATE



OUR 36th REUNION IS IN THE BOOKS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY BRAVO ZULU TO KATHLEEN AND WALTER LUMLEY FOR HOSTING OUR REUNION PLUS SATURDAY AFTERNOON HOAGIES. B.Z. ALSO GOES OUT TO TAMMY AND PAUL QUIMBY FOR THE TOTE BAGS WITH OUR LOGO ON ONE SIDE AND 776 ON THE OTHER. THE BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH EGGS TO ORDER WAS GREAT. OUR BANQUET DINNER WAS ALSO GREAT. EACH DAY THE HOTEL HAD FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM VEGGIES AND SNACKS AND THREE ADULT DRINKS OF YOUR CHOICE.

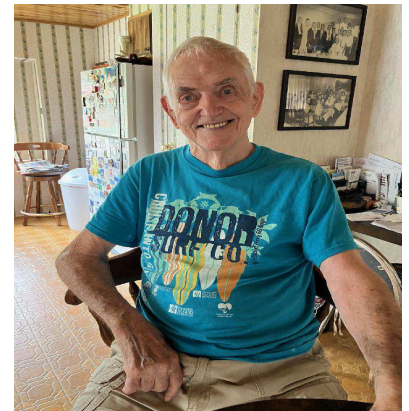
WE HAD THREE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES HAPPEN.

THE VAN HOOSE'S SONS AND DAUGHTER IN LAWS WENT TO PHILLY TO SEE THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE. UNFORTUNATE FOR VICTORIA HAD A MISHAP OF FALLING AND GETTING BRUISED. SHE'S OK AND ON THE MEND.

THEN SATURDAY MORNING CHET DE VORE (55-57) FALLS AND FRACTURED HIS HIP. HE WAS OPERATED ON AND IS DOING REHAB. ALSO A BOUT OF COVID IN THE HOSPITAL. HE HAS HOME HEALTH CARE NOW AND FEELING GOOD AT HOME SWEET HOME, WITH JANET CARING FOR HIM.



CHET DE VORE



ON SUNDAY MORNING JESSE VAN HOOSE (50-54) HAD CHEST PAINS WHICH THEY THOUGHT HE WAS HAVING A HEART ATTACK. WENT TO THE HOSPITAL. REMOVED FLUID FROM HIS LUNGS, SPENT A FEW DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL. WENT BACK FLORIDA AND LAST REPORT HE IS DOING FINE.

AS I REPLACED OUR LATE PRESIDENT EDW, OUR MAA RICHARD SAXON (66-68) ACCEPTED THE VICE PRESIDENT POSITION UNTIL WE HAVE OUR REGULAR ELECTION AT THE GENERAL MEETING IN DAYTON, OHIO IN SEPTEMBER OF 2024.

WE ARE ON TO DAYTON, OHIO FOR OUR 37th REUNION THE DATES FOR OUR REUNION ARE 11-15 SEPTEMBER 2024. WE WILL BE USING THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON IN DAYTON MIAMISBURG, AT 300 PRESTIGE PL, MIAMISBURH, OHIO. THE PHONE NUMBER IS 937-436-2400. BESIDES THE AIR FORCE BASE AND MUSEUM. THERE IS NCR MUSEUM WITH ALL THE CASH REGISTERS. ALSO THE H. GERSTNER & SONS HAND MADE WOODEN TOOLBOX CHEST. IT'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN THE USA. MORE TO COME IN FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER.

ONE OTHER THING, AT THE GENERAL MEETING, IT WAS WHERE TO GO IN 2025. IT WAS VOTE TO GO TO ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA FOR OUR 38th REUNION WE WILL BE GOING IN MAY INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER BECAUSE THERE IS LESS CHANCES OF HURRICANES.

HAVE A SOLEMN VETERANS DAY, HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

DUES

Dues are still only \$10.00 per year or \$100.00 for Life Membership. Thanks to the many of you who have sent in your dues. Check the label on your newsletter and remember it is 2023 a new year. If it says **EXP 12/ 0000** it means you are receiving a guest letter and have not yet paid your dues and probably should. Also if your top line of your address label is in **RED** you owe dues. Make CHECK payable to J.C. Owens Assoc. and mailed to **Frank Kleinsorgen, 27070 Mill Seat Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659-2858**. Thank you for your support. <http://www.JCOwensDD776.org>

SHIPMATES IF YOU MOVE. IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD NOTIFY US OF THE CHANGE. SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR FILES SO THAT YOU RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER PROMPTLY



HAVE YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPEN TO YOUR JC SHIPMATES ?
WELL YOU CAN TRY GOING TO THE FOLLOWING SITES BELOW.

NAVYBUDDIES.COM

NAVYMEMORIAL.ORG

TOGETHERWESERVED.COM

HULLNUMBER.COM

TO RECONNECT WITH THEM AND TELL THEM ABOUT THE JC OWENS GROUP AND THE GOOD TIMES WE HAVE AT THE REUNIONS.

ASK THEM TO JOIN.



OUR FOLLOWING SHIPMATES ARE RECUPERATING WITH SOME RECENT HEALTH ISSUES A CARD WOULD CHEER THEM UP.



NANCY VAN DUZER

NANCY VAN DUZER
1750 SCOTT ROAD
BLAKELY, PA 18447



JESSE VAN HOOSE (50-54)

JESSE VAN HOOSE
4105 WEDGEMERE DR.
TAMPA, FL 33610-7430



CHET DE VORE (55-57)

CHET DE VORE
1111 BELLEVISTA CT.
SERVERNA PARK, MD 32966-2493



LET ME KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SHIPMATE OR SPOUSE WHO ARE HAVING HEALTH ISSUES AND WE WILL PUT THEM ON THE BINNACLE LIST.

“The Navy has both a tradition and a future — and we look with pride and confidence in both directions.”

Admiral George Anderson
CNO, 1 August 1961

DAYTON SITE CHAIRMAN

FRANK KLEINSORGEN (63-66) OUR SECRETARY / TREASURER HAS STEPPED UP TO TAKE OVER SITE CHAIR FOR DAYTON WITH THE PASSING OF OUR PRESIDENT EDW FTORSKI.
WE THANK YOU FRANK



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“How come my sister gets big blue capsules and I get cough syrup?”



"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy



Veterans Day dates back to World War I.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" that signaled the end of World War I. Nov. 11th became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Since then, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

There's a New Veterans Crisis Line: 988 then Press 1.

The Veterans Crisis Line's new number—988 then Press 1—helps make it easier to remember and share the number to access help in times of need. Veterans may also reach the Veterans Crisis Line by text (838255), and through chat (VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat).

Signed into law in 2020, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act authorized 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The number was activated in July 2022 by all telephone service providers across the US.

Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

Douglas MacArthur

ALL 36 REUNIONS



Keith modeling his uniform making us jealous. They fit good after 53 years.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday November 23, 2023 May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love, and joy.



From the U S S James C. Owens Association we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2024 New Year. Just a reminder Dayton, Ohio is a few days earlier this year September 11 – 15, 2024. When you open this newsletter it will be only ten and a half months away, so let's start planning.



Merry Christmas to all



THINGS TO DO IN DAYTON

America's Packard Museum – The Citizens Motorcar Co. 420 S Ludlow St, Dayton, OH 45402-2605
Hours 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Phone**

2nd Street Market - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
600 E 2nd St, Dayton, OH 45402-1381
Phone (937) 228-2088 - Reminiscent of European markets

The Wright Cycle Company Complex
16 S Williams St, Dayton, OH 45402-8235
Hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Phone (937) 225-7705

Carillon Historical Park – Hours 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409-2023
Phone 937-293-2841

The Historical Transportation building housed the oldest steam locomotive made in the USA and many more great things.

Restaurants near Doubletree Suites

The Bistro \$\$-\$\$\$ American 8:30 AM - 2:30 AM
Located inside the hotel phone +1 937-436-2400
Serving Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Red Lobster \$\$ - \$\$\$ American - Seafood
Hours 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM Phone +1 937-433-0940
8200 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, Miami Township,
OH 45342 Wheelchair Accessible 0.2 miles away

Thai Kitchen \$\$ - \$\$\$ Asian Thai & Vegetarian
Hours 11:00 AM-2:30 PM Reopen 4:30 PM-9:00 PM
8971 Kingsridge Drive, Dayton, OH 45458
Vegan Options Phone +1 937-436-5079 0.3 miles

Gyro Palace Hours 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Mediterranean Greek - \$ Quick Bites
57 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, Miami Township,
OH 45342-3701 Phone +1 937-436-2770
Vegetarian Friendly 0.3 miles away

Ariake Sushi Bar & Restaurant 0.3 miles
+1 937-221-9739 \$\$ - \$\$\$ Japanese Sushi Asian
59 Fiesta Ln, Miamisburg, Miami Township, OH
45342-5302 Hours 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Vegetarian Friendly

Bucket Restaurant and Tavern 0.4mile
\$\$ - \$\$\$ American Bar Pub Hours 11 AM - 10 PM
Vegetarian Friendly, Gluten Free Options
2812 Miamisburg Centerville Rd Dayton Mall,
Dayton, OH 45459-3748 Phone +1 937-436-2426

Bonefish Grill Gluten Free Options .4 miles
\$\$ - \$\$\$ American Seafood Vegetarian Friendly
Hours 11 AM – 10 PM Phone +1 937-428-0082
2818 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Dayton, OH 45459-3748

Bravo! Italian Kitchen Gluten Free Options
\$\$ - \$\$\$ Italian Pizza Vegetarian Friendly
2770 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Centerville,
Washington Township, OH 45459 .4 miles away

Doubletree by Hilton
Dayton Miamisburg
300 Prestige PL
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342
Phone 937 436 2400



THE DATES FOR OUR 37TH REUNION IN DAYTON, OHIO ARE 11-15 OF SEPTEMBER 2024. THE ROOM RATE IS \$119.00 PLUS 16.5% TAXES. (APPROX. \$138.63 PER NIGHT). THE ROOM RATE IS GOOD FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE AND TWO DAYS AFTER.

HAPPY NEW YEARS