

# THE SCUTTLEBUTT

## The Newsletter of the *USS Buchanan (DDG-14) Association*

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It's been quite a while since I've gotten a newsletter out. No excuses and my apologies to the membership. Essentially, it has been a busy year for me, leaving little time lately to get the newsletter out. But, the time has come for me to bite the bullet and get out that long-overdue newsletter. We have a reunion coming up, to take place this coming February in Jacksonville, FL. The dates are February 24 -28<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the newsletter, and it promises to be a great reunion... as always. Tim Nightingale is organizing this one, which he has done for out last three reunions. He does a spectacular job, and I encourage each and every one of you to attend. There is a link on the website where you can see all the details and make your reservation.

See you there!

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*From Tim Nightingale:*

Our next Ship wide reunion is scheduled for February 24 - 28, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.

All crew members, families and persons who have the common interest of the USS Buchanan-DDG 14 are welcome.

Come join the fun reuniting and network with old friends, renewing new and old acquaintances. Sharing those old sea stories in the hospitality room, touring the city and naval base to bring back old memories, and again just having fun and enjoying the company of old friends.

Visit the web site at <http://us-sailors.com/Reunions/2010reunion/index.html> for more detail of the upcoming reunion. Hope to see you all there.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### PAID MEMBERS (57)

Acosta, Javier; Backer, Bill; Baile, Bruce; Batterman, Bill; Beinke, Phil; Blasetti, Lou; Borg, Gene; Brinley, Bill; Brown, Michael & Jacqueline; Browning, Rob & Marian; Cameron, Ted; Casmier, Dave; Connell, Dan; Craig, Tom; Crosser, Tom; Daisley, Dick; Dirickson, Larry & Helena; England, Carl; Fanene, Lynn; George, David; Gerrard, Gerry; Glidewell, Mel; Hararas, John; Heffernan, Michael; Herrman, Larry; Holden, Wayne; Howard, John; Kane, Ken; King, Richard; Kupec, Cole; Lauenroth, Donald; Lightwine, Robert; Looney, Glenn; Malone, Dave; Marak, Ron; McNary, Bill; Myers, Dean; Nightingale, Tim; Nolan, Randy; Norrod, Michael; Otis, Bob; Pope, Dave; Proctor, Lou; Rivenes, John; Rudisill, Terry; Saylor, John; Sena, Pat; Sisco, Glenn; Stoyrich, Claude; Taylor, Jim; Thacher, Phil; Ursich, Al; Van Riesen, Merrill; Wihera, Victor; Ziesmer, James; Zeranski, Ed; Zimmermann, Dick

### NEW MEMBERS SINCE DECEMBER 2008

Bill McNary	FTG2	1964 - 67
Richard King	RM2	1962 - 65
Glenn Sisco	RD2	1963 - 66
Donald Lauenroth	MMFN	1973 - 76
Michael Norrod	OS3	1975 - 77
Mel Glidewell	RD2	1966 - 70
Lou Blasetti	FTG3	1966 - 67

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Javier Acosta	OS3	1971 - 75
Bruce Baile	SH3	1970 - 73
Bill Brinley	RD2	1967 - 70
Rob & Marian Browning	STG1	1975 - 79
Ted Cameron	STG3	1966 - 68
Wayne Holden	ET1/EW1	1968 - 73
Lou Proctor	FTM3	1963 - 66
Al Ursich	FCC(SW)	1987 - 91

### TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance 1 Dec 2008</b>	<b>\$5,849.85</b>
Dues	470.00
Ship store sales	201.00
Ship store and reunion expenses	-134.79
<b>Balance 31 October 2009</b>	<b>\$6,386.06</b>

### NOTICE:

A company called JJ Enterprises operates a website <http://www.cafepress.com/ussbuchanan> which offers customized t-shirts, mugs, sweatshirts and other such items. This company has no connection with our BUCHANAN Association, and our Association receives no money from it. Furthermore, if you are buying anything with the ship's crest, be aware that there have been four separate crests over our ship's history, so you might not get the one you were expecting.

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## NOW ON THE BUCHANAN...

Moments in the life of USS Buchanan (DDG-14), taken from the ship's annual reports.

### **Forty Five years ago... 1964**

In January of 1965, BUCHANAN deployed for the second time to WESTPAC. In March 1965, Commander Atkinson was relieved as Commanding Officer by Commander Harrison C. Murray.

### **Forty years ago... 1969**

From 18 September till 19 October, BUCHANAN remained in a leave and upkeep status. On 20 October the ship began an extensive TAV with the U.S.S. SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD-37) which lasted till the end of the year. During this time extensive retubing and rebricking of all boilers was accomplished and the ship underwent an INSURV inspection from 24 to 26 November.

### **Thirty Five ago... 1974**

BUCHANAN entered an upkeep period in early December for the de-installation of the CNO projects and a pre-ROH maintenance availability.

### **Twenty Six years ago... 1983**

On 1 January 1983, BUCHANAN was in port San Diego, for holiday leave and upkeep. From 3 January to 7 January, she went through a Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSIU) and from 17 January to 31 January, completed READIEX 832 during which she completed a live AAW Missile Mobile Sea Range Firing. During this time BUCHANAN also participated in VANDALEX (Anti-Air) and ASU-1-R (anti-surface) live firing exercises.

### **Twenty years ago... 1989**

From 1 - 3 December, BUCHANAN conducted a weapons offload at sea with the USS MAUNA KEA. Over-1200 rounds of 5-inch ammunition, 1200 powders, 33 SM-1 (MR) missiles and 4 Harpoon missiles were offloaded from BUCHANAN without the assistance of aircraft. After the extremely successful weapons offload BUCHANAN was assigned plane guard duties for the USS INDEPENDENCE before finally arriving in port San Diego for the Christmas/Holiday season.

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## A model of the Charles F. Adams (DDG-2)

The two photos below are of a model of USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) that was presented to the ACVA at the CO Dinner in Jacksonville, FL on Nov 6, 2009 and will be placed at our Jacksonville Landing (Temp Museum location) on Permanent Display.

The President of "BaD Ship Models" is Keith Mullen who personally built this model for the ACVA. Keith was on the USS Cochrane DDG-21 and is a big supporter of the ACVA and an excellent model builder.

The model kits will sell through his company web site for hundreds of dollars.





## SEA STORY OF THE QUARTER

*Submitted by Mark Pfeiffer, former STG2*

### SONAR FRIDGE

Well, John (Thomson) wasn't directly involved in this one. Here's the story. You can ask Rob Browning for anything I left out.

AS division had decided to start a coke mess. This was at the start of Westpac '79. Rob and TM1 Beltran (I think) went to the NEX in Pearl to buy the sodas. We stored them in the Sonar Transmitter room and the ASROC Magazine (or it may have been the Launcher Station). We had been using our AC ducts (Sonar had FANTASTIC AC, you know) to cool the sodas.

We were at sea, out of Pearl, I think. Anyway, the XO, I only remember he was a Mustang, loved to go into the various spaces and just talk with the guys. He was in one of the Fire Control spaces, where they had a 3 cf fridge. The FCs had done a fantastic job on it. They had attached knurled knobs, handles, painted the whole thing machinery grey, added a timing circuit and flashing lights, shock mounts, and set it up to be hard wired into their system. The XO knew they had it, and had no problems with them having it onboard. As long as they kept it clean.

On this day, as he was talking with them, out of the blue he opened it up, and lo and behold, there was a Coors tall-boy in there, unopened. You could have heard a pin drop according to my sources. The XO didn't yell. He very firmly told them they had exactly 30 minutes to get rid of it. Deep six it, he didn't care. It was to come out of their spaces. Just as he said this, Rob Browning happened to be walking by and stuck his head in to ask if it would be alright if the sonar gang bought it. The XO said he didn't care, but he wanted it out of the Fire Control spaces. Rob and the FC's came to an agreement on \$50 for the fridge.

I believe that Rob and John Thompson got it down to Sonar and mounted it in Sonar Control, hardwiring it into some of our circuitry. They then added a label to it, the Sonar Sound Speed

Sensor (or something to that effect). Now, here is where the story starts to get interesting. About 2 months before this, during a zone inspection, the XO had found the First Class Mess to be, well, a MESS! So, he ordered their mess privileges to be rescinded. They had the door removed from the mess and their fridge removed, as well. Shortly after we acquired the fridge, the XO gave the First Classes permission to resume their mess. Now, you have to understand, before I tell you more, that Rob Browning was STG1 at this time. The EM1 heard via scuttlebutt that we had a fridge, and decided that this would be an easy way for the PO1's to gain a new fridge for their mess. So, he came down into Sonar Control, and told us that he KNEW we had a fridge down there. He additionally told us that he hadn't inspected it prior to us installing it, so it was therefore, illegal. Being as it was an illegal piece of electrical equipment, he was going to confiscate it. The whole time he was telling us this, he was standing there with his hand against the SSSS. Rob Browning, a member of the First Class Mess, but a sonarman FIRST and FOREMOST, never said a word. EM1 NEVER found that "illegal" fridge.

Meanwhile, something we ST's, TM's, and GMT's had been doing all along took on a new flavor. During working parties for fresh and canned stores, we would ensure we had a nothing but ST's, TM's, and GMT's handling stuff as it passed through AS berthing on its way to the Reefer Decks just forward of AS berthing. So, as we received apples, it would be 1,2,3 cases of apples for the ship, one for Sonar Control. 1,2,3 cases of oranges for the ship, one for sonar control, 1,2,3,4 watermelons for the ship, one for sonar control, etc, etc, etc. Once we got the fridge, we branched out. Now, as canned hams passed through, it was 1,2,3,4,5 canned hams for the ship, one for sonar control. 1,2,3,4,5 cases of peanut butter for the ship, one for sonar control. 1,2,3,4,5 cases of cheese for the ship, one for sonar control. 1,2,3,4,5 cases of bread for the ship, one for sonar control. etc, etc, etc. Soon, the Sonar Gang almost stopped going to mid-rats and such altogether. We had our own midrats right there in sonar control, thank you very much. It even got to the point that the captain once sent down an order for a cold coke and a ham sandwich to sonar control. Of course, as far as the cokes went, we charged everyone else, but we NEVER charged the CO. We might have been twidgets, but we weren't stupid. NEVER bite the hand that (figuratively) feeds you. Docs and PN's and YN's got reduced rates.

Well, that's my story. Like I said, check with Rob and John. They can corroborate it, and maybe add some more.