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## From the President:

It is time to begin looking forward to another reunion in 2017. Okay! I'll give you time to enjoy spring and summer first, whenever those seasons decide to get here!

**2017 Reunion: September 6 - September 10**

I've been busy helping Tom with his new duties as membership chairman. He is doing a great job! Joy and I have been finalizing the Buffalo reunion. I'm happy to say the Millennium Hotel is willing to put up with us all week long! The details are in another section of this newsletter; and contrary to popular belief, there are plenty of things to do in Buffalo and surrounding area. If you haven't gotten your passport yet, time is running out fast. You will not need a passport for our group activities.

Note: If you plan on going into Canada outside of the group activities, you will need a passport. That means if you want to "view the Falls" on the Canadian side - passports are needed.

Remind your Sitkin friends if they haven't paid their membership dues to do so. Please advise if you have a change in home/E-mail addresses and/or phone number. That's it for me!

**New find:** None to report at this time.

**Jim Dunno, President**

## Vice President's Words of Wisdom:

Greetings all! As Membership Chairman, I am reporting 68 paid members. Jim Dunno worked closely with me on this, and we were able to identify a few clerical and procedural issues. Some of these were fixed and some need to be looked at for a more workable solution.

This is a project item for me as soon as I have the reunion pictures up on the Sitkin website. This will be completed soon. There were delays with the update that were beyond my control, but I'm back on track. Thank you all for your support and patience.

**Tom Stachelski, Vice President**

## Secretary Report:

It is time to begin thinking about electing new officers at our reunion in September. More to follow in the June newsletter.

On the West Coast, we have received plenty of rain and snow. There has been a lot of devastation due to weather conditions across the U.S. to people's homes and lives. Whatever we can do, please let's all of us extend a helping hand.

**Joe Rios, Secretary**

**Greetings from Repair 3:** Spoiler alert: This newsletter article contains references to social media, websites, and some other technical stuff. That being said, yesterday, a website came across my Facebook account dealing with an event that took place during World War II, on the aircraft carrier USS Essex (CV-9). The only connection this will have to the Great Sitkin is that one of the Sailors I will be talking about, AMMC 1 Donald Legoria, went on after the war to serve on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42), a frequent fleet partner to our ship.

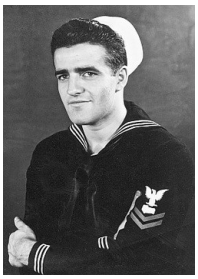
This story inspired me because of the common thread we all have as US Navy Sailors, many of us being fortunate to have served our country at sea and were able to return home. Many have not been afforded the opportunity to come home and instead rest for eternity beneath the waves. If you are Internet capable, I'd urge you to go to YouTube and watch this:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c27qSfHn0Eg

The plane being sent over the fantail of the Essex was a Grumman TBF "Avenger" Torpedo Bomber. In it were the remains of AMM2 Loyce Deen. Petty Officer Deen was a rear seat gunner, his crew mates were Petty Officer Legoria, the radio operator, and the pilot, Lt. Robert Cosgrove. They were part of a mission to bomb Japanese shipping in Manila Bay on 5 November 1944. During the attack, the Avenger was hit by enemy AA, and Deen was killed where he sat.

The plane was badly damaged, but Lt. Cosgrove was able to keep it in the air for the two-hour return to the Essex.

After landing, it was determined that the plane was too badly mangled to be able to remove Deen's body, so the Essex Captain made the decision to bury Deen at sea in his aircraft. Loyce Deen was the only Sailor during WWII to be purposely buried at sea in his plane. The full story of Petty Officer Deen can be found at http://www.loyceedeen.org/



**AAM2 Loyce Deen**

**The Avenger w/ Petty Officer Deen inside - burial at sea**

Why do I depart from the usual and expected subject of the Great Sitkin information? It has been said that a veteran is someone who signed in blood, his or her intention to give their life for their country, if called upon to do so. Every shipmate who gets this newsletter signed that covenant when they joined the Navy and became a Sailor. When I watched this video, it occurred to me that Loyce Deen had hopes and dreams. He probably felt he would be home again after the war. Any Sailor who goes away to boot camp feels that way.

Many came home and many did not. Never forget the part YOU played as a Sailor in the US Navy.

Keeping with tradition, I will put a Great Sitkin plug in here. One of the great things I get to observe as treasurer is seeing the continued support of all of you sending in your dues.

Your money goes in large part to two things: the support of our ever-growing website and the support of this newsletter. Thank you for helping to keep the memory of our ship alive. We are a special breed for sure. See you in Buffalo in September!

**George Kaiser, Treasurer**

## The Chaplain's Corner:

**"Good Day to all of you."**

We have been very blessed in Ohio this winter with very little snow and mild temperatures. It is expected to be in the upper fifties next week. I used my snow blower once so far this winter.

There has been a lot of sickness going around this season. Patsy has been fighting this upper respiratory illness for over 10 weeks. I hope the rest of you are doing well.

Well, I can imagine what has been on many of your minds with the results of the presidential election. I remind you of what the bible says in, *Romans 13:1 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." and I Tim. 2:1-2 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;" [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.* I truly believe that God is still in control of what's going on, and I trust him.

The 2017 Reunion looks to be a good one! I don't think we need to worry about any snow in Buffalo in September. So make your plans to be there. How about you guys that were on the ship in the 60's and 70's? Get over what's holding you back and come to this reunion! None of us look the same, weigh the same, or act the same, so *"pack up all your cares and woe's"* and show up!

It's time to say good-bye. Let's keep those families in our prayers that have lost a loved one who sailed aboard the USS Great Sitkin.

## Honor Roll Update:

**Thomas F. DeJarlais, FN '57 - '58**

**John L. Evers, S2c '47 - '48**

May the Lord Bless and Keep You

**Mark Rucker, Chaplain**

## Comments from the Editor:

Message from the Carlson's to Sitkin friends.

*Thank you very much for your kind letters, cards, and phone calls during the sad time when we lost our son, Gary. Walter was so glad Gary could make the NYC/NJ reunion and all of you could meet him. Gary loved the reunion and enjoyed meeting the Sitkin people.*

*Love, The family of Gary Carlson, Walter, Eleanor & Jimmy Carlson.*

You now have a choice of receiving the newsletter via E-mail OR hard copy. This was brought up, voted on and passed at the 2016 Sitkin Association business meeting in September. Please advise if you would rather receive the newsletter electronically.

**Dorothy Hodnichak, Editor**

**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17)**

**Kenneth L. Carlson, Commander, USN**

Date Entered Service: 4 March 1957 Date Retired: 31 October 1977

I was commissioned through the OCS Program and immediately went to Key West for Training as an Underwater Swimmer. Then it was onto Indian Head, Maryland, for Deep Sea Diving Training and Explosive Ordnance and Special Weapons Disposal Qualifications.

I reported aboard the USS Great Sitkin on 23 October 1963 in the Mediterranean and relieved Bill Cadow as Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer (EOD). I relieved Fred Emerson as First Lieutenant several months later. The USS Great Sitkin had three Mediterranean and two North Atlantic deployments while I was onboard. The expertise and performance of the entire crew working together during Underway Replenishments was always professional. It was my pleasure to have been part of the smooth, coordinated 'fine-tuned team' for another successful UNREP.

**Highlights while aboard:**

I am sure the crew remembers the in-port daily fire drill. The Great Sitkin was tied outboard of a destroyer in Norfolk, Virginia, when a fire broke out on the 'Tin Can.' The destroyer sounded General Quarters. Our crew was so fast to respond to the GQ alarm, the Great Sitkin men extinguished the destroyer fire before their crew was fully assembled. This was an example of fine teamwork by our First Responders.

A normal night in the Mediterranean was to be shadowed by Russian ships. Occasionally, the Russians came in close during daytime UNREPS for what appeared to be filming the exercise. The Captain became very interested in a large orange object floating in Biscayne Bay. I was put over the side to check it out. A line was secured to the small plane-like object that enabled retrieval of a French Drone. The drone was provided to the EOD School for use as a training aid.

Stormy weather caused cancellation of a carrier UNREP. The 500-pound bombs remained on deck for later transfer. The rendezvous required the USS Great Sitkin come about (change course 180 degrees). Rough seas caused the 500-pound bombs on deck to break loose and slam against each other. Executive Officer (XO) William Yuengling and I responded by throwing 4 x 4's into the mass to stabilize the bombs. A 45-degree roll in the North Atlantic was enough to loosen the wardroom table from the deck and pin the XO against the bulkhead. As a result, the XO received all the meals that had been set for lunch.

A group of us was eating dinner in the Kontiki Restaurant, Rhodes, Greece, when the dining area started to sink. The Captain authorized me to investigate, as no local divers were available. One of the pontoons had rusted causing the leak / sinking. The Engineering Department fabricated a patch that I installed. The Damage Control crew pumped water from the pontoon and refloated the Kontiki. The restaurant and the people of Rhodes were most grateful.

Emergency break away from the carriers and destroyers were necessary under some conditions. Subsequently, loads slammed into the side of USS Great Sitkin when the receiving ship would slip their wire to leave fast because of the emergency. There was even one time when a missile did a 360-degree while between the USS Great Sitkin and a destroyer. I *even* had to dive for dropped mail beside the Bayonne pier. A shower felt good after that.

Nancy and I were married in Bayonne the summer of 1965 after returning from a six-month Mediterranean deployment. The ship's schedule was changed sending the USS Great Sitkin back to the Mediterranean in the fall. Nancy, during winter break, arrived in Naples, Italy, the day prior to the fleet arrival. We enjoyed Christmas Eve on the Isle of Capri and some sights around Naples. The carrier group departed Naples for replenishment and to the Port of Livorno, Italy. Nancy visited Rome and Florence where I met her after the ship's arrival in port. The ship was in Malta in April when advised of Jodi, our first daughter's birth. The ship arrived at NAS Sigonella Navy Base in Sicily, Italy, the next day, and I went on leave to Bayonne. My return to the ship was in Kalamata, Greece.

The USS Great Sitkin motto "ALWAYS READY" was adhered to. We did not miss a commitment. It was my pleasure to serve with such a professional crew. I departed the Great Sitkin in 1966.

July 1969 - Reported to the USS Detroit (AOE-4) Pre-commissioning Detail in Bremerton, WA. I was First Lieutenant on commissioning. The USS Detroit was a fast combat support ship, which is a high-speed vessel designed to deliver fuel, ammunition, and supplies. The fast combat support ship was the Navy's largest combat logistics ship and possessed the speed to keep up with a carrier strike group. By simultaneously distributing petroleum products, ammunition, and cargo, the USS Detroit minimized the time necessary to replenish the strike groups. The USS Detroit was homeported in Newport, RI. I am grateful for my experience on the USS Great Sitkin in preparing me for this duty assignment.

1975 - Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Forces Reserve Training Center, Providence, Rhode Island. This was a new facility that included Navy, Army, Marine and Coast Guard Reservists.

I retired in October 1977. Nancy and I reside in Danbury, Connecticut. "Nancy and I are proud of our three daughters and their families, five grandsons and a princess. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The Princess missed that party as she was in Israel."

# Mike Kleinbeck *Suggests* a Bayonne to Bermuda Cruise!

At the September reunion, I proposed a Bayonne-to-Bermuda cruise for our 2018 reunion. Although the group chose another option, several people suggested a group cruise (**not a reunion**) would be fun for those who wanted to go down the Hudson and pass under the Verrazano Narrows bridge once more.

I am willing to coordinate a 7-day cruise aboard the Celebrity Summit departing Bayonne April 29, 2018. Because this will not be a formal reunion, we have flexibility to include other family members or friends who will also receive the group rates. This is the same cruise I proposed for the 2018 reunion, just 6 months earlier!

The basic cost for the cruise for two people is approximately:

$2,200 to $2,300 for an interior cabin

$2,400 to $2,600 for an ocean view cabin

$2,800 to $3,000 for a balcony cabin

Verrazano Narrows Bridge

This includes your cabin, taxes, tips, onboard meals, onboard entertainment, and fresh salt air. Items not included are specialty dining, alcoholic and soft drink beverages, shore excursions, Internet use, and spa visits. There are also options for a 3rd and 4th person in a cabin at a reduced rate. Cruise fares frequently decrease as the sailing date gets closer; and if we identify any reductions, we can notify Celebrity and receive those reductions. For shipmates who might want to attend as a single; but would be interested in sharing a cabin with another shipmate, I will be glad to coordinate that effort.

Each cabin will automatically receive a $50 shipboard credit. Ocean view and balcony cabins also receive their choice of alcoholic beverage package for 2 guests which includes tips (valued at $454 per person), paid tips for 2 guests (valued at up to $98 per person), unlimited internet for 2 guests (valued at $264 per person), or extra onboard credit for 2 guests (valued at $150 per person).

For the group rate, a $500 deposit will be required. It is fully refundable through January 29, 2018, when final payment is due.

For every 8 cabins we book, I will receive an additional bonus that I will use to pay for group shore excursions, specialty dining, or other perks. Please note: I don't plan to use the bonus personally. To see more about the cruise on the Celebrity website, go to: http://tinyurl.com/z8docvt.

If you are interested in this cruise and would like more information (no obligation), please send me an email or snail mail (addresses below) below so I can gauge interest. Please provide me with your contact information so I can get back to you. If you would like to chat, you can also give me a call.

If enough people are interested, I will work with Celebrity cruises to set up a website, and we can move forward. The sooner I set up the website, the sooner we can lock down the rates. **Let me hear from you!!**

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Bermuda

**James B. Bryant, BT2 - Aboard USS Great Sitkin '57 - '61**

Date Entered Service: January 1957 Date Discharged: May 1961

In May 1955, I boarded a DC-3 bound for San Diego, California and the horrors of boot camp. We learned how to make our bunks, stow gear in a small locker, wash our clothing, and hang them on the wash lines using "tye-ties."

I'll always remember my first lesson in inspection. Would I wash a brand new white hat? Heck no, it was clean to me! Therefore, I wore it to inspection the first morning. The "kind" officer informed me the hat had not been washed; therefore, it was dirty. He proceeded to drop it on the grinder and used his shoe to grind it until it was black. Lesson #1: Do as you are told and do not ask questions! After boot camp, I was transferred to NAS Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida, in the Special Services Division. Good job for a snipe!

I set up for the nightly movie in the gym, passed out gym shoes and equipment and monitored the aviation students as they logged in and out of their jogging requirements. When the base bowling alley opened up, I was sent over there to run the place. We had eight bowling lanes, thus, four pin boys who were paid per lane bowled. One machine broke down and getting lazy, I didn't have it repaired. The pin setter was losing money because he only had one lane to service. After a while, he complained to the chief. I was about to learn my most important lesson in the Navy. The chief transferred me to compartment cleaning. That was work! The dirty floors with all the gook from the Sailors' shoes, the grime left in the lavatories after washing their hands, and the commodes? Forget it! After three months, I went back to see the chief. I told him I was ready to come "back home" so to speak. He asked, "Well, son, did you learn any lesson from this?" "Yes sir!" He asked what I had learned. Lesson #2: "In this man's Navy, no matter how great you think you are…you can be replaced!" He let me come back. I also made E-3 shortly after that as a full-fledged Fireman. I was transferred to the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17). Once aboard the ship, I was taken to aft crew's quarters and told to find a bunk and a locker. Just as I started to stow my gear, someone called out my name. As I rounded the lockers, I saw a chief at the bottom of the ladder. I said, "Did you call, Chief?" "Yes, I need to talk to you."

I need to stop here and interject something that is pertinent to this bio. As a young man still in grade school with no man in the house, I was somewhat wild. My school principal took it upon himself to talk with the folks at the "Dallas Big Brothers" on my behalf. I had five men who just seemed to show up in my life unannounced who served as mentors. My Big Brother was the first. He was there for me until he passed away. He was a source of wisdom and patience, a true Godsend. I was about to meet the second man, Carl Baty, Boiler Tender Chief. Chief Baty literally took me by the hand and walked me through being part of the Navy and a man. I told him I was a Pipe Fitter Striker . He promptly informed me, "we don't need any more pipe fitters. I need Boiler Tenders." I told him I knew nothing about boilers. He said, "let's take a walk." I followed him down the ladder to the Engine Room. It was warm, not hot or noisy, with just a couple of guys on watch. We walked around as he explained my duties. He carried himself well, and you could tell this man was a professional from head-to-toe. At the end of the tour, I agreed to change ratings. This is where my education began. In addition, I learned to enjoy doing something productive.

The day came when Chief Baty handed me a manual for third class as the exam was coming up. I passed the exam and was now a petty officer. Chief Baty and I had a long talk, the first of many to come. I was afraid I would let him down as a leader. He assured me that he would be there for me to learn my duties and to be responsible for not only my actions, but for the men I supervised. I was scared to death! After a while, Chief Baty called me aside and said he was going to make me the "oil and water king." This involved a lot of responsibility, however, the chief spent time showing me everything (hands on) on how to sound fuel tanks on an even keel, check the boiler water for salinity, hardness, how to shift fuel oil fore and aft, port and starboard, make reports to the Engineering Officer at port and to the bridge at 2400 at sea. I gained a belief in myself, "yes, I can do this!" Chief Baty was very thorough in his instructions. The man was a born leader for sure! The chief and I were topside one evening. I heard he served in the Marine Corp during WWII. I asked him why he shipped over to the Navy. His reply was "I carried a flamethrower up Iwo Jima!"

Soon, I was cracking the books for second class. I passed! The chief came down to the crew's quarters and told me to "pack my sea bag." You are going to Boiler Tender (BT) Class C School in Philadelphia. This was a top-of-the line school where you learned how to control everything from a control board. The controls ran in automatic all the time, but we learned how to over-ride the system and control everything by hand, as well as how to repair all parts of the system in the event of failure. When the test grades were posted for second class, I could sew on my crow!

**James B. Bryant, BT2** (Continued)

It was not long after that the chief was transferred to other duties. I sorely missed that man! I advanced two grades to second class….."Thanks to the Chief." Many years later, I was able to reconnect with him by phone. I said, "Chief, this is Jay Bryant from the Sitkin! You may not remember me." He replied, "Oh yes, I remember you well!" I told him I called to thank him for all he did for me in becoming a better Sailor, and you also helped me become a man!" He said, "It is nice, after all these years, to have someone say thanks." I don't remember the rest of the short conversation because I was busy crying my eyes out. Who said grown men don't cry? We said goodbye, and I hung up. All through my life...thus far, I remember...and always will remember the man who made a man out of a street punk. Thanks, Chief Baty!

I always enjoyed pulling Shore Patrol. Most of the time I covered for the Sailors that didn't want to do it. I studied the Shore Patrol book and over time did the UCMJ course. It was for officers, but I pulled a few strings and completed the course. The Navy was not only good to me……..it was good for me. My life-long career depended on many things I learned in the Navy from being a recruit to a petty officer.

After several non-descript jobs, I heard of the Dallas Police Reserves battalion. I attended the academy and became a Reserves Police Officer. While in the Reserves, I applied for and became Deputy Sheriff for Dallas County. I attended schools in accident investigation at the following universities: Texas A&M, Sam Houston State, and Michigan State. As Deputy Sheriff, I became the first Breathalyzer Operator and the first Accident Reconstructionist. We were able to reduce fatal accidents on major highways coming into Dallas by 75%.

While being Commander of the Traffic Division, I was fortunate to have four men under me who were very dedicated to the task. They worked long hours and conducted many hours of investigations and outstanding DWI arrests. As I learned in the Navy: You are not a stand-alone Sailor. You are part of a TEAM, dedicated to one purpose to keep our country and seas safe. GOD bless our Sailors and all our Military personnel!

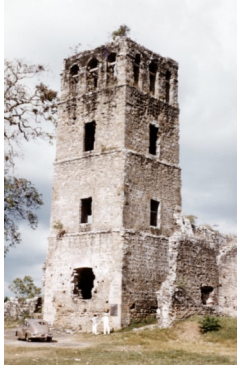
**1954 Gibraltar - The ship in back of the USS Great Sitkin is the USS Wrangell (AE-12)**

**The Rock of Gibraltar**

**Boxing match Entertainment on the Sitkin**

**The Panama Canal during the 50s**

**The Gatun Lock in the Panama Channel**



**'50s Med Cruise - Rock of Gibraltar, N. Africa, Panama Canal, Havana, Cuba, GITMO & home again NYC Skyline, Manhattan on the way to Pier 26**

**Brooklyn Navy Yard, w/Manhattan Bridge in background & Brooklyn Bridge just beyond**

**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**
**25th Annual Reunion Itinerary - September 6 - 10, 2017**
**Buffalo, NY**

**Headquarters:** Millennium Hotel
2040 Walden Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14225
Phone: 716-681-2400

**Reservations: 1-800-323-3331 Mention "USS Great Sitkin Reunion"**

**Room Rates:** **$125.00 per night + tax**. (If you wish to upgrade to a courtyard room, add $10 per night)

Special room rate will apply 3 days before & 3 days after. Check in: 4:00 p.m. Check out: 11:00 a.m.

10% off breakfast and anything purchased through the restaurant or lounge. (Mention Sitkin) Complimentary on-site parking. The hotel also offers a courtesy shuttle service within the area
**Last day to book special hotel rate is: August 7, 2017.**

**Airport:** Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) is close by. Car rental available at the airport. Courtesy shuttle service: There is a phone in the baggage area titled, "Millennium." Pick up the phone; pushing the button will connect you to the front desk of the hotel. Ask for pick-up.
Amtrak: Get off at the Depew Station & look for phone titled, "Millennium." Same setup.

**Reunion Package:** (1 Person - $185.00) (2 People - $370.00) (3 People - $555.00) (See registration form)

**Wednesday: 9/6** Hospitality room is the (PTC) Preferred Traveler's Club Room on the 1st floor

**6:00 p.m.** A **Welcome Reception** will be held in the Courtyard. The following food will be provided during the first hour: Hors D'oeuvres, Wine and Beer. Cash bar after 1st hour.

**Thursday: 9/7** **9:00 a.m.** Load buses for a tour of the **Buffalo Naval & Military Park.** The **Memorial Service** will be held on the Cruiser USS Little Rock

**12:30 p.m.** Board buses for return to hotel for a **Picnic Lunch & Pool Party!!**
Buffalo's specialties: Chicken Wings & Beef on Weck Buns

**Friday: 9/8** **9:00 a.m.** Load buses for **Old Fort Niagara** for a tour of the fort and have a box lunch before loading the buses again for Niagara Falls and a ride on the **"Maid of the Mist."** We will arrive back at the hotel around 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday: 9/9** **9:00 a.m.** The annual business meeting will be held in the PTC Hospitality Room.
**Free time** after the business meeting until the Banquet.

**6:00 p.m.** Cocktails - Cash Bar

**7:00 p.m.** **Annual Banquet Buffet** of Seasonal Fruit Display, Antipasto Display w/Tomato & Mozzarella Display w/Basil Vinaigrette, Sliced Roast Top Round of Beef, Lemon Glazed Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta w/Marinara, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and Dessert.

Music provided by a DJ from 6 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday: 9/10** **Farewell Breakfast** in the Courtyard

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY NAVAL & MILITARY PARK

**USS Croaker (SS-246)**

**USS Little Rock (CG-4)**

**USS The Sullivans (DD-537)**

## *USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association - Ship's Store Order Form*

**Ship's Ball Caps $15 each**
Blue Solid Back: Blue

**Name**: _____ **Phone:**_____

**Address:** _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

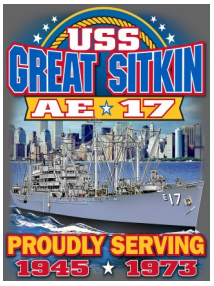
**Ball Caps - $15 each** **All Blue** Note: Where sizes are indicated, please circle the size/sizes you want.

USS Great Sitkin Ball Caps (solid back) Quantity: _____
USS Great Sitkin AE17 Ball Caps (solid back) Quantity: _____

**Polo Shirts**
Men's and Ladies
Navy blue, Grey, Pink **$25 each**
(Navy blue not shown)

**Shirts:** **Sizes**

USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Blue - $25 M L XL XXL Quantity: _____
USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Gray - $25 M L XL XXL Quantity: _____
USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Pink - $25 S M L XL Quantity: _____
USS Great Sitkin Ship's Picture T-Shirt - $18 S M L XL XXL Quantity: _____
USS Great Sitkin Ship's Picture Sweatshirt $25 L XL XXL Quantity: _____




**Ship's Picture Shirts**
**T-Shirts $18 each**
**Sweat Shirts $25 each**
Back of shirt has picture,
Front has Ship's patch design

**Jacket/Hoodie:**

USS Great Sitkin All Weather Hooded Zip-Front Jacket - Blue
(Note: Jackets are on special order) $45 M L XL XXL Quantity: _____

**Aluminum water bottles:** $10 Quantity: _____

All prices include postage.
Please make check or money order out to **USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**

All orders should be sent to: **USS Great Sitkin Association**
c/o George Kaiser
311 Oak Lane
Glenolden, PA 19036

Note: ***DO NOT*** include your "Dues" payment in with your Ship Store Order
They need to be separate checks or money orders.

Questions about Ship's Store items can be E-mailed to: ae17dc3@verizon.net

**All Weather Jacket**
**Navy Blue, $45 each**
(Jackets are Special Order)

**Aluminum Water Bottle**
**$10 each**

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**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association Active Membership:** Active Member status in the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association is open to all crew members. Dues are $20.00 per year and are used to cover the cost of the newsletters, website hosting, domain name, administrative and other expenses. The membership year is 1 January through 31 December. Membership cards will be issued to all crew members paying dues and will identify the individual by name, expiration date and number of years of Active Membership.

Payment of dues is not required to participate in any official function of the Association but is required for being an Active Member. Notices pertaining to dues will be posted on the website and in the newsletters. Active Members must have their dues paid prior to the annual meeting each year in order to retain their status and eligibility to vote.

To become an Active Member of the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association, please complete the application form below and send it along with a check made payable to:

**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association, c/o George Kaiser, 311 W. Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA 19036**

## *USS Great Sitkin (AE1-17) Association Active Member Application & Renewal Form*

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Dates Served Aboard: _____ Application Date: _____ [ ] New [ ] Renewal

Amount Submitted: $_____ [ ] 2017 YR ($20.00) [ ] 2018 YR ($20.00) [ ] 2019 YR ($20.00)

[ ] Please send me a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Comments:_____

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Signature: _____

## *USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association*
### *BUFFALO, NEW YORK*
### *September 6th thru 10th, 2017*

________________________________________ ____________________
Crew Member's Name and Age at Reunion Date Years Served Aboard the Sitkin

______________________________________________________________________
Home Address

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Phone and/or Cell Number E-mail Address

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Name (s) of Others Attending Reunion

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__________ # Adults (under 65 yrs.) ________ # Seniors (65 yrs. and over)

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### *"Reunion Package"*

***Welcome Reception, Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, Picnic by the pool, Old Fort Niagara with lunch at the Park, "Maid of the Mist" Boat Ride, Free time, Annual Banquet, w/DJ providing music from the 40's thru the 70's, Sunday Farewell Breakfast***

_____ 1 Person $185.00 _____ 2 People $370.00 _____ 3 People $555.00

***Box lunches at Old Fort Niagara:*** ***Please select one for each person going.*** ***All include chips & drinks***

1) Hot Dog__________ 2) Hamburger__________3) Cheeseburger__________4) Chicken__________

Total Amount Enclosed: ______________ Signature: ________________________________

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**Make checks payable to: USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**

Mail Registration form and payment to:

Jim Dunno
272 Stone Hedge Row Drive
Johnstown, OH 43031

Questions: E-mail: mgdjim60@gmail.com OR Call Jim @ 740-817-2177

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Please do not include membership dues payment in with your reunion payment. Thank you!

**Deadline for submission of Reunion Registration: Monday, August 7, 2017**

Please note: The tours and events are booked and paid in advance. Any cancellations before the deadline will be refunded.

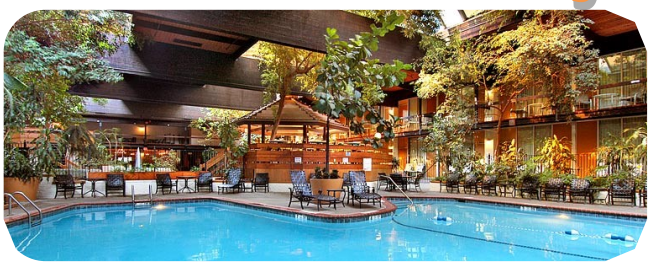
# See Sitkin Friends Again!

Millennium Buffalo Hotel

## Maid of the Mist

## Fort Niagara

## Picnic & Pool Party



## Beef on Weck

## Naval & Military Park

## Buffalo, NY

There are many other things to do!

**Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum**

**Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site**

**Lockport Cave**

**The Niagara Zip Line**

**Fire Museum**

**Boat Ride into the Whirlpool**

**Buffalo Historical Fire Museum**

**Kazoo Factory**

**Buffalo Museum of Science**

**Buffalo Zoo**

**Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino**

**And.....if you have a passport, there are lots of things to do in Canada!**

## Banquet